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**SECOND ROUND OF DELCO HI-Q COMPETITION ENDS WITH WINS BY MARPLE  
NEWTOWN AND PENNCREST HIGH SCHOOLS**

One of the season's best performances took place when Marple Newtown High School hosted Cardinal O'Hara on January 14. Dr. Raymond McFall, Principal of Marple Newtown, kicked off the assembly by thanking the Delaware County Intermediate Unit and Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union for their support of Hi-Q. Dr. McFall introduced Rick Durante, Delco Hi-Q Director to start the contest. Mr. Durante explained that this contest would be a little different than most. Chester High School did not provide a team for this season's competition. The Hi-Q format requires three teams, so Mr. Durante explained that members of the O'Hara and Marple Newtown would fill in as an exhibition team for Chester.

From the opening question it was a match made for Marple who scored 35 points in the first half by correctly answering all of their questions correctly in the first half of the contest. Cardinal O'Hara had a tough first half but managed to earn a bonus point in American History and gained 3 points in Shakespeare. Bonus points are earned by buzzing in to answer questions missed by other teams.

In the second half, Marple seemed to ease back on the throttle a bit, correctly answering five of their eight questions and earned 8 bonus points. O'Hara added to their score by being the only team to correctly answer their Team Choice and Physics question. The combined Marple-O'Hara team ended with 9 points and gained some extra practice. Marple Newtown's performance resulted in the highest score of the season and moved them into second place in the season standings. Final Scores: Marple Newtown – 63; O'Hara – 12; Chester – Forfeit.

On January 15<sup>th</sup> at Springfield High School, Principal Frank McKnight, Principal welcomed a capacity crowd of students and guests to the contest that pitted the home favorites against the girls of Academy of Notre Dame and the defending champions from Penncrest. Dan Catamusto, Vice President and district manager for FMFCU spoke about Hi-Q's long history before turning the assembly over to veteran actor and Quizmaster, Tom McCarthy.

Springfield and Penncrest eased through their first few questions posed by Mr. McCarthy. The trigonometry question in the Math category proved to be difficult for all three teams. None could come up with correct answers and it was the only first half question missed by Penncrest. Springfield managed to correctly answer six questions and gained a bonus point while Penncrest upped the ante with three bonus points to give them a 5 point lead over the home team at the intermission. Notre Dame scored their first three points in Geography, the last category of the half.

The second half of the contest began with a triple stumper as all three teams missed in Chemistry. Penncrest would correctly answer five questions and snag four pick up points to extend their lead over Springfield and Notre Dame. The ladies of Notre Dame played spoiler in the Math Toss up, buzzing in a split second before Penncrest, earning 4 points in an improved second half. The extra points still weren't enough as Penncrest took first place over the home team and Notre Dame.

After the contest, Dr. James Capolupo, Superintendent of Springfield School District congratulated the teams on a good performance. Penncrest Principal Rick Gregg traveled to the away match and

was also pleased with the results. Final Scores: Penncrest – 54; Springfield – 37; Academy of Notre Dame – 19.

It's the cumulative scores that determine season standings and playoff berths. At the end of the second round of competition, Penncrest High School is in first place with 112 points. Marple Newtown is in second place with 101 points and holds a slight lead over Garnet Valley and Haverford who are tied for third place with 100 points. The team with the most points at the end of the third round will advance to the championship competition. The next six teams will compete in semi-final rounds to earn the right to compete in the championship contest.

Delco-Hi-Q is a partnership between Delaware County Intermediate Unit (DCIU) and Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union (FMFCU). 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 and the Delaware County Daily Times is a supporter of the 62<sup>nd</sup> Season.

Nominations are still being accepted for the Delco Hi-Q Hall of Honor. Details are available at [www.delcohiq.org](http://www.delcohiq.org). DCIU and FMFCU are also accepting nominations for the Delaware County Excellence in Teaching Awards. Outstanding teachers can be nominated for recognition and a cash award at [www.fmfcu.org/excellence](http://www.fmfcu.org/excellence).

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