

ACADEMIC GAMES EVENTS DESCRIPTIONS

DRAWING/PAINTING

Students in grades K-6 are welcome to participate. All artwork must be original and done solely by the contestant. Drawing or painting must be done on 11x14 paper. Please do not frame or mat entry. Contestants may use one or any combination of the following media: pencils, crayons, markers, watercolors, pastels, tempera paint or finger-paint. To the back of each piece of artwork, staple an index card noting:

- The child's description of the work or the title of the work
- The child's name, school and grade
- The word "Art"

Entries are due to your child's homeroom teacher by Friday, March 9th. All entries will be displayed at the Academic Games and may be picked up at the conclusion of the games or will be returned to each child's school.

SCIENCE

The Science Competition is open to students in grades K-6. The competition for students will consist of a science project and an oral presentation. Students participating in this event are required to bring their project to the Science Competition. The oral presentation must not exceed 5 minutes. **Students will be in the room with the judge one at a time.**

ESSAY

Students in grades 1-6 are invited to enter this event and write about one of the following topics:

- **"My Personal Hero"**
- **"My Biggest Accomplishment"**
- **"An Act of Kindness"**
- **"If I Were President"**

Using a computer or their best penmanship, best spelling and grammar, students in grades 1-3 will write 1-2 paragraphs and grades 4-6 will write 2-4 paragraphs. **The essay should include a cover sheet indicating the title and grade level. The student's name and school should be legibly printed on the back of the essay.**

Please do not put essays in report covers or folders. Entries are due to your child's homeroom teacher by Friday, March 9th. All essays will be displayed at the Academic Games and may be picked up at the conclusion of the games or will be returned to each student's school.

SPELLING

Students in grades 1-6 are invited to enter this event. An age appropriate written test will be administered at each grade level. Pencil and paper will be provided.

MATH

The Math event is open to all students in grades 1-6. The competition consists of a timed objective test appropriate for each grade level. Test material is based on the New York State and Diocesan Curriculum.

RELIGION

Students in grades K-6 may participate. Students create a poster or collage using the theme, “**God’s Plan for Me.**” Projects must be original and done solely by the contestant. Entries must be on standard size poster board. Projects are due to the homeroom teacher by Friday March 9th. Please note the back of the poster/collage with:

- **The student’s name, grade and school**
- **The word “Religion”**

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ORATORY

Oratory competition is a reading interpretation open to grades K-6. A reading interpretation is a short story, poem or historical oration. Grades K-1 will memorize or read their selection of 1 to 3 minutes in length. Grades 2-6 will read their selections of 2-4 minutes. Contestants will be judged on factors such as interpretation, choice of material, poise, diction, and effectiveness. Participants will read or recite before a judge.

VOCAL

This competition is open to students K-6. The musical selection must not exceed 5 minutes. It may be less than 5 minutes in duration. The selection of music is solely the decision of the contestant. The contestant must provide any music accompaniment.

Dates to Remember:

3/9/12 Student Applications due at your school

3/9/12 Entries for Drawing/Painting, Essay and Religion due at your school

4/28/12 Academic Games at Bishop Grimes

SAVE THESE DIRECTIONS SO YOU ARE AWARE OF DEADLINES AND REQUIREMENTS