

TO: 2017 St. Patrick's Academic Fair Competitors

FROM: Kasey Dow kdow@cks.org

RE: IMPORTANT details regarding time, location, dress, check-in

ST. PATRICK'S ACADEMIC FAIR IS FRIDAY, FEB. 10th. Your child should continue to prepare for the upcoming competition. Please read this information thoroughly!

ST. PAT'S ACADEMIC FAIR

Friday, Feb. 10, 2017

St. Patrick Catholic School

9635 Ferndale

Dallas, Texas 75238

**HOW TO LOCATE THE ACADEMIC COMPETITION
INFORMATION ON THE CKS WEBSITE**

1. Go to www.cks.org
2. click on **CAMPUS LIFE**,
3. under **CAMPUS LIFE**, click on the link - **ST. PATRICK'S ACADEMIC COMPETITION**.
The **ACADEMIC PREP MATERIALS** link can be accessed using your Renweb log-in information.

ALL OF THE NECESSARY INFORMATION ABOUT ST. PAT'S ACADEMIC COMPETITION IS LOCATED HERE (guidelines/rules for each event, schedule with times/room numbers, competitors, what to bring, etc.).

Be certain your child is familiar with the instructions for his or her competition, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS FAMILIAR WITH THE GRADING OF HIS/HER EVENT. UNDERSTANDING THE CONSEQUENCES OF SKIPPING OR GUESSING IS AN IMPORTANT TEST TAKING STRATEGY.

St. Patrick's Academic Fair Competitors: (Friday, February 10th)

In the morning/Before the event(s):

1. **Parking:** Be aware that parking can be an issue. The parking lot fills up fast, and you may have to park some distance from the school. Please add additional time in your schedule. Enter the school through the main door that faces Ferndale.
2. **Check-in:** There will be **NO CKS staffed table**. All event room assignments are listed on the CKS website under **ST. PATRICK'S ACADEMIC COMPETITION** - titled 2017 SCHEDULE. In grades 1-2, a test monitor will announce the test in the auditorium and escort the students to the contest room. All other competitors should proceed directly to the assigned room for his/her event. If you need help finding your assigned room, ask the St. Patrick's hall monitors that are stationed throughout the hallways and auditorium. Parents of competitors congregate in the auditorium while students compete and to wait for results.
3. **What to Bring:** Be sure to check the "WHAT TO BRING" section on the CKS website to make sure you have the necessary event supplies (pens, paper, etc.)
4. **Arrival Times:** Children should arrive 20-30 minutes prior to their event(s).

During the Day/Following the event(s):

5. **Lunch** can be purchased in the St. Patrick's Cafeteria or children can bring a sack lunch.
6. **Awards** will be posted in the auditorium throughout the day AND updated in real time on the St. Pat's website: www.spsdallas.org (CLICK on tab titled STUDENT LIFE then CLICK on ACADEMIC FAIR).

SCHOOL ABSENCE:

Children participating in St. Patrick's Academic Fair receive an "excused" absence for the day (all missed work must be made up). This is a "special perk" for competitors and common practice among schools. Likewise, it allows time for parent volunteers to shuttle their children to and from their events, and still be able to be hall monitors and to judge, grade, and direct events.

A huge THANK YOU to all the wonderful parents who are volunteering for St. Pat's! This competition could not take place without you!

SPECIFIC VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE SENT IN A SEPARATE EMAIL!

If you have any questions or concerns about ANYTHING related to St. Patrick's Academic Fair, please don't hesitate to contact me. I want our children to have the best possible experience on Friday, February 10th!

Sincerely,

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