



# Math Club 11/10



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# The AMC is Today!

- The AMC 10/12 A is **today after school!**
- Allowed items include writing utensils, blank scratch paper, rulers, compasses, and erasers. **Graph paper is no longer allowed.**
- The test will be here at J210 and J209



# Some strategies

- Remember that **you are penalized for guessing**
  - 1.5 points for a blank answer, 0 points for wrong answer
- Because there are 5 options, the expected value of guessing is lower than if you leave it blank
  - $6/5 = 1.2$
  - But again, if you are sure you are not going to have enough points to qualify, it's a better idea guess a little so you at least have some chance



# More strategies

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- AMC 12 -> **96 points** for the past few years
  - It has been higher previously but given how scores are trending 96 is a safe spot to be
  - 13 questions correct + 12 blank = 96 points
  - Be **very** sure of your answers!
- AMC 10 -> very variable, but probably aim for 110+
  - Things have been **very** volatile for the last few years, going from 108 to 96.
  - 17 questions correct + 8 blank = 114 points
  - Given how things are trending recently, this may not be completely necessary
- Going for USAMO/JMO -> go for as many points as possible
  - Just answer everything

# Remember

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- It's always better to do something than nothing
  - No one ever solved a problem by staring at it blankly!
  - It doesn't matter how "dumb" your approach is - if it works, it works
- Some problems may be misplaced
  - Sometimes #21 may be easier than #13
  - Don't be afraid of going into the later problems!



## Guys seriously



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Don't stress yourselves out  
Don't constantly imagine how the test day will go  
You've worked  
and worked  
and whatever happens tomorrow  
whether you like it or not  
is **totally** outside your control  
just go with the flow  
if not this year, next year  
dont put ur self worth on a test score

# Thanks for coming

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See y'all after school :)