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Mason Students Raise Money for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital While Increasing Math Skills

January 18, 2006, Waterford, Mich. – Mason Middle School will hold a Math-A-Thon to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital January 17 through January 27.

Supporters of this event will help raise funds for the internationally recognized hospital, which will help in its ongoing fight against childhood catastrophic diseases.

Approximately 300 Mason Middle School students have volunteered to raise funds by completing a math booklet or CD-ROM of approximately 250 math problems, which were supplied by St. Jude. Students approached their friends, neighbors, relatives, and local businesses to pledge 3 cents, 5 cents, 10 cents, or more for each problem they complete. Many math teachers are incorporating the Math-A-Thon into the math curriculum by assisting students with the math problems or offering non-grade incentives and encouragement. Any person or business that would like to make a donation may call the school at 248.674.2281.

Students will be recognized on the school's internal television broadcast on Friday Feb.17. Organizers of this event are asking that all citizens and businesses of Waterford support Mason Middle School students as they participate in the program. The Math-A-Thon is sponsored by Six Flags Theme Parks, who provide free passes to their parks for every student raising \$35.00 or more through the program.

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