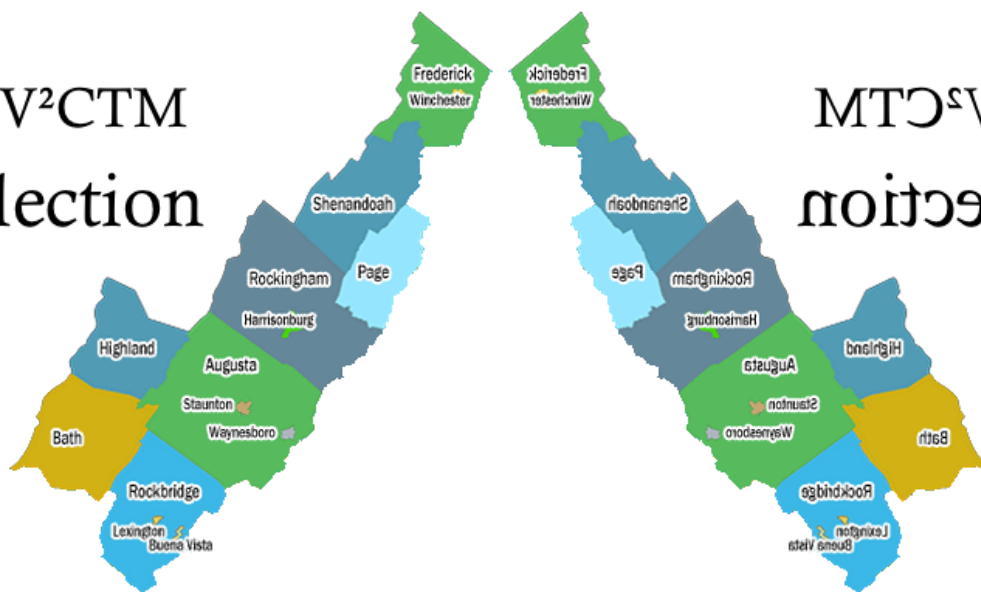


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## Spring Meeting April 25 at Skyline Middle School

The Spring V<sup>2</sup>CTM Conference will be held on Wednesday, April 25, 2018, at Skyline Middle School in Harrisonburg. The meeting will feature a keynote



presentation by Dr. Sherry Parrish, author of *Number Talks: Fractions, Decimals, and Percentages*. To get to Skyline Middle, take Interstate 81 to Exit 247 (US 33 East). Immediately get into the left lane and turn left at the first stoplight onto Linda Lane. Continue through the light and turn right when you see the school signs -- Skyline Middle School adjoins Smithland Elementary School; both schools' parking lots are available. Please register online at <https://tinyurl.com/V2CTM2018Spring> by April 11. Conference registration costs are only \$5 and include a fully catered dinner provided by White Hill Catering. There will be numerous appealing door prizes, including a copy of each of the two *Number Talks* books! The program is below:

4:30 – 5:00 **Registration**

5:00 – 5:45 **Dinner** catered by White Hill Catering (Meat Lasagna with Homemade Marinara Sauce, Vegetable Lasagna with Homemade Alfredo Sauce, Mixed Vegetable Medley, Green Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert, Sweetened/Unsweetened Tea and Water)

5:45 - 6:00 **Business Meeting:** Laurie Biser, V<sup>2</sup>CTM President

6:00 – 8:00 **Keynote Address:** *Math Talks with Rational Numbers*, Dr. Sherry Parrish

## Award-winning Author to Present at Spring Conference

**Keynote Address:** *Math Talks with Rational Numbers*

V<sup>2</sup>CTM is excited to announce a return visit by Dr. Sherry Parrish. She captivated us with her presentation on *Number Talks: Helping Children Build Mental Math and Computation Strategies* in Spring 2015, and now she is back to enthrall us once again with a new twist on computation strategies with rational numbers, based on her latest book *Number Talks: Fractions, Decimals, and Percentages*. It promises to be an evening you won't want to miss!

**Sherry Parrish** is a native of Birmingham, Alabama and began her career in education in 1979. A former Assistant Professor at The University of Alabama at Birmingham and classroom educator, Sherry currently serves as a mathematics education consultant. Sherry holds a doctorate in Educational Leadership from Samford University and is a recipient of the 1997 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching. She is the author of *Number Talks: Helping Children Build Mental Math and Computation Strategies*, which received the AEP Distinguished Achievement award, and *Number Talks: Fractions, Decimals, and Percentages*.



## Accolades for the First V<sup>2</sup>CTM Grant Recipients

V<sup>2</sup>CTM awarded two grants to attend the annual Virginia Council of Teachers of Mathematics Conference in Roanoke, Virginia on March 9-10:

- Shelly Carter is a kindergarten teacher at Natural Bridge Elementary School in Rockbridge County. She has been teaching for six years and enjoys sharing her excitement about learning with her students. She looks forward to presenting about the new ideas she gains from the conference.
- Michelle Swartley is a sixth-grade teacher at Thomas Harrison Middle School in Harrisonburg City Schools. She has been teaching for seven years and loves to implement strategies in her classroom community that promote perseverance, motivation, and conceptual understanding.

Congratulations, Ms. Carter and Ms. Swartley!

V<sup>2</sup>CTM also awarded a grant to attend the Annual National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Conference in Washington, D.C. on April 25-28:

- Elena Histan Stuckey is a Geometry teacher at Harrisonburg High School in Harrisonburg City Schools. She has been teaching for eight years and recently completed her Math Specialist degree from James Madison University. She is particularly excited about the Equity Address at the NCTM conference and looks forward to connecting/collaborating with the larger network of math educator colleagues.

Congratulations, Ms. Stuckey!

## John Stevens to Receive Award for Excellence in Math Education

Each year, V<sup>2</sup>CTM recognizes a classroom teacher on the elementary, middle, secondary, university, or math specialist/coach level for his/her outstanding work by conferring the H. Joseph Hill Award for Excellence in Mathematics Education. At the April 25 V<sup>2</sup>CTM conference, the 2018 award will be presented to John Stevens, a Geometry and AP Calculus teacher at Turner Ashby High School in Rockingham County. John has been teaching for seven years and participates regularly in professional development opportunities. He has presented at local conferences, and he co-published an article for *Mathematics Teacher* that was highlighted by the journal in a NCTM-sponsored Twitter chat. He volunteers his time at many school and V<sup>2</sup>CTM events, including serving as emcee for the regional 24-Challenge tournament. John's dedication to exemplary teaching and quest for continual improvement and development have distinguished him among his field. He strives to teach conceptually and to make connections among math topics explicit for his students. With this goal in mind, he recently re-structured his courses, beginning with a comprehensive look at the big ideas in each of his subjects. He has adopted a standards-based grading system that promotes mastery learning and a growth mindset.

V<sup>2</sup>CTM congratulates John for his innovative teaching practices and service to the math education community!

## V<sup>2</sup>CTM Slate of Officers for 2018-20

At the business meeting on April 25, the following slate of officers will be presented:

- President-Elect: Angie Deitz, Augusta County Public Schools
- Treasurer: John (Zig) Siegfried, James Madison University
- Board Members: Amy Henderson, Harrisonburg City Public Schools  
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## Upcoming Events

### Regional 24 Challenge Tournament

All elementary schools are invited to participate!

Wilson Middle School, Fishersville, VA

6:00pm

Thursday, April 19, 2018

View details and register your team of 4 players, up to 2 alternates, and 1-2 proctors at the following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/0OiuFpA63TCUwps02>

Registration Deadline: **Wednesday, April 4, 2018**

### NCTM 2018 Annual Conference and Exposition

Washington, D.C., April 25-28, 2018

Registration information is available at:

<http://www.nctm.org/Conferences-and-Professional-Development/Annual-Meeting-and-Exposition/>

## V<sup>2</sup>CTM Spring 2018 Conference Registration

To register, please access the online registration form at <https://tinyurl.com/V2CTM2018Spring>. You may pay your \$5 conference fees at the door on April 25. Please complete your registration no later than **April 11**, so we will have an accurate dinner count.

**See you at Skyline Middle School on Wednesday, April 25!**

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