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## **TERRITORIAL SPELLING BEE AND STATE MATHCOUNTS COMPETITION ANNOUNCED**

ST. CROIX, USVI – The Virgin Islands Department of Education invites the public to the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Territorial Spelling Bee and State MATHCOUNTS Competition. Both events will be held in St. Croix.

The **Spelling Bee** will be held on **Tuesday, March 19, 2019**, in the **John H. Woodson Jr. High School auditorium** at **10 a.m.**

The territory's top 12 spellers will compete for the championship title and the opportunity to represent the Virgin Islands at the 92<sup>nd</sup> Scripps National Spelling Bee on May 28–30, 2019, in Maryland.

School represented are All Saints Cathedral School, Addelita Cancryn Jr. High, Antilles School, Yvonne Milliner-Bowsky Elementary School, Tutu Church of God, Bertha C. Boschulte Middle School, Good Hope Country Day, Elena Christian Jr. High, Church of God of Holiness Academy, Ricardo Richards Elementary, John H. Woodson Jr. High, and St. Patrick's Catholic School.

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The **State MATHCOUNTS Competition** will be held on **Thursday, March 21, 2019**, in the **University of the Virgin Islands Great Hall** at **10 a.m.**

A total of 20 Mathletes from five schools across the St. Croix and St. Thomas - St. John districts will compete to represent the territory in 2019 Raytheon MATHCOUNTS National Competition on May 12-13, 2019, in Orlando, Florida.

Schools represented are Antilles School, Bertha C. Boschulte Middle School, Good Hope Country Day, Church of God of Holiness Academy and John H. Woodson Jr. High School.

**MATHCOUNTS** is a national program designed to improve math skills among U.S. students. The program focuses on middle school students, who are at a crucial stage in developing and sustaining math interest and ability. Students who do not begin developing strong problem-solving, logical thinking and analytical abilities in middle school will face an uphill battle later in life if they wish to pursue a medical, scientific, mathematical, engineering or technical career.

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