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## **Mossy Creek Middle Wins Regional Academic Bowl & Advances to State Huntington Middle Wins 2<sup>nd</sup> Place**



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - Mossy Creek Middle School won the Regional Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE) Academic Bowl for Middle Grades held Dec. 9. Thirteen teams from Bibb, Peach, Jones and Houston County competed. Mossy Creek Middle now advances to the state championship competition on Jan. 20 at Georgia College & State University in Milledgeville. The PAGE bowl will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Mossy Creek's team members are pictured: (from left, first row) Spencer Slade, Allison Freligh, Nathaniel O'Neill; (second row) Luke Copeland, Dallas Mundy, Shiva Soundappan, Madeline Kilgore; (third row) Oliva Stegner, Thomas Jewett, Nehemiah West, Kysten Sanders, Pete DiSanto, Andrew Carter, Canon Steinbart and Coach Carol Kohn.

At region, teams were split into two groups to play five or six other teams, depending on their placement. The top two teams from each group then competed in cross-over rounds to determine first and second place winners.

After the main rounds played out, the winners moved to final cross-over games. In the end for Region 8, Mossy Creek Middle captured the right to compete at state. Huntington Middle School won runner-up and was awarded a second-place trophy. Huntington's team is coached by Jeff Knutson.

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Jan Jacobsen, Director of Gifted Education in Houston County, said, "The rooms were full of excitement and nervous tension as students competed. The matches were challenging and many games were determined by the final question."

Coach Kohn reported, "Our team is so excited about this accomplishment and looks forward to competing in the state competition in January. Being allowed to witness our team's positive sportsmanship and teamwork was a privilege and I am so proud of them!"

For more information about the Academic Bowl, visit the PAGE Academic Bowl website at [www.pageinc.org/page/academicbowl](http://www.pageinc.org/page/academicbowl) or email Jacobsen at [Jan.Jacosen@hcbe.net](mailto:Jan.Jacosen@hcbe.net).

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