

## *Hillcrest MathCounts Team 7<sup>th</sup> in Regional Competition*

**Eight students represented Hillcrest Middle School as the school's MathCounts Team earned seventh place in the Southwest Connecticut Chapter competition of MathCounts at Fairfield University on February 14.**

**The Hillcrest team competed against approximately 140 students from 45 regional middle schools who participated in the contest. While all of the school's representatives performed well, eighth-grader Nate Matschke ranked #12 among all student team members, which qualified him to compete in the prestigious final Countdown Round in front of the entire audience.**

**Along with seventh-grade teammate Sam McKinney, who also finished among the top 25 students, Nate qualified to participate in the Connecticut statewide MathCounts competition that will be held in Hartford on March 14.**

*Editor's Note: The ACE Foundation has provided funding to enable Hillcrest students to utilize various resources for classroom exercises and weekly team meetings as they develop their mathematics skills and prepare for the MathCounts competitions in which selected students face teams from other schools.*