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Important Dates!

EVENTS

Putnam Competition

Sat Dec 6, 2008 10am-6pm
Math Learning Center

Finals Week

Mon-Fri Dec 15-19

Joint Math Meetings

Mon-Thu Jan 5-8, 2009
Washington D.C.

Math Contest in Modeling (MCM) Feb 5-9, 2009

DEADLINES

Fall semester course
grades due Jan 7.

DEPARTMENT MEETINGS

Fall 2008
Dec 10

Spring 2008

Feb 4
Mar 4
Apr 8
May 13 (Retreat)

HOLIDAYS

Thanksgiving Recess

Thu-Sun Nov 22-25

Winter Recess

Sat Dec 20-Mon Jan 19

Martin Luther King

Mon Jan 19

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Thomas Osler receives Mentoring Award

The Math Dept is proud to announce that **Thomas Osler** has received the 2008 Gary Hunter Memorial Award for service in mentoring. The award carries a \$1000 cash prize, which Dr. Osler has generously donated to the Math Dept Scholarship Fund. He was nominated by his colleague, **Karen Heinz**, who writes: "It is immediately obvious to anyone talking with Tom Osler about his work that one of his greatest joys in life is to work with students on mathematics research projects. Many students have had the pleasure of working with Tom, and his record of more than 37 publications and 39 research presentations with undergraduates speaks for itself regarding his level of success in mentoring undergraduate mathematics researchers." This sentiment is reflected in Dr. Osler's comments: "I feel very fortunate to have

been honored by my colleagues as a recipient of the Gary Hunter Award. Such recognition means much to me and I sincerely appreciate it. It is my pleasure to contribute the \$1000 financial portion of the award to the Mathematics Department Scholarship Fund. Working with our research students is so very enjoyable and satisfying."



Math Picnic dry again (what are the odds?)

The Math Picnic was held on Friday, October 3rd with approximately 45 people in attendance. Despite having three possible rain days scheduled, the picnic went off without a hitch. A volleyball, football, and Frisbee, as well as numerous soccer balls were seen flying around. The wind made starting the grill a little problematic, but everyone left without singed eyebrows. The big moment of the day was the celebration of **Bette and Al Counsellor's** 38th anniversary (see photo). Al ended up bringing Bette's anniversary present with

him – a new battery for her car. (Contributed by Chris Lacke)



Noteworthy Achievements

PUBLICATIONS

Thomas Osler, *More exact values of the hyperbolic functions*, Mathematics and Computer Education, 42 (2008), 193-197; *More Vieta-like products of nested radicals*. to appear in The Math. Gazette.

Thomas Osler and **Tirupathi Chandrupatla**, *Approximating an ellipse with four circular arcs*, Math and Computer Education, 42 (2008), 220-228.

Cathleen Zucco-Teveloff, *Numbers at Work: A Cultural Perspective* (review article), Mathematics Teachers, 102 (2008), No. 3, 239.

PRESENTATIONS

Jay Schiffman, *Exploring Some Popular Problems Involving Patterns In Different Number Bases*, Meeting of Dozenal Society of America, Garden City, NY, Oct 2008; *Exploring The Fibonacci Sequence With The TI-89/Voyage 200; Some Number Theoretic Programs For The TI-89/Voyage 200*, TTT Conf, Wilmington, DE, Oct 2008; *Exploring The NJCCCS - Patterns and Functions And Number Sense Via Multiple Representations; Explorations Involving Pascal's Triangle*, AMTNJ

Conf, Somerset, NJ, October 2008; *Exploring Graph Theory With Technology; Exploring Limits With The TI-89/Voyage 200*, TTT Conf, Staten Island, NY, Oct 2008; *Exploring Patterns With Infinitely Repeating Decimals*, ATMNE Conference, Portland, ME, Nov 2008.

Cathleen Zucco-Teveloff, *Earth Statistics: Giving Elementary Statistics An Environmental Slant*, AMTNJ Conf, Somerset, NJ, October 2008.

Squiggly Sudoku

	3			6			4	9
	2			4		5	7	8
4					7			
6			9			4		
8								1
		2		6				3
			7					2
1	7	6		2			5	
2	9			1			6	

Daily Squiggly SuDoku: Tue 4-Nov-2008 easy