

St. Peter Tri-Parish student one of 700 chosen to compete in national math competition

Daniel Franchetti beat out more than 45,000 applicants across 42 states to qualify for Chicago event



A student from St. Peter Tri-Parish School was chosen from more than 45,000 applicants from across the country to participate in MathCON, a prestigious academic competition hosted by Concept Schools in Chicago on April 25.

Among the 700 finalists chosen was Daniel Franchetti, a Fifth Grade student at St. Peter School.

Students from 42 states took the initial exam to qualify for MathCON, which will be held at the University of Illinois at Chicago on April 25. The day-long event brings together both elementary and high school students to compete for cash prizes and national prestige through various math questions and activities.

MathCON was created in 2008 by Concept Schools as a Midwest competition with just 125 participants, and has since grown to a national event. MathCON's goal is to engage students in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) outside of the classroom and encourage more students to enter the STEM fields, which are currently some of the fastest-growing industries in the United States.

"We're incredibly proud when any of our students earn recognition for their accomplishments, and we're so excited to have Daniel represent St. Peter Tri-Parish School at MathCON," Mrs. Desmarais, the fifth grade teacher said. "This is a great honor for Daniel."

"It will be a great day of entertainment for the kids," says Ayhan Caputlu, Director of Math Education at Concept Schools and initiator of MathCON. "I am hoping for a "Big 10" NCAA-type conference model with all the same fanfare and anticipation. We plan to go international in 2 years!" "The competition allows us to reach students from all over the nation and help them establish, improve and maintain skills that can lead to many possibilities throughout their educational careers and beyond."

St. Peter Tri-Parish School, a collaborative of St. Benedict, St. Peter & St. Timothy parishes, is a Catholic elementary school, grades Pre-K through 8th, located in the Gaspee section of Warwick. The School's mission is to provide its students with a quality Catholic education in an atmosphere of mutual respect that fosters spiritual, academic and social growth. Their philosophy of education emphasizes the significance of each individual's contribution to the Christian community and to society. St. Peter School is accepting applications for the 2015-16 school year. Contact Joan Sickinger at [\(401\) 781-9242](tel:4017819242). For additional information log on to www.stpeterschoolri.com.