**James Madison Preparatory School**

**Academic Decathlon Regional Competition**

Dear Families,

After many months of hard work, the day the competitors have been waiting for is almost here! Friday and Saturday, February 2nd and 3rd, the JMPS Academic Decathlon Team will be competing at the Region 1 competition held at Show Low High School, 1201 N. Cougar Ln., Show Low, AZ 85901. The team will be leaving JMPS in personal vehicles, with Dr. Quigley and Mrs. Hemmings as drivers, on Friday at approximately 10:00 am. The team will be returning to JMPS on Saturday evening between 8:00 pm and 10:00 pm. The return time is not known exactly due to the uncertainty in the competition schedule. The team will be staying at the Holiday Inn Express Show Low, 151 W. Deuce of Clubs, Show Low, AZ 85901, (928) 537-5115. During the competition, Dr. Quigley may be reached at (480) 414-2485 and the Region 1 coordinator is Jerry Butler, jerry.butler@showlow.education.

**Required Materials:** Photo ID (students will not be allowed to compete without an ID), graphing calculator (no programs), interview clothes (see Attire below), and note card(s) with speech.

Attire: The team will be presenting and competing in front of judges for the Friday events and will need to dress appropriately. Young men should wear a coat and tie and young women should wear a business style dress or pant suit. On Saturday, the competitors will be in front of an audience for the Super Quiz and will need to be dressed in their team t-shirt with nice pants (jeans are acceptable but must not have holes, tears, or patches).

Meals: The Arizona Academic Decathlon will provide lunch on Saturday, but the competitors will need to bring enough money for a fast-food lunch and dinner on Friday, a sit-down dinner on Saturday, and snacks for both days. There will be a free continental breakfast at the hotel on Saturday.

Parents and family are certainly welcome and encouraged to attend the competition. However, the only part of the competition that will be open for public viewing will be the Super Quiz held in Show Low High School’s auditorium on Saturday starting around 1:30 pm. The awards ceremony is also open to the public and will follow the Super Quiz event in the auditorium. An exact schedule will be shared once it is available.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (480) 345-2306 X217 or at mquigley@madisonprep.org.

Sincerely,