



Your child has expressed an interest in joining one of the junior high Great Computer Challenge teams. Star of the Sea School will compete in the junior high level 3 division. In order to register by deadline, a confirmation from the parents that their child is allowed to compete is necessary. Please stress to your child that to participate means a big commitment to the team. Weekly after school meetings are mandatory.

How will we prepare for the competition? Teams will meet on Mondays after school from 3:00-4:30 in the Media Center/Library. Teams will practice with varied software, learn strategies and techniques, go over past sample competition problems and talk to veteran contestants. Mrs. Selig and Mrs. Wilhelm will supervise. Any parent who would like to attend or help at the meetings is welcome, but must be Virtus trained and be on file in the school office.

Sample competition problems may be found at:

<http://whro.org/home/education/cii/professdevelop/studentactivites/greatcompchallenge/oldproblems.htm>

School will be closed on Friday, March 13th. **The competition will be held at Old Dominion University on March 14th.** Before committing yourself, make sure you will be in town for the competition. This will be an all-day event. Parents are welcome to attend the event. They will not be allowed in the rooms during the competition, but they can attend lunch and the awards ceremony. There will also be workshops available that they can attend.

More information on the competition can be found at:

<http://www.whro.com/home/education/cii/professdevelop/studentactivites/greatcompchallenge/>



Please sign/return permission by January 12.

I give my child, _____, permission to
(student name)
participate in the Great Computer Challenge competition experience. He/She may meet on Mondays, 3:00-4:30, in the Media Center/Library to prepare for the competition. Students will be escorted to After Care if the parent or guardian is unavailable to pick them up by 4:30.

(parent or guardian signature)