

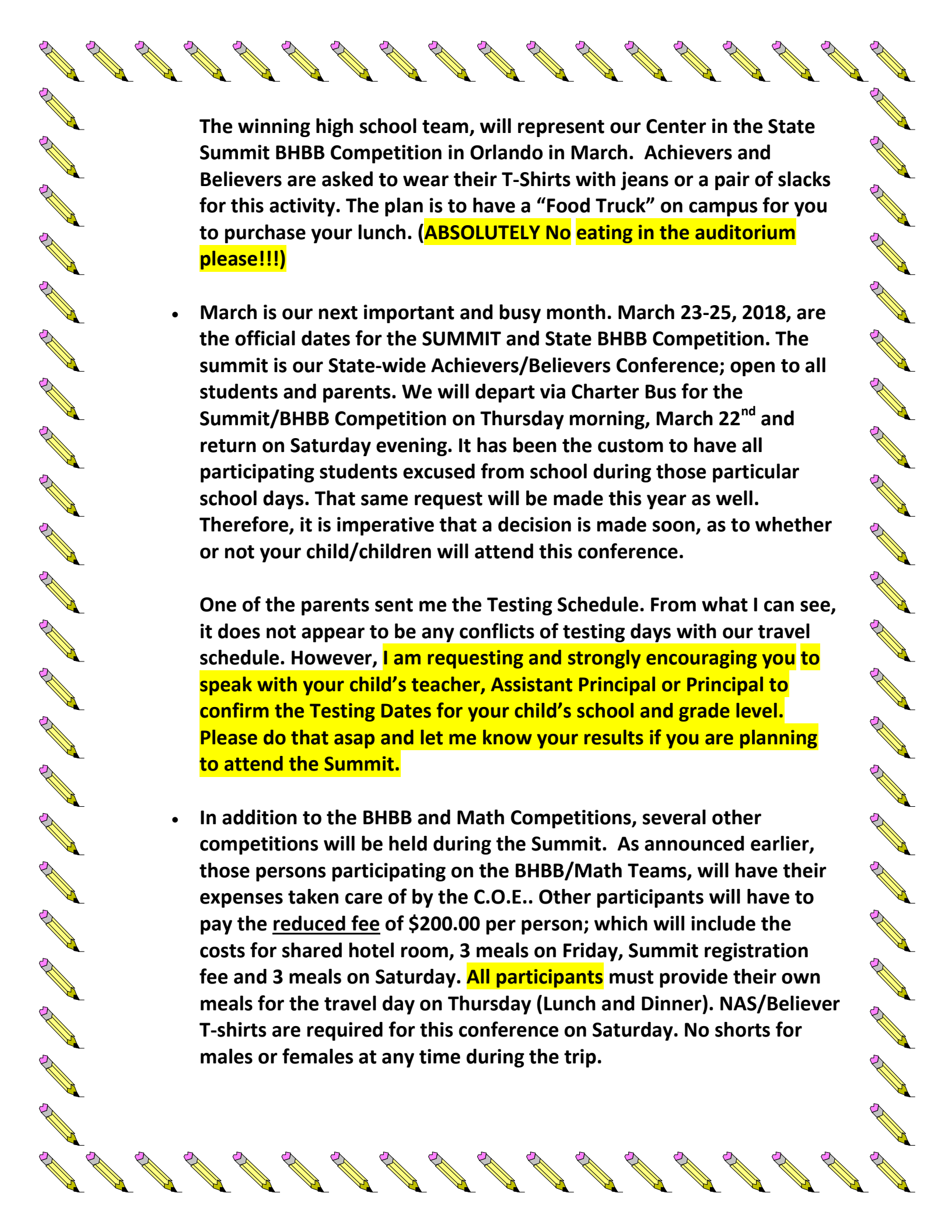


## *Dr. James: January Notes*

**Happy, Happy New Year Center of Excellence/NAS Family! Here we are in 2018, ready to go! We have so much excitement waiting for us and I hope you are just as charged as your staff team members are! Who are your staff team members I hear you asking? Glad you asked that question. Those Team members would be Ms. Sha'Rhonda Brown, Mrs. Connie Harrell, Mrs. Bev Williams, Mrs. Lynette Brown and of course, "Yours Truly"!**

**So here we go with reminders, etc. Some of these will be repeats but we need to make sure the dates are on your calendars.**

- **Report Cards are due NOW. Please email ALL report cards to Ms. Brown at [rhondabrown828@aol.com](mailto:rhondabrown828@aol.com) recognitions will only be provided for those report cards received by Monday, 1/15/18.**
- **The NAS/Believer January meeting is set for Monday, 1/22 at 6:15 pm; Auditorium of Bond Elementary School.**
- **We have begun practicing for the Math Team Competition; with sessions being held on Saturday mornings at the Bethel Baptist Church on West Tennessee Street from 10 am until 12 noon, unless otherwise re-scheduled. The High School (9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> grade} Team can still use at least three more team members. The Pre-Test is still up and students can take the test online at FEFonline.org; which is required in order to be on the team. After taking the test, plan to come to the practices on Saturday mornings.**
- **February 3, 2018 is a very important date for us. It is our annual Black History Brain Bowl (BHBB) Competition. It will be held in the auditorium of Rickards High School, beginning at 9:00 am and ending at approximately 3:00 pm. All Achievers, Believers and Parents are asked to support the Teams participating in this event. Teams have already begun working and are excited to share with you, what they have learned about Black History in particular. Please make plans to spend the full day with us. Parents, I will need your volunteer assistance with set-up of serving food to participating Teams, etc..**

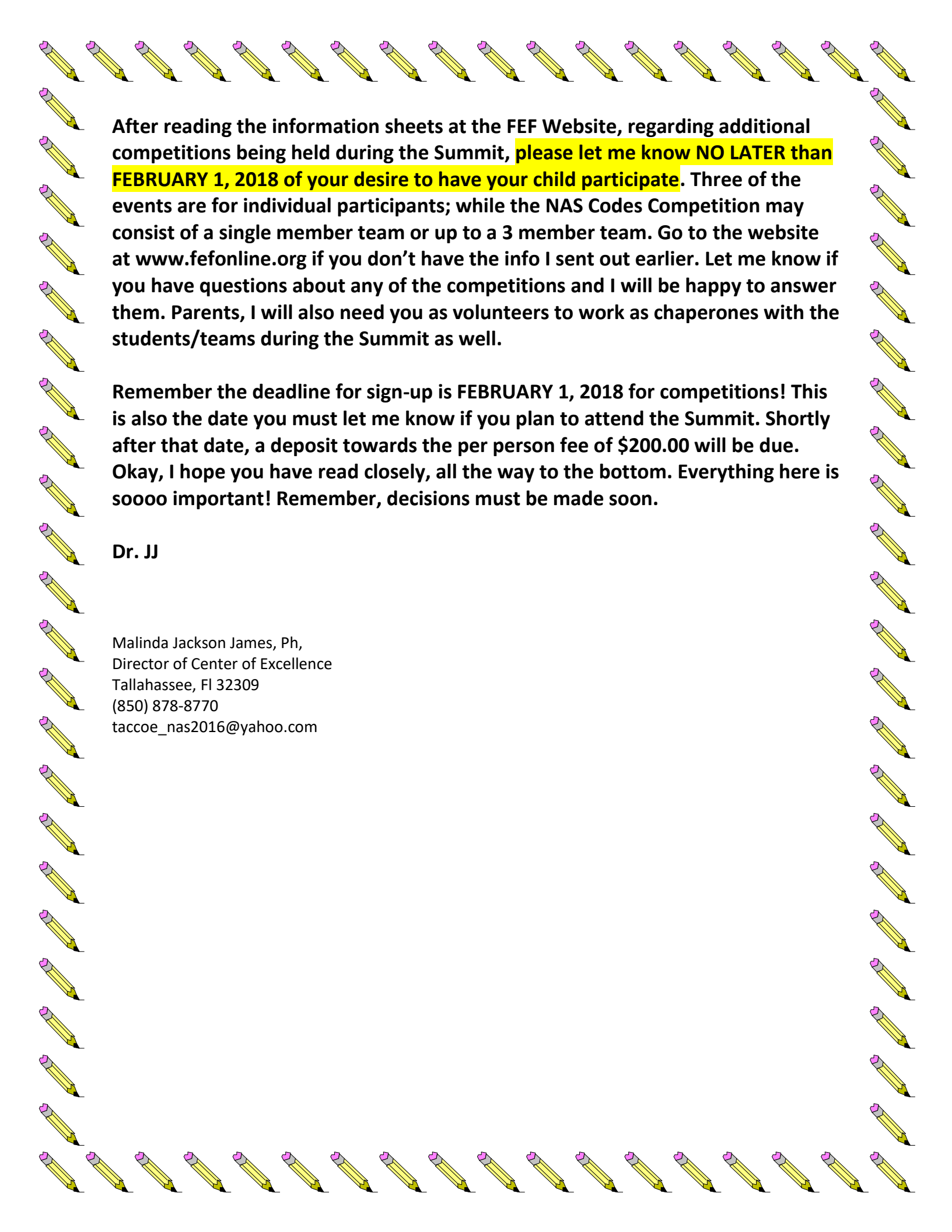


The winning high school team, will represent our Center in the State Summit BHBB Competition in Orlando in March. Achievers and Believers are asked to wear their T-Shirts with jeans or a pair of slacks for this activity. The plan is to have a “Food Truck” on campus for you to purchase your lunch. **(ABSOLUTELY No eating in the auditorium please!!!)**

- March is our next important and busy month. March 23-25, 2018, are the official dates for the SUMMIT and State BHBB Competition. The summit is our State-wide Achievers/Believers Conference; open to all students and parents. We will depart via Charter Bus for the Summit/BHBB Competition on Thursday morning, March 22<sup>nd</sup> and return on Saturday evening. It has been the custom to have all participating students excused from school during those particular school days. That same request will be made this year as well. Therefore, it is imperative that a decision is made soon, as to whether or not your child/children will attend this conference.

One of the parents sent me the Testing Schedule. From what I can see, it does not appear to be any conflicts of testing days with our travel schedule. However, **I am requesting and strongly encouraging you to speak with your child’s teacher, Assistant Principal or Principal to confirm the Testing Dates for your child’s school and grade level. Please do that asap and let me know your results if you are planning to attend the Summit.**

- In addition to the BHBB and Math Competitions, several other competitions will be held during the Summit. As announced earlier, those persons participating on the BHBB/Math Teams, will have their expenses taken care of by the C.O.E.. Other participants will have to pay the reduced fee of \$200.00 per person; which will include the costs for shared hotel room, 3 meals on Friday, Summit registration fee and 3 meals on Saturday. **All participants** must provide their own meals for the travel day on Thursday (Lunch and Dinner). NAS/Believer T-shirts are required for this conference on Saturday. No shorts for males or females at any time during the trip.



After reading the information sheets at the FEF Website, regarding additional competitions being held during the Summit, **please let me know NO LATER than FEBRUARY 1, 2018 of your desire to have your child participate.** Three of the events are for individual participants; while the NAS Codes Competition may consist of a single member team or up to a 3 member team. Go to the website at [www.fefonline.org](http://www.fefonline.org) if you don't have the info I sent out earlier. Let me know if you have questions about any of the competitions and I will be happy to answer them. Parents, I will also need you as volunteers to work as chaperones with the students/teams during the Summit as well.

Remember the deadline for sign-up is FEBRUARY 1, 2018 for competitions! This is also the date you must let me know if you plan to attend the Summit. Shortly after that date, a deposit towards the per person fee of \$200.00 will be due. Okay, I hope you have read closely, all the way to the bottom. Everything here is soooo important! Remember, decisions must be made soon.

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# Events Summary

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- **Saturday mornings until we Win! Math Team Competition sessions at the Bethel Baptist Church on West Tennessee Street from 10 am until 12 noon, unless otherwise re-scheduled.**
- **FEBRUARY 1, 2018 deadline for online registration for March 23-25 State Summit competitions!**
- **February 3, 2018 - 9:00 am and ending at approximately 3:00 p.m. Annual Black History Brain Bowl (BHBB) Competition, Rickards High School, Auditorium.**
- **Thursday morning, March 22<sup>nd</sup> depart for March 23-25, 2018, SUMMIT and State BHBB Competition, return Saturday evening.**