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HOME TEAM WINNING STREAK CONTINUES...
PENN WOOD AND SPRINGFIELD POST FIRST PLACE FINISHES IN SECOND WEEK OF
DELCO Hi-Q COMPETITION

Penn Wood High School, December 9th, 2008: Penn Wood Assistant Principal Louis Cifuni, started off the season's fourth contest with a warm welcome to the sponsors, audience and the teams: Monsignor Bonner, Archbishop Carroll, and Penn Wood. Anne McNally, representing sponsor Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union Foundation, addressed the students and introduced Quizmaster Tom McCarthy.

Penn Wood took the early lead by correctly answering three questions in a row and picked up two bonus points, exciting the home crowd. Literature, Mathematics, and Geography proved to be difficult categories for all three teams but Penn Wood managed to pick up three more bonus points on missed Monsignor Bonner and Archbishop Carroll questions. The home team was in first place at the half with an eight-point lead with Carroll and Bonner close behind.

The initial pace of the second half slowed but Penn Wood and Carroll both picked up a few bonus points. Penn Wood picked up the pace with support of the enthusiastic home crowd and correctly answered the Toss-up, Physics, and American Government questions to further extend their lead. Bonner and Carroll also fared well in the category and continued a close battle for second place. In the end, Penn Wood continued the trend of home team wins and took first place. **Final Scores: Penn Wood – 34, Bonner – 15, and Archbishop Carroll – 14.**

Springfield High School, December 11th, 2008: Springfield hosted the Academy of Notre Dame de Namur and Interboro High School in the second match of week. Assistant Principal, Dan Tracy welcomed students, guests and the three teams to the contest. Stefanie Henson, Vice President at Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union, gave a few words on the history of Delco Hi-Q. From there, Quizmaster, Tom McCarthy began the day's contest with a current events question to home team Springfield.

With the help of a vibrant home crowd, Springfield rallied early to answer six of the first eight questions correctly and picked up three bonus points to slingshot themselves ahead of their competitors. Notre Dame trailed slightly answering four of the next six as well. All three teams answered their Literature and Geography questions correctly. At the intermission Springfield held a commanding lead with 27, while Notre Dame trailed with 18 and Interboro was close behind with 12 points.

After the break, Springfield added to their lead by answering five of seven remaining questions correctly. Notre Dame picked up three bonus points in the half. Interboro picked up points in American Government and World History and scored two bonus points in those categories. Both

Interboro and Notre Dame made valiant efforts to close the gap and tied for second place. Springfield correctly answered the final Toss- up question in Math and finished in first place. **Final Scores: Springfield – 45, Notre Dame – 23, Interboro – 23.**

Delco-Hi-Q is a partnership between Delaware County Intermediate Unit and Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union. Veteran Actor Tom McCarthy is Quizmaster, Rick Durante from FMFCU serves as Director, Dave Bramble from Delaware County Intermediate Unit is the production engineer and Wes Crane is Hi-Q Coordinator.

In addition to the participating schools' support, primary corporate sponsor is Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union Foundation. Long-time Valedictorian sponsor is Kimberly-Clark Corporation. Delaware County Daily Times and the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce are supporters of the 61st Season.

The first series of contests conclude on December 16 at Marple Newtown and on December 17 at Penncrest before resuming on January 6. Each school plays three contests throughout the season and hosts one contest. More information is available at www.delcohiq.org.

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Photo Captions:

Penn Wood

Back row (l to r): Aaron Gravely, Shawna Simms, Audie Oranie, Faculty Advisor Dr. Marilyn Smith

Seated (l to r): Chinelo Onuoha, Sana Abdul-Malik, Faustina Kandeh, Tanisha Williams (not shown Dominique Grasty, Emmanuel Tyler)

Springfield

Back row (l to r): Faculty Advisor Robert Young, AJ Furia, Willie Welde, Mike Russom, Dave Smith

Seated (l to r): Morgan Rossom, Elizabeth Owens, Matt Sinnott, Julia Correnti, Ashley Kaminski