



## *Old Dominion Association of Church Schools*

August 31, 2021

To: All ODACS Schools  
Re: Regional and State Competitions for 2022

Dear Administrators and Fine Arts Directors,

While we are glad to have been able to organize a virtual competition for 2021, barring the unforeseen, we are looking forward to returning to in-person competition for 2022. We have spent a lot of time this summer communicating with hosts and with coordinators in order to “hit the reset button” for ODACS Competition!

COVID interrupted some important conversations that we were having about changes to certain regional competitions. Additionally, it gave rise to a new conversation about potential changes to the state competition. Having thoroughly discussed the current issues with leaders around the state, we are excited to announce the following schedule for the 2022 ODACS Competition.

- **Friday, February 25 – 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 1 – Central Region Competition; Faith Baptist School**
  - Coordinator – Mr. Stuart Rogers, Keystone Christian Academy
  - Assistant Coordinator – Mrs. Alex Rogers, Keystone Christian Academy
- **Friday, March 4 – Mountain Region Competition; Auburn Baptist Christian Academy**
  - Coordinator – Mr. Dan Zacharias, ODACS
  - Assistant Coordinator – Mrs. Carol DeHaven, Keystone Christian Academy
- **Monday, March 7 – East Region Group Music Competition; Bethel Christian School**
  - Coordinator – Mr. Dan Zacharias, ODACS
- **Tuesday, March 8 – East Region Competition; Bethel Christian School**
  - Coordinator – Mrs. Debbie Donica, Bethel Christian School
- **Thursday, March 10 – 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 11 – 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 17 – ODACS State Competition, Bible Quizzing and Group Music; Landmark Christian School**
- **Friday, March 18 – ODACS State Competition, All Other Categories; Landmark Christian School**

**Please note that competitions are scheduled a week earlier than usual this year.** The reason for this is that the AACS National Competition is scheduled a week earlier than usual, which means that we need to complete our State Competition earlier in order to submit our list of winners on time.

**Perhaps the biggest change will be that State Competition will be a day and a half event this year.** We will start at noon on Thursday with competition for all of the big music groups, and then on Friday we will hold competition for all of the other categories. Our friends at Landmark have requested the change in order to help with the complex logistics of hosting, especially as it relates to staffing. We presented the idea in our annual business meeting in April, and since then we have decided that we need to go ahead with the change. We understand that the larger schools especially will encounter logistical challenges with this change. However, we believe that the biggest benefits will be a somewhat smaller crowd on Friday, more flexible scheduling on Friday, the opening of a better venue for Readers' Theatre competition on Friday, and an earlier dismissal at the end of the competition. We usually schedule the awards ceremony to begin at 6:00 p.m., but I believe that we should be able to change that to 4:00 p.m.

I have one more important request. Please begin thinking early 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 two 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, will depend especially upon our ability to recruit music judges for the first of the two days.

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

Thank you!

Dan Zacharias  
Executive Director