



SPENCERPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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To: Families of 5th grade students
From: Ned Dale, Principal
James Centola, Assistant Principal
Date: April 25, 2018
Re: Accelerated Mathematics Program

It is hard to believe but in just a few short months your child will be making the transition to middle school. Part of that transition is to ensure that students are placed in appropriate academic programs that will challenge them to learn and grow.

One example of this is our accelerated math program which begins at 6th grade. Students admitted into this program will study math curriculum at an accelerated pace covering 4 years of math content in three years of middle school from grades 6-8. In addition to faster pacing, students in this program will be challenged with rigorous class expectations and material. This program will culminate here at Cosgrove with students taking Algebra I for high school credit in 8th grade.

Eligibility for this program is based on multiple criteria. Interested students will be evaluated using the following:

- ✓ Performance on the Accelerated Math Entrance Exam
- ✓ Scores on the 5th grade common assessments given throughout the year
- ✓ Performance on the 5th grade final exam

If you are interested in your child being considered for the accelerated math program at Cosgrove Middle School, an entrance exam has been scheduled during the week of May 21. This test will be administered during the school day in his/her classroom. Please complete the back portion of this letter and return it to your child's teacher no later than Friday, May 11 **only if you are NOT interested in having your child considered for the accelerated math program.**

Student records will be reviewed and a final determination will be made and parents will be notified prior to the end of June. If you have any further questions about the accelerated math program, please contact James Centola, Assistant Principal at 349-5311 or jcentola@spencerportschools.org.

Sincerely,

Ned Dale
Principal
Cosgrove Middle School

Our Mission is to educate and inspire each student to love learning, pursue excellence and use knowledge, skills and attitudes to contribute respectfully and confidently to an ever-changing global community.

I would prefer that my child not take the accelerated placement exam.

Student Name _____ Date _____

Elementary School _____ Teacher _____

Parent Name _____ Signed _____