ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL

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STUDENT ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATION MANUAL

“...That in all things He might have pre-eminence.”
Colossians 1:18

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Dear Administrator and Student Activity Coordinator,

The Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) provides numerous student activities such as speech meets, spelling bees, music festivals, math competitions, art festivals, yearbook evaluations, student leadership conferences, creative writing festivals, and science fairs. All of these are designed to promote student competency in communicating the message of Jesus Christ. Over 100,000 students across the United States participate in these events annually.

The Student Activities program is designed to fit the unique needs of each geographical region of the Association. The Florida Region staff serves member schools by coordinating event registration, providing resource materials for event chairpersons and school coordinators, and assisting those involved in each event to make the event of value for each student. The events are chaired and hosted by member schools at a variety of locations throughout the region.

The Student Activities Participation Manual provides you with information about each of the events in the Florida Region. Each description will enable you to identify the benefits of the events for your students and how to prepare them for their involvement.

The ACSI staff is pleased to serve you in the Florida Region. Please feel free to contact us if we can be of assistance to you and your school. We look forward to seeing your students at a number of this year’s activities.

In His Service,

Jon Sprankle
Assistant Director
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PHILOSOPHY

The ACSI Student Activities in the Florida Region are designed to meet the following objectives:

1. To provide incentives for students to develop skills necessary for Christian leadership.

2. To facilitate the learning process of each student.

3. To help students develop the skills to be an effective communicator.

4. To provide a gauge to determine how effectively each school has prepared their students in the various areas.

5. To provide a degree of competition that will help develop the composure and confidence of each participant.

6. To provide for a time of fun and fellowship with other Christian young people.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

All schools participating in an event with the Association of Christian Schools International are required to have adequate insurance coverage for students and sponsors/teachers. ACSI does not assume responsibility for such coverage.

The school's student accident insurance should cover most reasonable and customary medical expenses. Worker's Compensation should cover sponsors/teachers.

Activities include, but are not limited to: art, cheerleading, geography, math, music, science, spelling, and speech events.
GENERAL INFORMATION AND PROCEDURES

School Registration:
1. School registration begins August 1, 2016 and must be completed before November 1, 2016. Early registration assists ACSI in efficiently coordinating all appropriate materials for your school and the host school.
2. School registration fees help cover the costs of preparation, printing, and sending of Student Activities materials.
3. FINAL REGISTRATION FOR ALL ACTIVITIES IS NOVEMBER 1, 2016.

Handbooks
1. Handbooks are available from ACSI only to those ACSI member schools registered for activities. Please note that the handbooks are password protected, and the password will be sent to the school upon receipt of the registration form and fee. The handbooks will help your school’s activity coordinator prepare your students for participation at ACSI Student Activities.

After Registration:
1. A list of registered schools is prepared for each activity and will be sent to the appropriate event chairperson in early December. This enables the event chairperson to communicate additional information to your school coordinator.
2. Your school will receive the name, address, telephone and FAX numbers, and the email address of the event chairperson, as well as information regarding participation fees and deadlines.

Participation Fees:
1. In addition to the initial school registration fee, a per-student participation fee will be charged for all events with the exception of yearbook evaluation and math league. The student participation fees help cover the costs of mailings, judges, adjudicators, awards, etc. ALL CHECKS SHOULD BE SCHOOL CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO ACSI.
2. The appropriate entry forms, listing the student participants and their areas of involvement, must be sent to the FLORIDA REGIONAL OFFICE five weeks in advance of the activity. Participation fees must also be sent at this time. The fees and student information must be postmarked NO LATER THAN THE SPECIFIED DEADLINE.

Please help us by correctly completing the following steps:
1. Complete ALL information requested on the registration form, including COMPLETE mailing address, zip code, phone and FAX numbers, including the area code.
2. List your school’s coordinator and email address for each activity. All follow up material will be sent to this person.
3. Enclose a school check, made payable to ACSI, for the correct total of fees. Registration can also be paid with Visa or MasterCard (see individual event for fee). PLEASE NOTE THAT REFUNDS ARE NOT GIVEN FOR REGISTRATION OR PARTICIPATION FEES.
**ART FESTIVALS**

**Objectives:**

1. To encourage and promote interest in art education at all grade levels.
2. To provide an opportunity to exhibit and recognize outstanding artwork by ACSI students.
3. To provide an opportunity for students to acknowledge their talent and glorify the Lord through personal expression in the media of art.

**Description:**

Schools should conduct their own preliminary art festival and send their top projects to the event chairperson. Materials will be sent to each participating school after they register. This additional material will help in preparing for the event.

Artwork should demonstrate the students’ abilities in applying different media representing their God-given talents in the area of art. Any artwork that has been done in the classroom during the current school year is eligible. All entries must be the original work of the student; no kit projects are permitted. Specific instructions will be provided for preparation of displays.

**Eligibility:**

The Art Festival is open to ACSI member schools only. Students in grades K-12 are eligible. Each school may send a maximum of 25 entries. Every grade and classroom should be represented. There is a limit of two pieces of work from any one student.

**Schedule:**

All entries must be submitted to the event chairperson at the host school before the festival date. The chairperson will notify participating schools of the exact date of when entries are due.

**Awards:**

Exhibits will be judged according to the quality of work and not in competition with other exhibits. Each student will receive a Certificate of Participation. Ribbons will be awarded to those entries of artwork that are judged superior (blue), excellent (red), or good (white).

A Best of Show award will be given in each category and grade division. Artwork will be judged in four grade divisions: grades K-2, grades 3-5, grades 6-8, and grades 9-12.

**Fees:**

- School Registration Fee: $60.00 (Check/Credit Card) (Due before November 1, 2016)
- School Participation Fee: $10.00 per entry (Check/Credit Card) (Due five weeks prior to the event)

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CREATIVE WRITING FESTIVALS

Objectives:

1. To provide an opportunity for students to develop creative writing abilities and skills.
2. To provide an opportunity for students to share their written work with others.
3. To provide an opportunity for students to have their written work evaluated.

Description:

Each school should conduct their own preliminary creative writing festival and then send the top entries to the event chairperson to be judged. The festival is not a competition. Students are rated against the score sheet, not against each other. Only the works of the students are sent to the festival; the students do not attend. All works must be typed and double spaced. At the district level, three judges will evaluate each entry.

Eligibility:

Only ACSI member schools are eligible for this evaluation. There are three levels of participation, and each level will be graded separately. The levels are grades 4-5, grades 6-8, and grades 9-12. All written work must be from the following categories:

Short story – The subject may deal with spiritual or historical personalities, themes, or ideas. The writer must stay within the bounds of moral and acceptable subject matter. The characters may be of any era. The story may be true-to-life. It may be, but is not limited to, fantasy, mystery, or comedy. The following lengths are required: Grades 4-5: 300-800 words; Grades 6-8: 600-1,600 words; Grades 9-12: 900-2,400 words.

Essay – The essay should be pertinent. The author may develop a definition, concept, or idea. The subject may be a controversial one, but moral and spiritual values need to be evident. The following lengths are required: Grades 4-5: 300-800 words; Grades 6-8: 600-1,600 words; Grades 9-12: 900-2,400 words.

Poem – Topics may include those relating to the feelings, emotions, and attitudes concerning people, nature, or spiritual concepts. The poem should include one’s thoughts, imaginations, and emotions. The following lengths are required: Grades 4-5: 25-100 words; Grades 6-8: 25-300 words; Grades 9-12: 100-600 words.

Schedule:

All entries must be submitted to the district festival chairperson by the festival due date. The evaluations will be completed approximately three to four weeks after the festival date. The works will then be returned to the schools with the evaluation form and the appropriate ribbon.

Awards:

No student may enter more than two written pieces. They may be in the same or different categories. Each school may not submit more than a TOTAL OF FIFTEEN WORKS. Each student will receive a Certificate of Participation, and ribbons will be awarded on the basis of superior (blue), excellent (red), and good (white) work.

Fees:

School Registration Fee: $60.00 (Check/Credit Card) (Due before November 1, 2016)
Student Participation Fee: $10.00 per entry (Check/Credit Card) (Due five weeks prior to the event)

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MATH OLYMPICS

Objectives:
1. To stimulate an interest in mathematics.
2. To recognize the achievements of students in mathematics.
3. To provide students with an opportunity to meet and have fellowship with other mathematically-minded students.
4. To offer students an opportunity to glorify God in the use of their mathematical abilities beyond the classroom.

Description:
The Math Olympics is a series of tests, with each test considered as a round. Each category consists of 4 rounds. Categories include Arithmetic Computation and Mathematical Reasoning. Work will be judged in each grade level and in each category. Students in grades 3-8 will have four (4) tests. The fourth test at each level will be used to break ties only.

Eligibility:
The Math Olympics is open to students in grades 3-8 from ACSI member schools only. Each school may enter NO MORE THAN 3 STUDENTS per grade level in the Computation category and NO MORE THAN 3 STUDENTS per grade level in the Reasoning category. The maximum number of students from any school would be 36.

Participating schools must bring five (5) adults to the Olympics to serve as helpers. Two of the individuals should be teachers who will be asked to administer tests.

Schedule:
Math Olympics is generally a full-day event. If so, time will be given for lunch. The exact schedule will come from the event chairperson.

Awards:
Ribbons will be awarded to the top five students in each grade and category, and all students will receive a Certificate of Participation. The highest scoring student in each grade and each category (with a minimum score of at least 85%) will receive a medallion. In the event of a tie, a tiebreaker will be required.

Fees:
School Registration Fee: $60.00 (Check/Credit Card) (Due before November 1, 2016)
Student Participation Fee: $10.00 per entry (Check/Credit Card) (Due five weeks prior to the event)

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ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL VOCAL MUSIC FESTIVALS

Objectives:
1. To exalt our Lord Jesus Christ through the students’ musical talents.
2. To encourage students to share in the ministry of music.
3. To create an opportunity for fellowship with students from other Christian schools.
4. To provide an opportunity for students to benefit from the evaluation of qualified adjudicators.

Description:
Choirs will perform two pieces: one required selection from the ACSI Required Choral List and one piece of your choice. Challenging and appropriate music should be used for the “choice” selection. All aspects of music selected should be acceptable to Christian standards as they relate to lyric, rhythm, etc. Popular, show-tune styles are not acceptable. Quality choral literature should be chosen for the festival. Music performances will be adjudicated against a standard of excellence and not on a competitive basis with other participants. Schools must provide their own accompanists, and no tape-recorded background accompaniment is permitted. Copied/Xeroxed music will not be accepted unless the music folder includes a copy of a letter of permission from the copyright holder on letterhead stationery. A handbook providing details for preparation can be found on the ACSI website.

Eligibility:
ACSI Vocal Music Festivals are open to ACSI member schools only. The Elementary/Middle School Music Festival is open to grades 3-8.

Categories of participation:
1. Choirs (13 or more members)
2. Vocal Ensembles (5-12 members)

Schedule:
The Music Festival is a full-day event held in the spring. Specific times and schedule will come from the event chairperson.

Awards:
Choirs and ensembles will be presented with a Certificate of Participation that will indicate their rating. Ribbons will be awarded to all entries rated superior (blue) or excellent (red).

Fees:
School Registration Fee: $60.00 (Check/Credit Card) (Due before November 1, 2016)
Student Participation Fee: $65.00 per choir, $45.00 per vocal ensemble (Check/Credit Card) (Due five weeks prior to the event)

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INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT BAND MUSIC FESTIVALS

Objectives:
1. To exalt our Lord Jesus Christ through the students’ musical talents.
2. To encourage students to share in the ministry of music.
3. To create an opportunity for fellowship with students from other Christian schools.
4. To provide an opportunity for students to benefit from the evaluation of qualified adjudicators.

Description:

There are no required numbers from which to choose. Challenging and appropriate music must be used by every entry; however, it is suggested the Florida Band Association music lists be used as a guide. All published parts must be performed. Music performances will be adjudicated against a standard of excellence and not on a competitive basis with other participants. Schools must provide their own accompanists. Divisions include band and orchestra. Copied/Xeroxed music will not be accepted. A handbook can be found on the ACSI website.

Eligibility:

ACSI Instrumental Music Festivals are open to students in grades 4-12 from ACSI member schools only. It will be the discretion of the director to choose appropriate music for each grade level.

Schedule:

The Instrumental Festival is a full-day event held in the spring. Specific times and schedule will come from the event chairperson.

Awards:

Certificates will be awarded to all entries indicating their rating. Ribbons will be awarded for superior (blue) and excellent (red) ratings.

Fees:

School Registration Fee: $60.00 (Check/Credit Card) (Due before November 1, 2016)
Student participation Fee: $70.00 per band or orchestra entry (Check/Credit Card) (Due five weeks prior to the event)

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INSTRUMENTAL SOLO/ENSEMBLE MUSIC FESTIVALS

Objectives:

1. To exalt our Lord Jesus Christ through the students’ musical talents.
2. To encourage students to share in the ministry of music.
3. To create an opportunity for fellowship with students from other Christian schools.
4. To provide an opportunity for students to benefit from the evaluation of qualified adjudicators.

Description:

There are no required numbers from which to choose. Challenging and appropriate music must be used by every entry; however, it is suggested the Florida Band Association music lists be used as a guide. All published parts must be performed. Music performances will be adjudicated against a standard of excellence and not on a competitive basis with other participants. Schools must provide their own accompanists. Divisions include (a) Strings, Woodwinds, and Brass solos and ensembles, (b) Percussion solos and ensembles, and (c) handbell entries. Copied/Xeroxed music will not be accepted. A handbook providing details for preparation can be found on the ACSI website.

Eligibility:

ACSI Instrumental Music Festivals are open to students in grades 4-12 from ACSI member schools only. It will be the discretion of the director to choose appropriate music for each grade level.

Schedule:

The Instrumental Solo/Ensemble Music Festival is a full-day event held in the late winter. Specific times and schedule will come from the event chairperson.

Awards:

Certificates will be awarded to all participants. Directors may order medallions from an awards company at their own schools’ expense.

Fees:

School Registration Fee: $60.00 (Check/Credit Card)  (Due before November 1, 2016)
Student Participation Fee: $10.00 per solo/$20.00 per duet/$30.00 per trio/$40.00 per quartet/$50.00 per ensemble (5 or more students)/$50.00 per handbell entry (Check/Credit Card)  (Due five weeks prior to the event)

Please note that all checks must be school checks made payable to ACSI.

All registration and participation forms and fees must be sent to the ACSI Florida office by the appropriate deadlines.
MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL VOCAL MUSIC FESTIVALS

Objectives:
1. To exalt our Lord Jesus Christ through the students' musical talents.
2. To encourage students to share in the ministry of music.
3. To create an opportunity for fellowship with students from other Christian schools.
4. To provide an opportunity for students to benefit from the evaluation of qualified adjudicators.

Description:
Choirs will perform two selections before three adjudicators. One of the selections must be from the ACSI Required Choral List and the other is the choice of the director. Challenging and appropriate music should be used for the “choice” selection. All aspects of music selected should be acceptable to Christian standards as they relate to lyric, rhythm, etc. Popular, rock, contemporary, country, jazz, and show-tune styles of music are not acceptable. Quality choral literature should be chosen. Music performances will be adjudicated against a standard of excellence and not on a competitive basis with other participants. This is not a music contest. Schools must provide their own accompanists. Copied/Xeroxed music will not be accepted unless the music folder includes a copy of a letter of permission from the copyright holder on letterhead stationery. No taped or recorded background accompaniment is permitted. A handbook providing details for preparation for the Music Festival can be found on the ACSI website.

Eligibility:
ACSI Vocal Music Festivals are open to ACSI member schools only. The Middle/High School Music Festival is open to grades 6-12. Groups may enter the Music Festival in the Middle School Division (grades 6-8) and/or the High School Division (grades 9-12). It is also possible to enter a group of students from a combination of these grade levels (grades 6-12).

Groups may enter the following categories:
1. Vocal Ensemble (5-12 members)
2. Choir (13 or more members)

Soloists and Small Ensembles may enter the following categories:
1. Soloist
2. Duet, Trio, Quartet

Each student is limited to a maximum of three (3) performances. Of these, only two may be in the Soloist/Small Ensemble category.

Schedule:
The Music Festival is a full-day event held in the spring. Specific times and schedule will come from the event chairperson.
**Middle School/High School Vocal Music Festivals (continued)**

**Awards:**

Choirs and large ensembles will be presented with a ribbon and a Certificate of Participation that will indicate their rating. Soloists and each member of a small ensemble will receive a ribbon and a Certificate of Participation that will include their rating. Ribbons will be awarded for superior (blue) and excellent (red) ratings.

**Fees:**

- **School Registration Fee:** $60.00 (Check/Credit Card) *(Due before November 1, 2016)*
- **School Participation Fee:** $65.00 per choir/$45.00 per large ensemble/ $10.00 per soloist/ $20.00 per duet/ $30.00 per trio/ $40.00 per quartet (Check/Credit Card) *(Due five weeks prior to the event)*

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PIANO FESTIVALS

Objectives:

1. To give students the opportunity to praise the Lord through the medium of music.
2. To provide incentive for high musical standards and promote development of good musicianship through the evaluation experience.
3. To encourage students to share in the ministry of music and perform before their peers.
4. To provide an opportunity for challenge as well as fellowship with musicians from other Christian schools.

Description:

Each student will perform two solo pieces before an adjudicator. One repertoire selection must be memorized and chosen from the Required Piano Repertoire List. One hymn selection must be chosen from the Required Hymn List. The hymn may be played with the music. The student will also be required to play a scale in the key signature of the repertoire piece. Students may also enter the duet category that is considered separate from solo adjudication. There is no required duet list.

Students will be judged against a standard of excellence and NOT against other students. Each student will receive a written adjudication (constructive criticism) on his/her performance.

Eligibility:

ACSI Piano Festivals are open to ACSI member schools only. Students in grades 2-12 who are presently taking lessons from a qualified teacher may participate.

Divisions: 1. Solo: Repertoire and Hymn (considered as one entry)  
2. Duet

Levels: Pre-primary through Advanced

Schedule:

The festival is generally a half-day event, depending on the number of entries. The level in which the student plays determines the time allotted for the performance.

Awards:

Ribbons will be awarded to all entries rated superior (blue) or excellent (red). All participants will receive a Certificate of Participation.

Fees:

School Registration Fee: $60.00 (Check/Credit Card) (Due before November 1, 2016)

School Participation Fee: $10.00 per solo, $20.00 per duet (Check/Credit Card) (Due five weeks prior to the event)

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SCIENCE FAIRS

Objectives:

1. To encourage students to apply creativity and critical thought to scientific, mathematical, and engineering problems.
2. To motivate students to further study in pursuit of scientific knowledge.
3. To offer students opportunities to recognize God’s work of creation and honor Him through their science projects.

Description:

Schools should conduct their own preliminary science fair and send their top projects to the event chairperson. The Science Fair is not a competition. Students are rated against the score sheet, not against each other.

Exhibits must demonstrate some scientific principles or show original research and creativity of a science problem with supporting data. Projects must include an experiment or display (depending on grade level). The rules handbook gives complete details on the specifics that must be met by each entry. The handbook may be found on the ACSI website.

Eligibility:

ACSI Science Fairs are open to ACSI member schools only. Each school may enter a MAXIMUM OF 20 ENTRIES. (No exceptions will be made!)

Grade Levels: Grades 3-4, Grades 5-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-10, and Grades 11-12

Types of Projects: 1. Experimental

Divisions: 1. Physical Science
2. Life Science

PLEASE NOTE: Each participant must be declared a FINALIST at his/her own local school science fair.

Schedule:

The Science Fair is generally a full-day event. Time will be given for lunch. The exact schedule will come from the event chairperson.

Awards:

All entries will receive a Certificate of Participation, and ribbons will be awarded to those exhibits that are judged superior (blue), excellent (red), and good (white).

Fees:

School Registration Fee: $60.00 (Check/Credit Card) (Due before November 1, 2016)
School Participation Fee: $10.00 per student (Check/Credit Card) (Due five weeks prior to the event)

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ELEMENTARY SPEECH MEETS

Objectives:

1. To encourage students to speak audibly, articulately, expressively, and with poise and vivaciousness.
2. To provide an opportunity for students to speak in an audience situation.
3. To encourage students to develop their skills of communication and bring honor to the Lord through the use of these skills.

Description:

Schools should conduct their own preliminary speech meet to determine who will represent them at the ACSI Speech Meet. Materials will be sent to each registered school that will help them prepare for this event.

Students will demonstrate their speaking ability by presenting a speech from the categories listed below. Microphones, props, and costumes are NOT to be used. All work must be memorized, and notes may not be used. Complete details will be provided to all registered schools.

Students do not compete against one another; presentations are rated against the score sheet. Registered schools are required to provide a minimum of three (3) adults to assist in the judging.

Eligibility:

ACSI Elementary Speech Meets are open to students in grades 1-6 from ACSI member schools. Participation is limited to two students per category from each classroom. No student may participate in more than one category.

Categories include:

- Poetry (grades 1-6) — Selected from ACSI list of poems
- Bible Memorization (grades 1-6) — Selected from ACSI list of verses
- Patriotic Oration (grade 5 only) — Selected from ACSI list or own choice
- Dramatic Bible Prose (grade 6 only) — Own choice
- Original Speech (grade 6 only) — Written by the student according to ACSI guidelines

Additional categories cannot be added. All presented material must be memorized and meet the guideline standards of ACSI.

Complete requirements and approved selections are listed in the Elementary Speech Meet Handbook available from ACSI.

Schedule:

The Elementary Speech Meet is normally a full-day event, depending on the number of entries. If needed, time will be given for lunch. The exact schedule will come from your event chairperson.
Elementary Speech Meets (continued)

Awards:

Ribbons will be awarded to all entries that are judged superior (blue), excellent (red), or good (white). All participants will receive a Certificate of Participation.

Fees:

School Registration Fee:  $60.00 (Check/Credit Card)  (Due before November 1, 2016)
Student Participation Fee:  $10.00 per entry (Check/Credit Card)  (Due five weeks prior to the event)

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MIDDLE SCHOOL SPEECH MEETS

Objectives:

1. To help students develop skills of communication; to speak audibly, articulately, and expressively.
2. To encourage students to speak in an audience situation.
3. To encourage students to develop a commitment to the verbal communication of God’s Word and their Christian faith.

Description:

Schools should conduct their own preliminary speech meet to determine who will represent them at the ACSI speech meet. Materials will be sent to each registered school that will help them prepare for this event. Students will demonstrate their speaking abilities by selecting and presenting materials from the categories listed below. Selections will be given twice; once in Round One and again in Round Two. Presentations must be given within a specific time frame. Microphones will not be used. Students do not compete against each other, but against a set of standards.

Each school is required to provide a minimum of three (3) qualified judges. Additional helpers may be requested.

Eligibility:

ASCI Middle School Speech Meets are open to students in grades 6-8 from ACSI member schools. Participation is limited to a total of two entries per category from each school. (Note: A team of students working together in the Puppetry category is considered one entry.) No student may participate in more than one category.

Categories:

- Dramatic Reading
- Humorous Reading
- Dramatic Costumed Monologue — costume and props required; memorized.
- Humorous Costumed Monologue — costume and props required; memorized.
- Poetry — memorized
- Visual Aid — Bible story/Christian truth illustrated by use of visual aid; memorized.
- Puppets — Students must provide own equipment, no pre-taped program; memorized.
- Original Speech — 600-800 original work; memorized.
- Scripture Reading

The Middle School Speech Meet Handbook with complete details, rules, and guidelines concerning the meet is available from ACSI. Speech contestants are not limited to these materials only, but all selections should meet ACSI guideline standards and reflect a proper Christian spirit and taste.

Schedule:

The Middle School Speech Meet is a full-day event. Time will be given for lunch. The exact schedule will come from the chairperson.
Middle School Speech Meets (continued)

Awards:
Ribbons will be awarded to all entries that are judged superior (blue), excellent (red), or good (white). All participants will receive a Certificate of Participation.

Fees:
School Registration Fee: $60.00 (Check/Credit Card) (Due before November 1, 2016)
Student Participation Fee: $10.00 per entry (Check/Credit Card) (Due five weeks prior to the event)

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SENIOR HIGH SPEECH MEETS

Objectives:
1. To encourage students to develop clear organizational thoughts and verbal communication skills.
2. To provide opportunity for students to use their talents by giving presentations to an audience.
3. To encourage students to use their speaking talents in proclaiming God’s Word and Christian truths.

Description:
All presentations are timed. Two rounds will be given for each category with the exceptions of Impromptu and Extemporaneous Speaking. Students do not compete against one another, but against a set of standards. All registered schools will receive a school coordinator’s handbook with complete details about the meet. Senior high speech selections are not available through ACSI. Schools must develop their own library of materials for categories requiring published works. Selections must be of high literary quality and should meet the guidelines and standards established by ACSI. Each school is required to provide one qualified judge for every five entries.

Eligibility:
ACSI Senior High Speech Meets are open to students in grades 9-12 from ACSI member schools.

Categories:
- Dramatic Interpretation
- Humorous Interpretation
- Bible Reading
- Original Oratory
- Duet Acting
- Extemporaneous Speaking
- Reader's Theatre
- Impromptu
- Devotional Homiletics
- Interpretation of Kiddie Literature
- Individual Acting
- TV News Team

Each category is held in two divisions: Upper (grades 11-12) and Lower (grades 9-10). Each school may submit no more than two entries from each division in each category. The maximum number of entries from one school is 18 upper division and 18 lower division for a total of 36 entries. If one student enters two categories, he/she will be counted as two entries, pay two fees, and receive two awards. No student may participate in more than two categories.

The High School Speech Meet Handbook with complete details, rules, and guidelines concerning the meet is available from ACSI.

Schedule:
The Senior High Speech Meet is a full-day event. Time will be given for lunch. The exact schedule will come from the chairperson.

Awards:
Ribbons will be awarded to all entries that are judged superior (blue), excellent (red), and good (white). All participants will receive a Certificate of Participation.

Fees:
- School Registration Fee: $60.00 (Check/Credit Card) (Due before November 1, 2016)
- School Participation Fee: $10.00 per entry (Check/Credit Card) (Due five weeks prior to the event)

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ALL REGISTRATION AND PARTICIPATION FORMS AND FEES MUST BE SENT TO THE ACSI FLORIDA OFFICE BY THE APPROPRIATE DEADLINES.
SPELLING BEES

Objectives:
1. To help students develop good spelling habits and skills.
2. To expand students' abilities to correctly express themselves in all areas of communication.
3. To develop within the student the awareness of accurate usage of words and vocabulary by encouraging proper pronunciation.
4. To encourage students to develop the ability to remain calm under the pressure of competition and maintain clear thinking and good recall.
5. To provide an opportunity for fellowship with students from other Christian schools.

Description:
Schools should conduct their own preliminary spelling bees to determine the students that will represent their school at the ACSI District Spelling Bee.

The Spelling Master will initiate the spelling bee with a practice round and ask the participants afterwards if they have any questions. Competition rounds will follow where a misspelled word will automatically eliminate the participant from the bee. The student must pronounce the word before spelling, then spell the word correctly, and then pronounce the word again.

The ACSI spelling bee is not an exercise in memorization, but a spelling bee. Therefore, words from lists other than the ACSI list may be used during the bee.

Participants will compete with students in their own grade level to determine the grade winners. (NOTE: There is no further competition for students in grades 1-4.) The first and second place contestants from grades 5-8 will then compete to determine the ACSI District Spelling Bee Champion and 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place overall winners. The top four finishers will then be eligible to participate in the ACSI Florida Regional Spelling Bee.

Eligibility:
ACSI Spelling Bees are open to students in grades 1-8 from ACSI member schools. Each school is allowed to enter two contestants per classroom in each grade level. ACSI offers two levels of spelling bees: Grades 1-4 Spelling Bees and Grades 5-8 Spelling Bees.

Schedule:
The spelling bee is usually a half-day event. The event chairperson will send a schedule for the day and more specific information regarding the activity to all participating schools.

Awards:
Ribbons will be awarded to the top four finishers in each grade level. All participants will receive a Certificate of Participation. Plaques will be awarded to the top four finishers in the Grades 5-8 Championship Round.

Fees:
School Registration Fee: $60.00 (Check/Credit Card) (Due before November 1, 2016)
Student Participation Fee: $10.00 per student (Check/Credit Card) (Due five weeks prior to the event)

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REGISTRATION FORMS

FOR MATH LEAGUE

COMPETITION AND

YEARBOOK

EVALUATION/COMPETITION

ARE AVAILABLE FROM ACSI.

CONTACT THE REGIONAL

OFFICE AT 727-734-7096
MATH LEAGUE

Objectives:

1. To stimulate an interest in mathematics.
2. To recognize the achievements of students in basic and advanced mathematics classes.
3. To offer students an opportunity to glorify God in the use of their mathematical abilities.
4. To offer students the opportunity to compete in regional and national competitions.
5. To encourage students to become more proficient in mathematics.

Description:

Math League is an activity that takes place on your campus. There are six sections of competition: Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, and Calculus. Within each section there will be a series of four tests. All tests will be administered to the students between March 1 and April 12, 2017. Results must be postmarked by April 13, 2017 and returned to the ACSI Florida Regional Office. Winning schools will advance to national competition.

Eligibility:

Math League is open to students from ACSI member schools only. There is no limit on the number of students who may take the tests. Only the top five scores will be reported. Students must be currently enrolled in the subject area in which they are participating.

Schedule:

Tests will be given between March 1 and April 12, 2017. All results must be postmarked by April 13, 2017, and returned to the ACSI Florida Regional Office.

Awards:

At the conclusion of the competition, results sheets will be printed listing the scores of each school, cumulative school scores, and individual perfect scores. Medals will be given for the highest individual cumulative score per section among all participating schools. A plaque will be awarded to each school with the highest cumulative score per section.

Fees:

School Registration Fee: $60.00 per section (Check/Credit Card) (Due before November 1, 2016)

This cost includes tests, solutions, instruction booklets, score sheets, cumulative record forms, results sheets, and awards.

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YEARBOOK EVALUATION/COMPETITION

Objectives:

1. To evaluate the yearbook through a standard of excellence.
2. To encourage the yearbook staff to create a quality yearbook that tells the story of the school year and presents a Christian perspective.
3. To challenge the yearbook staff with the reality that preparing a quality yearbook requires time and dedication.

Description:

A copy of the previous year’s yearbook is submitted to the ACSI Florida regional office for evaluation by various Christian professionals experienced in layout, design, printing, and composition. These professionals will complete an extensive written evaluation of every yearbook.

Eligibility:

ACSI member schools only are eligible for this evaluation. The competition/evaluation is divided into two divisions:

Elementary/Middle School (grades K-6 or grades K-8)
   Division A: Less than 300 students
   Division B: More than 300 students

Elementary/Middle School/High School (grades K-12 or grades 6-12 or grades 9-12)
   Division I: Less than 250 students
   Division II: 250-500 students
   Division III: More than 500 students

Schedule:

Yearbooks must be submitted to the ACSI Florida Regional Office by October 3, 2016. Books and evaluations will be returned by January.

Awards:

All yearbooks will be rated superior, excellent, or good and will receive a certificate noting the book’s rating. The first place winners in each division will receive a plaque for their achievement. Certificates will also be given for the “Best Cover” and the “Best Theme” in each division.

Fees:

School Registration Fee: $60.00 per yearbook (Check/Credit Card) (Due before October 3, 2016)

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REGIONAL SPELLING BEE

Objectives:

1. To help students develop good spelling habits and skills.
2. To expand students’ abilities to correctly express themselves in all areas of communication.
3. To develop within the students the awareness of accurate usage of words and vocabulary by encouraging proper pronunciation.
4. To encourage students to develop the ability to remain calm under the pressure of competition and maintain clear thinking and good recall.
5. To provide an opportunity for fellowship with students from other Christian schools.

Description:

The Spelling Master will initiate the spelling bee with a practice round. This will be followed by a series of spelling rounds where a misspelled word will automatically eliminate the participant from the bee.

Eligibility:

This event is open only to qualified students in grades 5-8 from ACSI member schools. Invitations to the Florida Regional Spelling Bee will be given to the top four finishers at each of the Grades 5-8 District Spelling Bees.

Schedule:

This will be a half-day, morning event held in Dunedin, Florida, on Saturday, March 11, 2017. A specific schedule will be sent to those students who have qualified for the event.

Awards:

Each participant will receive a Certificate of Participation. Plaques will be awarded to the top five winners. These five students will also receive an invitation to compete at the ACSI National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC, on May 6, 2017.

Fees:

Student Participation Fee: $60.00 per student (Check/Credit Card)

This fee covers materials and awards. Housing arrangements will need to be made by participants. Hotel information will be sent in advance of the spelling bee.

ACSI is not responsible for travel expenses incurred to and from any Regional or National Championship.
ACSI NATIONAL SPELLING BEE

Objectives:
1. To help students develop good spelling habits and skills.
2. To expand students’ abilities to correctly express themselves in all areas of communication.
3. To develop within the students the awareness of accurate usage of words and vocabulary by encouraging proper pronunciation.
4. To encourage students to develop the ability to remain calm under the pressure of competition and maintain clear thinking and good recall.
5. To provide an opportunity for fellowship with students from other Christian schools.

Description:
The Spelling Master will initiate the spelling bee with a practice round. This will be followed by a series of spelling rounds where a misspelled word will automatically eliminate the participant from the bee.

Eligibility:
This event is open only to qualified students in grades 5-8 from ACSI member schools. Invitations to the ACSI National Spelling Bee will be given to the top five finishers from the various Regional Spelling Bees.

Schedule:
The event will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2017, in Washington, DC.

- Friday evening: Registration and reception
- Saturday morning: Competition
- Saturday afternoon: Awards luncheon and tour

A complete schedule will be sent to all participants.

Awards:
Students will be recognized with the following awards:

- First Place: Plaque, iPad with a $100 gift card for applications
- Second Place: Plaque, Kindle with a $75 gift card for applications
- Third Place: Plaque, Kindle with a $50 gift card for applications
- Fourth Place: Plaque, Kindle with a $50 gift card for applications

All participants will receive a framed commemorative certificate and an ACSI T-shirt.

Fees:
Student/School Obligation:
The participant and/or school will be responsible for the following:
- TBA – Registration Fee
- Travel arrangements, expenses, lodging, and meals

The registration and entry fee covers Saturday’s awards luncheon for the student and one adult chaperone. Additional guests are welcome at their own expense.