



Old Dominion Association of Church Schools

February 6, 2023

To: All ODACS Schools
Re: Regional and State Competitions for 2023

Dear Administrators and Fine Arts Directors,

ODACS is looking forward to another in-person fine arts competition for 2023! Several changes were implemented in 2022, and some people are asking whether things will change again this year. To help answer those questions, here is the schedule and other important information for 2023.

- **Friday, March 3 – North Region Elementary Competition; Fairfax Baptist Temple Academy**
 - Coordinator – Mr. Jay Bradford, Fairfax Baptist Temple Academy
 - Assistant Coordinator – Mrs. Anita Darby, Fairfax Baptist Temple Academy
- **Tuesday, March 7 – Central Region Competition; Faith Baptist School**
 - Coordinator – Pastor Ken Biggs, Crossroads Baptist Church, Fredericksburg
- **Friday, March 10 – Mountain Region Competition; Auburn Baptist Christian Academy**
 - Coordinator – Mrs. Jenny Foltz, Valley Baptist Christian School
- **Monday, March 13 – East Region Group Music Competition; Bethel Christian School**
 - Coordinator – Mr. John Dorsey, Landmark Christian School
- **Tuesday, March 14 – East Region Competition; Bethel Christian School**
 - Coordinator – Mr. John Dorsey, Landmark Christian School
- **Thursday, March 16 – North Region Competition, Levels II and III, Bible Quizzing and Group Music; Heritage Christian School**
 - Coordinator – Mr. Jay Bradford, Fairfax Baptist Temple Academy
 - Assistant Coordinator – Mrs. Anita Darby, Fairfax Baptist Temple Academy
- **Friday, March 17 – North Region Competition, Levels II and III, All Other Categories; Fairfax Baptist Temple Academy**
 - Coordinator – Mr. Jay Bradford, Fairfax Baptist Temple Academy
 - Assistant Coordinator – Mrs. Anita Darby, Fairfax Baptist Temple Academy
- **Thursday, March 23 – ODACS State Competition, Bible Quizzing and Group Music; Landmark Christian School**
- **Friday, March 24 – ODACS State Competition, All Other Categories; Landmark Christian School**
- **Friday, March 31 – State Elementary Bible Quiz Tournament, Broadway Christian School, Hopewell**

Please note that competitions are back to the normal schedule this year. Last year's competition was a week earlier than normal because the AACS National Competition was scheduled a week earlier than usual, which meant that we need to complete our State Competition earlier in order to submit our list of winners on time. We always need to complete our State Competition two full weeks prior to the National Competition. This year we are back to the typical pattern of completing State Competition on the fourth Friday of March.

As it was last year, State Competition will be a day and a half event this year. We will begin competition on Thursday at 11:00 a.m. for the big music groups, and then on Friday we will hold competition for all of the other categories. The main purpose of this change is to help our friends at Landmark with staffing matters. The Thursday competition went very well last year. Friday's schedule did not go as smoothly, with a couple of rooms running well behind schedule. We are working on addressing those problems and are optimistic that Friday's events will run more smoothly this time.

Please begin thinking now about judges that you can provide from among your faculty and from the rest of your church and school family, both for regional and state competitions. All over the state, there has been more faculty turnover than usual in the past three years. We are excited about the prospect of welcoming many new and many younger judges to our ODACS Competition team. The success of the new state competition format, as well as of the new East Region Competition format, depends especially upon our ability to recruit music judges for the first of the two days. **We depend on the many schools who close school on the main day of the Regional Competition so that they can provide as many judges as possible.** I encourage you to help us by doing the same thing if you have not already been doing so!

Finally, if your school has not yet purchased the ODACS Competition Manual for 2021-2025, please place your order right away. Both digital and print editions are available. You can find an order form on the ODACS web site.

Thank you!

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