IMPORTANT ICTM/SS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

Greetings, Math Educators! It is our pleasure to make the following conference announcement:

**Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ICTM) — Southern Section**

**38th Annual Conference on Teaching Mathematics**

Thursday, February 15, 2024

8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

John A. Logan College, Carterville, IL

We have made great progress on the program and are excited to share with you the following details:

**Keynote Address**

**Dr. Bob Mann**
Professor, Western Illinois University
Past President, Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics

**“Tasks and Talk; and Tips”**
There is an abundance of amazing math resources online as well as a plethora of guidelines, frameworks, and standards for your math classrooms. These are all valuable but can also be overwhelming. This presentation will try to link and summarize those messages in one, easy to remember, all-encompassing goal: Tasks and Talk. Together we will explore a variety of engaging tasks as examples of this goal and discuss a few practical tips for you and your students. Experience math activities and discourse that are both enlightening and entertaining while focusing on Tasks and Talk; Work and Words; and Growth and Grins!

**More Speakers**

**Craig Cullen, ICTM President**, will lead sessions on “Making Sense of Fractions” (3–5) and “Comparing Radians and Degrees” (9–12). **Adam Poetzl, ICTM Past-President**, will speak on “Visualizing Math with Polypad Free Virtual Manipulatives” (3–5). **Kelly Wamser Remijan** will present “STEM & Our Military: Connections to Teach Math Concepts” (6–12). **Maura Brueggeman** will speak about “Fact Fluency Frenzy” (K–5). **Jo C Summers** will lead a session titled “Who’s Doing the Math?” (6–12). **Bobbi Webster** will give a talk called “Gamifying Math Practice in Your Elementary Classroom” (K–5). **Erin Sagaskie** will host a session on “Maximizing the Benefits of using AI for Teaching and Learning: Saving Time and Earning Joy” (9–12). Also leading sessions at the conference are **David Forbes, William W. McNeary III, Greg Gierhart, Michelle Murphy, Tanjanika Foster, Keenan Clark**, and many others that cover elementary, middle, and high school mathematics education. The full program will be published in the near future.

**More Info**

**Where:** Hancock Conference Center at John A. Logan College, Carterville, IL

**When:** Thursday, February 15, 2024

**Time:** 8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. (Registration and continental breakfast from 8 A.M. – 9 A.M., followed by three presentation sessions from 9 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. and the hot lunch and keynote address from 12:30 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.)

**Registration:** $100 ($90 Early bird discount before January 5, 2024); Registration includes all sessions, breakfast, snacks/beverages during breaks, hot lunch, conference folder, and other materials

**CPDUs:** 4.5 Illinois Professional Development Hours
We are delighted to share this learning opportunity with you once again. Our goal is to craft a conference that features diverse, relevant sessions which cover a wide variety of topics and grade levels in PK–12+ mathematics education. We want our participants to experience a professional development event that is unique to our area, highlighting the extraordinary work being done in local classrooms, where math teachers from Southern Illinois and beyond can connect with and learn from each other.

A full program and conference website are currently being developed, and we will share those with you as soon as they are complete. In the meantime, please put this date on your professional calendar now and let your colleagues and others know about the conference.

A registration form is attached, and you should feel free to forward to anyone who may be interested.

Best regards,

The Organizers:

Cheng-Yao Lin, Southern Illinois University
Kyle Harlow, Herrin High School
Kelly Koberstein, Carbondale Middle School