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Birchwood Team Finished Third at MATHCOUNTS Chapter Competition

At the 2017 Northeast Ohio MATHCOUNTS Chapter Competition on February 18 the Birchwood School of Hawken team consisting of Praveen Kumar, Shruthi Ravichandran, Jane Nilson, and Zuha Jaffar placed third out of the 16 participating teams. Individually, Praveen Kumar placed second and will advance to the state competition in March.

The MATHCOUNTS Competition Series is a national middle school coaching and competitive program that promotes mathematics achievement through a series of engaging "bee" style contests. Approximately 140,000 students from all 50 states, U.S. territories, and U.S. departments of Defense and State school systems worldwide participate, with about 40,000 students participating in chapter competitions.

“The team’s success can be attributed directly to their hard work. They have been practicing challenging math problems on Thursdays and Saturdays since mid-October,” reported Charles Debelak, Birchwood’s MATHCOUNTS coach. Debelak and has been coaching the Birchwood team for more than 25 years. He will travel with Kumar to Columbus on March 11 to compete among the top mathletes in Ohio.

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Birchwood School of Hawken is a private, coeducational school in Cleveland, Ohio. Founded in 1984, Birchwood serves students in preschool through grade 8. Birchwood's mission is to equip children to lead a life of becoming – growing, thriving and flourishing – through the development of intellect and character.

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