

To: PSIA and St. Patrick's Competitors

From: Kasey Dow

Re: Important Details regarding time, location, dress, check-in

PSIA

Sat., February 25, 2012

The Highlands School

1451 East Northgate Drive, Irving, TX

<http://thehighlandsschool.org/>

PSIAWebpage.htm

St. Patrick's Academic Fair

Fri., March 2, 2012

St. Patrick's Catholic School

9635 Ferndale Rd.

Dallas, TX 75238

<http://www.spsdallas.org/Pages/Academic%20Fair/Academic%20Fair.html>

CKS Competition Website

http://www.cks.org/serverdownload_page.asp

In addition to the information found on the Academic Host Schools' websites, please see the CKS Competition website for more **information on both competitions (volunteer and student information)**. The website is protected for the private use of our students only; therefore, you can only access it using the web address here.

Although the competitions are very similar in design, there are slight differences. Be certain your child is familiar with the instructions for each competition, especially if he or she is competing in both St. Pat's and PSIA.

PSIA Competitors:

In the morning/Before the Event(s):

- 1. Check-in:** We will have a CKS-staffed table in the gym. All students should check-in with us upon arrival at The Highlands School (THS) to confirm their event information. . If you need help finding your assigned room, there will be hall monitors with badges ready to help.
- 2. What to Bring:** Be sure to check the "MATERIALS TO BRING" section on the CKS competition website to make sure you have the necessary event supplies (pens, paper, etc.).
- 3. Parking/Driving:** Be aware that parking can be an issue and a van ride may be necessary. In addition, construction and street closures are happening in the area around The Highlands. Please add additional time in your schedule. Specific driving directions can be found on the CKS competition website listed above.
- 4. Arrival Times:** Children should arrive 45 minutes prior to their event(s).

During the Day/Following the Event(s):

5. We will maintain **CKS spots/tables** in the gym (with the help of parent volunteers). This is where CKS families and children can come to rest, prepare, get updates, wait for parents to begin/finish a volunteer assignment, wait for event to begin, wait for a ride, etc.
6. **Lunch** can be purchased in THS's Cafeteria or children can bring a sack lunch.
7. **Awards** will be announced in the gym throughout the day. You will find the verification times and award times on the CKS competition website. This information will also be posted and available the day of the competition.

St. Patrick's Academic Fair Competitors:

In the morning/Before the Event(s):

1. **Check-in:** There will be no CKS staffed table. All event room assignments are listed on the CKS competition website under St. Pat's—2012 schedule. In grades 1-2, a test monitor will announce the test in the auditorium and escort the students to the contest room. If you need help finding your assigned room, ask the St. Patrick's hall monitors that are stationed throughout the hallways and auditorium.
2. **What to Bring:** Be sure to check the "WHAT TO BRING" section on the CKS competition website to make sure you have the necessary event supplies (pens, paper, etc.)
3. **Parking:** Be aware that parking can be an issue. Please add additional time in your schedule.
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.

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. Of course, ultimately the parents should determine whether their child should return to school.

Remember these competitions are run by volunteers; please be patient if you run into complications.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying "Christ The King School". The browser's address bar also shows several tabs: "Chase Online - My Accou...", "CKS Calendar Login", "CKS_WLC_5508", "John Paul II High School", and "Netcentron". The website's navigation menu includes "Home", "About CKS", "Admissions", "Academics", "Church", and "Contact Us". A secondary menu below it lists "Campus Life", "Calendar", "CKS News", "Giving", "Students", "Parents", "Faculty/Staff", and "Photos".

The main content area is titled "PSIA & St. Pats Academic Competitions" in red. Below this title is a section for "Event Information" with two columns: "St. Pat's" and "PSIA".

<u>St. Pat's</u>	<u>PSIA</u>
Date: Fri, March 2, 2012	Date: Sat, Feb 25, 2012
General Rules	Map of The Highlands
2012 Schedule Coming	Direction to The Highlands
Directions to St. Patricks	Schedule
Event Logistics	Event Logistics
Volunteer Info	Materials to Bring
Materials to Bring	What to Wear
What to Wear	Student Competitors
Student Competitors	Volunteer Info/Checklists
	Objective Directors
	Objective Graders
	Subjective Directors
	Subjective Judge

Below the event information is a section for "Guidelines and General Rules" with two columns: "St. Pat's" and "PSIA".

<u>St. Pat's</u>	<u>PSIA</u>
All Events	Art Memory
	On-Site Drawing
	Creative Writing
	Poetry
	Maps, Graphs & Charts
	Math
	Listening Skills
	Number Sense
	Ready Writing
	Science
	Spelling
	Vocabulary List/Rules
	Impromptu Speaking
	Modern Oratory

Below the guidelines is a section for "PSIA & St. Pats Test Prep Materials" with a note: "(Click on grade level or phrase under category to open material)".

Please use the test prep material below for both competitions

<u>Vocabulary</u>	<u>Creative Writing</u>	<u>Ready Writing</u>
Grade 5-8 2012 Vocab List	Stories & Prompts	Grade 3-4
		Grade 5-6
		Grade 3-8
		Writing Tips

A text box on the right side of the page contains the following text: "Information regarding both competitions and prep materials appear on the CKS protected webpage. Please check back frequently for updates." Three arrows point from this text box to the "Event Information" section, the "Guidelines and General Rules" section, and the "PSIA & St. Pats Test Prep Materials" section.