

# JMS ACADEMIC TEAM

## Winter-Spring 2011 Semester

Now that the PAGE Academic Bowl is over for the year, we will begin practice for the Spring GATA (Georgia Academic Team Association) Bowl on January 28th. While the PAGE Bowl concentrates on the Georgia middle school curriculum, the GATA Bowl tests students on a wider variety of information. Students will also compete against public and private schools all over the state of Georgia (not just our region).

### WHO?

While we will only take eight students to the GATA Bowl, there are many other opportunities for practice, competition, and improving quiz-bowl performance. After GATA, we will complete another Knowledge Master Open (Great Auk) competition, and students will participate in local competitions against the JHS JV/Varsity members and JMS Faculty.

### WHEN?

Weekly Practices – **Fridays** 3:10 – 4:15 p.m.

Our competition dates for Spring:

- **GATA Bowl** – Saturday, April 16th (Lilburn)
- **Knowledge Master Open** (Great Auk) – Wednesday, April 20 (at JMS)
- Local (fun!) competitions – JMS vs. Faculty and JMS vs. JHS teams (TBA)

**WHERE?** The GATA Bowl will be held at Trickum Middle School in Lilburn. JMS does not provide transportation to these events, but many of our members choose to carpool or “ride-share.” All other competitions and practices will take place at JMS.

**WHY?** Why join an academic team? When previous winners were asked this question, they said they gained many valuable things: discipline, knowledge, performing under pressure, thinking skills, and of course, an intense mental workout! It’s also a great way to gain experience if you are interested in competing at the high school level.

**HOW?** All you need to do to sign up is...

1. Sign the bottom of this form
2. Have a parent or guardian sign below your signature

We understand that you may not know yet if this is something that you would like to commit to. All students are welcome to come to a meeting/practice to learn more before joining!

Questions? Email Lindy Pals – [lpals@jeffcityschools.org](mailto:lpals@jeffcityschools.org) or 706-367-2882



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**STUDENT:** I understand that this school activity will take commitment, time, and travel. I am willing to give my best to represent my school in this competition.

**Student name (PRINT):** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/GUARDIAN:** I understand that this school activity will take commitment and time from my child. I am willing to make sure that they will be available for the competition dates listed above. I understand that I may need to provide transportation for my child or have my child arrange transportation with other Academic Team members.

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