

A. Math Club Meeting #5: **MOVIE NIGHT !!!**

When: Friday, November 20th, 2009, 6-8pm

Where: Movie Theater, Laurel Hall (first floor)

Food: Pizza, chips, popcorn and drinks

B. Agenda:

1) **"The Pursuit of Happyness"** (2006)

Cast: Will Smith, Jaden Smith, Thandie Newton, Brian Howe

Short Summary: A struggling salesman takes custody of his son as he is poised to begin a life-changing professional endeavor. Further details about the plot of the movie are given at the bottom of the page.***

Student attendance at meetings is what's needed most for making the club vibrant and full of ideas and activities.

C. More about Math Club:

~~ All math majors are welcome at the meetings!

~~ Non-math majors and first time attendees welcome!

~~ Bring a friend, if you'd like! Come, join the discussion, voice your opinions, make a difference, or just listen and learn.

~~ For the math club website, visit

<http://phobos.ramapo.edu/majors/mathematics/AvailableAtRamapo/MathClub20092010.htm>

~~ For some information helpful to math majors, visit the math convening group website at

<http://phobos.ramapo.edu/majors/mathematics/>

~~ In Fall 2009 Math Club meets every two weeks on Thursdays, 1-2 pm, unless indicated otherwise.

~~ If you have any questions, contact the math club advisers, Dr. Katarzyna Potocka at kpotocka@ramapo.edu or Dr. Ken McMurdy at kmcmurdy@ramapo.edu

*****Plot:**

In 1981, in San Francisco, the smart salesman and family man Chris Gardner invests the family savings in Osteo National bone-density scanners, an apparatus twice as expensive as an x-ray machine but with a slightly clearer image. This white elephant financially breaks the family, bringing troubles to his relationship with his wife Linda, who leaves him and moves to New York where she has

received a job in a pizza parlor. She wishes to take their son Christopher with her, but Chris refuses because they both know that Linda will be unable to take care of him.

Without money or a wife, but totally committed to his son Christopher, Chris sees the chance to fight for a stockbroker internship position at Dean Witter, offering a more promising career at the end of a six month unpaid training period. There are nineteen other candidates for the one position. Meanwhile, he encounters many challenges and difficulties, including a period of homelessness and troubles with the IRS.