



Old Dominion Association of Church Schools

February 14, 2024

Dear Principal,

Entry forms for our spring Bible, Fine Arts, and Academic Competition are attached. *While we are still listing postmark dates on the School Certification Form, we strongly urge you to submit your forms by e-mail because of the recent delays in postal service.* The **Group Music Competition** for all three levels will take place at **Bethel Christian School on Monday, March 11**, and the remaining competition will take place **at Bethel** on the following day, **Tuesday, March 12**. *By way of reminder, the following categories are included in the Group Music Competition on March 7: **Level I**, Small Vocal Ensemble, Choral Group, Youth Choir, Small Instrumental Ensemble; **Level II**, Small Vocal Ensemble, Choral Group, Youth Choir, Small Instrumental Ensemble, All School Band, Small School Ensemble, Small School Choir; **Level III**, Small Vocal Ensemble, Large Vocal Ensemble, Choral Group, Youth Choir, Small Instrumental Ensemble, Large Instrumental Ensemble, Orchestra/Band, Handbell Ensemble, Handbell Choir.*

When you fill out your entry form, please use the **ODACS School Code**. This is very helpful to us. If you are uncertain what your code is, you can find it in the ODACS directory.

Please have all your own school competition early enough to accommodate the due date for your entry forms. This especially includes art and science fair projects. You must have your entry form complete when you mail it to your coordinator.

Be familiar with the competition manual so that your students will not be disqualified and disappointed because they have entered incorrectly. Your school may enter one student in each individual category and one group in each group category. Hold an in-school run off to determine who will represent your school. Try to enter someone in every category so that you have maximum involvement this year. If you have any questions, please call **me, (540-975-1536)**, or **Mr. John Dorsey, (804-644-5550)**.

Here are some items of special note.

1. Remember to use the **2021-2025 Manual!**
2. Each student must provide his own judging forms (3 copies) for each category he enters. In case a student forgets to bring his judging forms, the forms will be available at a charge of \$1 per category. Be sure each student enters your correct ODACS school code so points will not be given to the wrong school. **Judging forms are available on the ODACS web site and in the 2021-2025 Competition Manual.**
3. Elementary students do not need the Artist Idea Statement. Junior High and Senior High students do need the Artist's Idea Statement.
4. Remember that students may enter three individual categories plus Art in all levels (page 3 under Limitation of Contestants). A Level III student may enter two categories in art. Students in all three levels may enter two Academic categories, as long as they do not enter both Writing categories or both Science Fair categories.
5. Academic Testing and Creative Writing materials will be sent to you sometime in the middle of February.
6. While efforts are made to set up the schedule in such a way as to minimize conflicts with groups, debaters are tied up for so much of the day that conflicts are inevitable. It is best to limit the other areas that debaters are involved in because groups may have to perform without them if there is a schedule conflict.

I am looking forward to some exciting competition, and I hope that you will be part of it!

Sincerely,

Dan Zacharias
Executive Director