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**Middle School Teams Advance to Regional Academic Bowl
District Winners ~ FMMS, HMS, PMS & TMS**

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Houston County's eight middle schools competed in the district academic bowl on Nov. 15, 2011. The four top teams were Feagin Mill, Huntington, Perry and Thomson. These teams next compete in the regional Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE) Academic Bowl for Middle Grades on Jan. 7, 2012, at Feagin Mill Middle.

Students fielded questions on subjects ranging from history to mathematics, science, literature and the performing arts. The questions are developed using the Georgia curriculum. Students answer toss-up and bonus questions to score points. Sample questions from the competition follow. (Answers are provided at the end.)

1. Social studies - The Preamble to the U.S. Constitution gives six specific reasons for which the Constitution was ordained and established, one of which was to "establish justice." Name any four of the other five reasons. To get credit, you must give the specific phrase word-for-word.
2. Math - Pencils and paper ready! Give the four consecutive multiples of six that add up to 132.
3. English/language arts - In the Old Testament, it is the number of elders Moses was told to gather in front of the congregation. In the New Testament, it was the number of men Jesus ordained to go out in pairs and help the twelve apostles preach the gospel. Give this two-digit number that Jesus also used when the apostles asked him how often they had to forgive people.
4. Science - The old idea that if you had two of them, you were more likely to become a criminal has been proven false. It contains about 58 million base pairs of DNA, including the gene that forms the reproductive system in males. Identify this sex chromosome that literally makes a man a man, as females don't have it because they have two X chromosomes instead.
5. Miscellaneous
The career leader in this category is still longtime Buffalo Bills defensive end Bruce Smith, while the single-season record holder is New York Giants defensive lineman Michael Strahan [STRAY-hann]. Give this football term, first coined by Hall of Famer Deacon Jones, for when a quarterback is tackled by the defense behind the line of scrimmage.

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6. Miscellaneous

You can hear a part of one going up and down in the song “White Christmas” and a lot of another going up in the “Pink Panther Theme.” Give the musical term for a type of scale that includes all 12 notes in an octave, goes up a half-tone at a time, and is created on a piano by using all the white and all the black keys.

Director of Gifted Education Jan Jacobsen said that academic bowl competitions promote academic excellence and good citizenship. “Preparing for and participating in the competition broadens students’ horizons and increases factual information, commented Jacobsen. She added, “Thanks and appreciation go to the dedicated coaches, parents, administrators, readers and timekeepers for their commitment to our students and their learning. We look forward to the PAGE regional competition in January.”

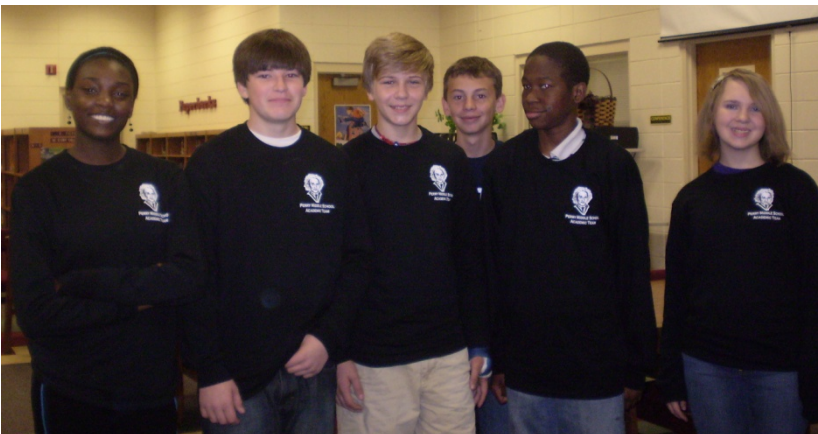
State semifinals take place on Jan. 21, 2012, and State finals on Feb. 11, 2012. For more information about the academic bowl, contact Jacobsen at 478-988-6395, ext. 10393, or visit <http://www.pagefoundation.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=2>.

Members of the district winning teams are pictured, listed in no particular order.



Feagin Mill Middle School, coached by Peggy McCall:

Morgan Carr, Michelle Matchette, Adams Sikes, Haley Stokes, Grace Cooper, Brie Gisseman, Mary Goodwin, Jordan Woodson, Paris Johnson and Sean Warren.



Perry Middle School, coached by LeSan Kimbrough and Laura Dodd:

Tanner Jones, Ben Newhouse, Kathryn Heesh, Kiana Alexander, Brett Danforth and Antwan Mainor

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Thomson Middle, coached by Catherine Goff:
Daniel Crouch, Nick Oakley, Kristin McCartney, Musab Gluzar, John Wharton, Sarah Eskew, Cody Tribble, Laurel Clark, Jared Cottrell and Rhi Willis



Huntington Middle, coached by Andrea Monday:
James Luppino, Dustin Priaulx, Adonis Davis, Ashley Wooten, Phillip Loan, Scott Cummings, Mackenzie Andreasen and Paolo Francisco

Solutions to the sample questions:

1. answer: to **form a more perfect Union**, to **ensure domestic Tranquility**, to **provide for the common defense**, to **promote the general Welfare**, to **secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity**
2. answer: **24, 30, 36**, and **42**
- 3 answer: **70** (70 times 7)
4. answer: **Y** chromosome
5. answer: **sack**
6. answer: **chromatic** scale

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