

Mathletes gear up for another season

Many within Weymouth High School community are aware of the successes of its athletic programs, drama performances and major school-wide events, but the Weymouth High School Math Team, coached by math teachers Richard Duseau and Sarah Hickey, is not always the first group to come to mind as winning league titles. After their team's academic success in the 2014-2015 season, this is beginning to change.

For the first time in 15 years for the program, the WHS Math Team won their division, beating out local rivals including Cohasset, Hingham, Norwell, Notre Dame Academy and Scituate for a spot at the League Championship Meet on March 5.

In the playoffs, the team placed sixth overall and were two points short of attaining a berth in the State Championships. Still, the success of the season was something to be proud of for every participant. The journey to that point had been a great experience for all.

"The Weymouth High School Math Team is one of the most amazing groups that I have been involved in," said rising senior and captain Eliza Fischer. "I was nervous to join at first, but we all quickly adapted to the new group and became more comfortable."

It serves as an opportunity



The 2014-15 Weymouth High School Math Team. COURTESY PHOTO

for students with a wide variety of interests to get together. "Whether you consider yourself primarily a student, athlete, musician or what have you – mathematics is a powerful way to connect with fellow peers," says senior captain Kevin Lyons. "We are pleased the WHS Math Team and other academic competitions, like the reinvigorated High School Quiz Show Team, are beginning to receive this recognition."

A math meet, much like a swim meet or track meet, consists of a variety of events or rounds. The rounds for Math Team are: Arithmetic,

Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2 and Advanced Topics. A student competes in three rounds individually and then participates in a Team Round with four other students. The students have 10 minutes to complete three questions of increasing difficulty. A student can score up to six points per round and compete in three rounds for a maximum of 18 points per meet. Annually, the League Awards a Scholarship to the High Point scorer in the League.

Participation on the Math Team affords high caliber students an opportunity to strengthen their math skills

on a variety of challenging topics. Students that participate on Math Team usually continue their education after High School at competitive or highly competitive 4-year colleges.

Reflecting on the team, many members indicated they wished they had joined the team sooner. The team is now preparing for its upcoming season this fall and winter with the goal to continue their success from this past year. "I urge anyone with a passion for mathematics, and who likes to have a good time, to join us," says Lyons.