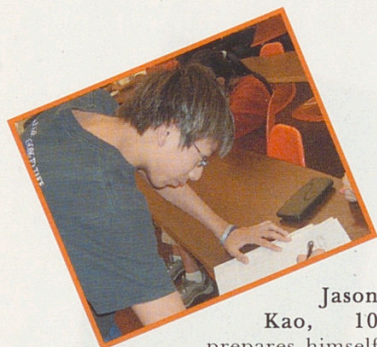


math club

all fun adds up! ✨

By: Megan Jones



Jason Kao, 10 prepares himself for the up coming math competition. "Math Club: cultivating the bright young minds of SHS," said **Kao**. As president of the Math Club he encourages many students to get involved with the club.

Math Club was for those students who enjoyed working together on problems and using their math skills in contests. The advisers of this club were at the meetings and the contests to support the students.

"Math Club is great this year! There's nothing better than solving hard problems with smart friends," said **Miss Melissa Hardy**.

Along with the adviser, **Dr. Keith Brackenridge**, the head of the math department, students worked on recruiting students to the Math Club at the beginning of the year.

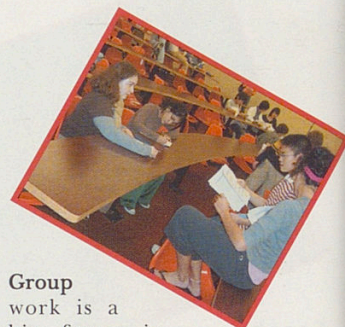
"Sycamore had the highest statewide cumulative ranking on the OML, ASMA and AHSME last year and hopefully will repeat that this year," said **Miss Katrina Cordova**, adviser.

Anyone was able to join Math Club by attending the first meeting of the year, which was on Oct. 5. During this meeting the students held an election where **Jason Kao, 10**, was elected president.

Math Club met on Wednesdays from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., once a month from October to March. During these six meetings, the members practiced math problems to prepare for the contests they attended. Along with the math was food, because math + food = fun.

All of the work done throughout the year went toward the various contests. Some of the contests could have been attended by anyone, as others required qualification.

The Math Club was a fun, social, and educational activity for all students involved.

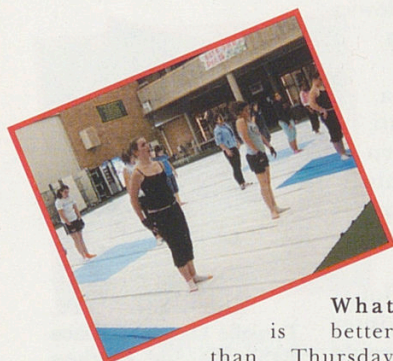


Group work is a big factor in math club meetings. By working together it allowed the students to better prepare themselves for contests. Also it allowed the members to socialize and have fun!

winter color guard

Fall is out, flags are still in ✨ ✨ ✨

By: Feana Krimerman



What is better than Thursday afternoon winter guard practice? The group gathered in their original formation in the commons to stretch, led by **Bikem Polat, 12**, captain for three consecutive years. "I've been captain of the color and winter guards since my sophomore year. It's hard work, and I'm not always everybody's favorite person, but I love my girls and boy," said **Polat**.

There was more than snow falling from the sky during winter. Winter guard also added flags to the sky by tossing them high up in the air.

Coached by **Angela Hott**, and having the same captain for the third year, **Bikem Polat, 12**, the team went right into their first competition in November with style.

Before every competition there was only one motto: practice, practice, practice.

"There is a lot of teamwork involved in winter guard. We all have to listen to each other and the coaches. It is also the responsibility of the members to help each other out if they have trouble learning the work or sets," said **Josef Kisor, 10**.

Competition days were more than just performances. They consisted of arriving at school a couple of hours early, makeup time for the girls, driving over the the competition site, watching other guards and drumlines perform, performing themselves, eating, and accepting awards.

There was more to this group than routines and competitions,

though. They had a bake sale to raise money for a new sabre to use during competitions as well as took a trip to the Onyx Clinic.

"We went to an amazing Onyx Clinic. It helped me prepare myself more for auditioning for winter guard. We also had a bake sale that raised \$200," said **Kelly Gilton, 9**.



Tossing sabres, flags, or rifles is the normal routine, but stretching comes first. Winter guard averaged about five competitions a year, and a whole lot of practicing was involved. "To feel confident with my routine, I have to know what comes next without even thinking about it. It's all muscle memory," said **Valerie Rozzo, 10**.