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2003 Results

Gauss Contest

(Grades 7 & 8)

2003 Résultats

Concours Gauss

(7° et 8° années – Sec. I et II au Québec)

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Barry A. Ferguson

The Gauss Contests are the first in a series of mathematics contests administered by the CMC for students in Canadian schools. In 2003, 203 000 students enrolled at all levels, with close to 87 000 enrolled in the Gauss Contests.

Mathematics contests, as designed by the Canadian Mathematics Competition, have several goals. The first, and by far the most important, is to provide an enrichment activity that complements the school curriculum and helps students develop their capability to solve challenging problems. Other goals include: providing an enjoyable extra-curricular activity for students and teachers, encouraging the pursuit of excellence, and awakening in students an awareness of their mathematical ability. We believe that students who prepare for and write mathematics contests will derive much enjoyment and satisfaction from successfully solving new and challenging problems. In addition, contests provide teachers with a library of problems suitable for classroom use.

Every year a few people ask about giving points for unanswered questions. The idea behind this is the following: a student making a legitimate attempt at the contest should be able to answer fifteen of the twenty-five questions. At the same time, they should recognize questions which they are unable to answer or even make an informed guess at the correct answer. Thus, up to ten times, the executive decided to award two points for not answering a question.

This report includes a summary of student performance on the 2003 Gauss Contests. We do not have statistics for all students since reporting results in voluntary, but the enclosed results represent almost 38 000 of the participants. The median scores were 85.2 in grade 7 and 81.6 in grade 8 this year, down somewhat from 2002's unprecedented high values. All participants are to be congratulated, and I hope that you continue to derive some enjoyment from participation in our contests.

Les Concours Gauss sont les premiers d'une série de concours de mathématiques administrés dans les écoles canadiennes par le Concours canadien de mathématiques. En 2003, des 203 000 étudiants inscrits aux différents cycles, près de 87 000 ont relevé le défi Gauss.

Les concours de mathématiques conçus par le Concours canadien de mathématiques poursuivent plusieurs objectifs. Le premier, et de loin le plus important, consiste à présenter une activité d'enrichissement qui vient s'ajouter aux programmes d'études tout en permettant aux étudiants d'accroître leur habileté à résoudre des problèmes difficiles. Ces concours présentent aussi aux enseignants comme aux étudiants une activité parascolaire agréable, qui encourage la recherche de l'excellence et amène les étudiants à prendre conscience de leurs aptitudes en mathématiques. Nous considérons que les étudiants qui se préparent à ces concours et relèvent le défi retirent beaucoup de plaisir et une grande satisfaction à trouver la solution de problèmes nouveaux et stimulants. Ces concours viennent de plus enrichir les banques de problèmes des enseignants d'une moisson de nouveaux problèmes à présenter en classe.

Chaque année, quelques personnes demandent que l'on accorde des points pour les questions non répondues pour la raison suivante : un étudiant qui se présente au concours devrait être capable de répondre à quinze des vingt-cinq questions. De plus, il devrait reconnaître les questions auxquelles il ne peut répondre ou même essayer de deviner la bonne réponse. Par conséquent, la direction a, jusqu'à dix fois, décidé d'accorder deux points aux questions non répondues.

Ce rapport comprend un résumé du rendement des étudiants aux concours Gauss 2003. Nous ne possédons pas les statistiques de tous les étudiants puisque la divulgation des résultats était sur une base volontaire, mais les résultats ci-joints représentent presque 38 000 des participants. La note moyenne est de 85,2 en 7° année et de 81,6 en 8° année. Ces résultats sont quelque peu inférieurs aux notes très élevées sans précédent de l'année 2002. Nous félicitons tous les participants et espérons que vous continuerez à apprécier nos concours.

Barry A. Ferguson Director Barry A. Ferguson Directeur **Enrolment** Inscription

Student Enrolment by Province / Inscriptions Classées par Province

| Newfoundland / Terre-Neuve | 1813 | Manitoba / Manitoba | 1790 |
|-----------------------------------|--------|---|--------|
| Nova Scotia / Nouvelle-Écosse | 684 | Saskatchewan / Saskatchewan | 699 |
| New Brunswick / Nouveau-Brunswick | 562 | Alberta / Alberta | 6736 |
| P.E.I. / Ile du Prince-Édouard | 196 | British Columbia / Colombie-Britannique | 15 141 |
| Québec / Québec | 8189 | Territories / Territoires | 50 |
| Ontario / Ontario | 49 271 | | |

Total enrolment / Nombre d'inscriptions individuelles: 85 131

Statistics for Canada

Number of schools represented / Nombre d'écoles -

40 - 54

Below 40 / au-dessous de 40

Statistiques pour le Canada

Number of students represented / Nombre d'élèves: 37 966

846

Grade 7

7^e année (Sec. I au Québec)

| Number of students represented / Nom | bre d'élèves – 19 108 | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Median / Médiane – | 85.21 | |
| Marks Points | Number of Students Nombre d'élèves | Approximate Percentage of Students Pourcentage approximatif du nombre d'élèves |
| 125 – 150 | 1555 | 8.14 |
| 100 - 124 | 4303 | 22.52 |
| 85 – 99 | 3748 | 19.61 |
| 70 - 84 | 4053 | 21.21 |
| 55 – 69 | 3255 | 17.03 |

1692

502

Grade 8

8e année (Sec. II au Québec)

8.85

2.64

| Number of schools represented / Nombre d'écoles – | 796 |
|--|--------|
| Number of students represented / Nombre d'élèves – | 18 858 |
| Median / Médiane – | 81.56 |

| Marks Points | Number of Students Nombre d'élèves | Approximate Percentage of Students Pourcentage approximatif du nombre d'élèves |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| 125 – 150 | 741 | 3.93 |
| 100 - 124 | 3699 | 19.62 |
| 85 – 99 | 3973 | 21.07 |
| 70 - 84 | 4433 | 23.51 |
| 55 – 69 | 3623 | 19.21 |
| 40 - 54 | 1839 | 9.75 |
| Below 40 / au-dessous de 40 | 550 | 2.91 |

Students are listed in alphabetical order within each group / Dans chaque groupe, les élèves sont nommés en ordre alphabetiques

Perfect Scores of 150

| Name Nom | School École | Location Endroit | Prov Prov |
|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------|
| Jesse Anderson | School District #67 | Penticton | ВС |
| Mark Auspitz | Associated Hebrew Schools | Toronto | ON |
| Stephen Ayerst | A. E. Cross Junior High | Calgary | AB |
| Antoine Banville | École d'Éducation internationale | St-Hubert | QC |
| Jade Bilodeau | École d'Éducation internationale | St-Hubert | QC |
| Justin Buck | Parkland School Div. No. 70 | Stony Plain | AВ |
| Adrian Budhram | Bayview Hill Elementary School | Richmond Hill | ON |
| Taylor Cao | Henry Kelsey Sr. P. S. | Agincourt | ON |
| Esther Choi | Oakville Christian School | Oakville | ON |
| Devin Chollack | Tom Baines School | Calgary | AB |
| Ting Cong | F. E. Osborne Jr. High | Calgary | AB |
| Mathew Cowan | Redwater School | Redwater | AB |
| Jesse Doerksen | Edward Schreyer | Beausejour | MB |
| Aram Ebtekar | Maple Creek Middle | Port Coquitlam | BC |
| Rui Feng | Sir Ernest MacMillan | Scarborough | ON |
| Julian Filice | Hillfield Strathallan | Hamilton | ON |
| Jeffrey Gao | Broadview Public School | Ottawa | ON |
| Kazim Giby | Academie Macdonald-Cartier | Ottawa | ON |
| Alexander Goncharov | Paul-Gérin Lajoie D'outremont | Outremont, Montreal | QC |
| Jane Hanzhang | Henry Hudson Sr. P. S. | Scarborough | ON |
| Xiao Hao | Willowdale M. S. | Toronto | ON |
| Matthew Harrison-Trainor | Gordon A. Brown Middle School | Toronto | ON |
| Katherine Hong | University of Toronto Schools | Toronto | ON |
| Bryan Huang | Osler Elementary | Vancouver | BC |
| James Ibaraki | Torquay Elementary | Saanich | BC |
| Vithushan Jeyakumaran | V. V. Tutoring Centre | Scarborough | ON |
| David Kalinowsky | St. John's-Ravenscourt School | Winnipeg | MB |
| Woojin Kim | West Vancouver Secondary School | West Vancouver | BC |
| Rafael Krichevsky | University of Toronto Schools | Toronto | ON |
| Angela Kwok | Fairwind Sr. P. S. | Mississauga | ON |
| Sheldon Kwok | Crescent School | Willowdale | ON |
| Raymond Lam | Cummer Valley M.S. | North York | ON |
| Vincent Lamontagne | École secondaire Mont-Saint-Sacrement | St-Gabriel-de-Valcartier | QC |
| Jason Lee | Hendersen Ave. P. S. | Thornhill | ON |
| Claire Lefevre | St. John's-Ravenscourt School | Winnipeg | MB |
| Jenny Leung | University of Toronto Schools | Toronto | ON |
| Ryan Lin | Glashan Public School | Ottawa | ON |
| Yining Liu | Westwood Junior High School | Toronto | ON |
| Stephanie Lo | Buttonville P. S. | Unionville | ON |
| Kevin Lu | E. J. Sand P. S. | Thornhill | ON |
| David Lui | Hamilton Junior High | Lethbridge | AB |
| Danielle Malfara | Dixon Grove J. M. S. | Toronto | ON |
| Daniel Misiewicz | Frenchman's Bay P.S. | Pickering | ON |
| Timmy Mo | Port Royal P. S. | Scarborough | ON |
| Sarah Nhan | Westpark Middle School | Red Deer | AB |
| Andrew Park | École River Heights School | Winnipeg | MB |
| Salvador Pimentel | Sacred Heart School | Delta | BC |
| Vincent Poon | Braefoot Elementary | Saanich | ВС |
| Kimberly Rong | University of Toronto Schools | Toronto | ON |
| Brian Shaposhnik | Glen Shields P. S. | Concord | ON |
| Shane Stratton | Thomas Street Middle School | Mississauga | ON |
| Kai Jher Tan | Willowdale M. S. | Toronto | ON |
| Jolene Tham | Dolphin Senior P. S. | Streetsville | ON |
| Will Thornburrow | Crescent School | Willowdale | ON |
| Simon Tseng | Curriculum & Instructional Services Centre | Surrey | BC |
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Canadian Student Honour Roll - Grade 7 Palmarès individuel à l'échelle nationale - 7e

| Name | S CHOOL | LOCATION | Prov |
|-------------------------|--|---------------|------|
| Nom | Ecole | Endroit | Prov |
| Ricky Vasant | Thomas Street Middle School | Mississauga | ON |
| Nivethan Velauthapillai | Churchill Heights P. S. | Scarborough | ON |
| Justin Wan | Ancaster Senior Public | Ancaster | ON |
| Timothy Whelan | Princess Anne | | |
| Michael Wong | Tempo School | Edmonton | AB |
| Edward Wu | Hendersen Ave. P. S. | Thornhill | ON |
| Jiang Wu | Sir Winston Churchill | Ottawa | ON |
| Steven Wu | Westview Middle School | Hamilton | ON |
| Janet Xu | Curriculum & Instructional Services Centre | Surrey | BC |
| Steven Xu | Bayview Hill Elementary School | Richmond Hill | ON |
| Zeya Yang | Maple Ridge Elementary | Orleans | ON |
| Shiyang You | F. E. Osborne Jr. High | Calgary | AB |
| Helen Zhang | F. E. Osborne Jr. High | Calgary | AB |
| Wendy Zhang | Osler Elementary | Vancouver | BC |
| Ben Zou | Glen Shields P. S. | Concord | ON |

Canadian Student Honour Roll - Grade 8

Palmarès individuel à l'échelle nationale - 8e

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Perfect Scores of 150

| Name | SCHOOL | Location | Prov |
|-------------------------|--|-------------|------|
| Nom | École | Endroit | Prov |
| | | | |
| Chantelle Bokenfohr | Sturgeon Heights School | St. Albert | AB |
| Boris Braveman | Branton Jr. High | Calgary | AB |
| Shelley Chan | Havergal College | Toronto | ON |
| Brenda Chiang | University of Toronto Schools | Toronto | ON |
| Candy Chou | Burnaby South Secondary | Burnaby | BC |
| Bob Gao | Laurelwood P. S. | Waterloo | ON |
| Kent Huynh | University of Toronto Schools | Toronto | ON |
| Mark Ironside | St. Mary's School | Collingwood | ON |
| Ananthavalli Kumarappah | Maryvale Public School | Scarborough | ON |
| Adrian Kwok | Upper Canada College | Toronto | ON |
| Michael Lam | Coledale P. S. | Markham | ON |
| Alan Leung | Burnaby Mountain | Burnaby | BC |
| Venus Lo | Coledale P.S. | Markham | ON |
| Geoffrey Mason | South Queens J.H.S. | Liverpool | NS |
| Yunus Mohamed | Isna School | Mississauga | ON |
| André Monette | University of Toronto Schools | Toronto | ON |
| Xiao Qiao | Hon. Vincent Massey S.S. | Windsor | ON |
| Amrit Toor | Curriculum & Instructional Services Centre | Surrey | BC |
| Benjamin Zhang | School District #67 | Penticton | BC |
| Halley Zhu | Kitsilano Secondary | Vancouver | BC |
| Tony Zhu | Point Grey Secondary | Vancouver | BC |

Perfect Scores of 150 for Grade 7 Students

Carlo Francisco Adajar Mathematics Trainers' Guild Zamboanga City, Philippines
Yong Jin Chang International School of Brussels Bruxelles, Belgium

Nellie Margaret Chua Mathematics Trainers' Guild Zamboanga City, Philippines

Akshay Desai I. C. A. E. Troy, Michigan

Paul Julian Hao Mathematics Trainers' Guild Zamboanga City, Philippines

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Perfect Scores of 150 for Grade 8 Students

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Richmond Saavedra Mathematics Trainers' Guild Zamboanga City, Philippines