

**TO: 2025 PSIA Competitors & Parents**

**FROM: Kasey Dow [kdow@cks.org](mailto:kdow@cks.org)**

**RE: IMPORTANT Competitor & Volunteer Schedules  
Attached**

**PSIA Academic Competition—(THIS Saturday)**  
**Saturday, February 22, 2025**

**HOST SCHOOL:**

**Prince of Peace Christian School  
4004 Midway Road  
Carrollton, Texas 75007**



**NOT  
PRINCE  
OF PEACE  
CATHOLIC  
SCHOOL!**

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

1. Go to [www.cks.org](http://www.cks.org)
2. click on **CAMPUS LIFE**,
3. under **CAMPUS LIFE**, click on **PSIA** link.



**ALL OF THE NECESSARY INFORMATION ABOUT PSIA IS  
LOCATED HERE** (guidelines/rules for each event, schedule with times/room  
numbers, competitors list with event room numbers, what to bring, etc.).

**The ACADEMIC PREP MATERIALS** link (located under **CAMPUS  
LIFE** tab) can be accessed using your Renweb log-in information.

**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.**

# PSIA Competitors: (Saturday, Feb. 22nd)

## In the morning/Before the event(s):

1. **Parking:** The  gold oval on the map of the school (SEE MAP ATTACHED) indicates the BEST and most convenient parking. It is easiest to access this parking lot from the campus entrance on International Pkwy, just east of Midway Rd. Everyone will enter the building through the GYM LOBBY DOORS. (SEE MAP BELOW).
2. **Check-in:** Upon arrival, all students should come directly to the DINING HALL. The GYM LOBBY ENTRANCE is closest to the East Student Parking lot—(SEE MAP ATTACHED for  green star). *All students should immediately sign-in/check-in at the CKS table in the DINING HALL to confirm their event information (ROOM ASSIGNMENTS, etc.).* There will be an announcement made for each competition. Competitors will be directed to line up IN THE GYM (right next to the dining hall) and escorted by Prince of Peace volunteer students called PIED PIPERS. The announcement will be made 10 minutes before each event. PIED PIPERS will escort competitors to their event room. They will also escort competitors back to the DINING HALL when the contest is over. **THIS IS DIFFERENT THAN THE WAY IT WAS DONE LAST YEAR.** Parents may not accompany their child to the testing rooms. Parents are requested to stay in the dining hall. Prince of Peace and PSIA are very strict about this!
3. **What to Bring:** Be sure to check the "MATERIALS TO BRING" section on the [www.cks.org](http://www.cks.org) website to make sure you have the necessary event supplies (pens, paper, etc.). Competitors in Maps/Graphs/Charts **MUST** bring their atlas with them to the competition. On-site drawing competitors **MUST** bring their own art supplies. Number Sense competitors must bring their own BLUE PEN. Nothing is supplied by PSIA.
4. **Arrival Times:** Children should arrive 45 minutes prior to their event. Please allow extra time for parking and check-in at the **CKS TABLE IN THE DINING HALL**. You can double check event times at [www.cks.org](http://www.cks.org) (AS DETAILED IN YELLOW BOX ABOVE).

## During the day/Following the event(s):

5. We will maintain **CKS spots/tables in the DINING HALL** (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. In order to maintain a quiet testing environment for the competitors, **NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE HALLWAY DURING COMPETITION TIMES.**
6. **Lunch** and snacks can be purchased in the dining hall throughout the day
7. **Awards** will be announced and ribbons distributed right after VERIFICATION in the verification room assigned to that event. You will find the verification times on the [www.cks.org](http://www.cks.org) website links. This information will also be posted and available the day of the competition. Competitors are not required to stay for verification; however, ribbons can only be picked up by the individual competitor or Mrs. Dow.

## **PLEASE NOTE THIS NEW VERIFICATION RULE CHANGE:**

ONLY ONE ADULT FROM EACH SCHOOL MAY REVIEW THE TESTS WITH THEIR CONTESTANTS AND CONTESTANTS ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO VIEW THEIR OWN TEST. INDIVIDUAL PARENTS/GUARDIANS CANNOT REVIEW THEIR OWN CHILD'S TEST UNLESS THEY ARE THE ONE ADULT REPRESENTING ALL OF THE CHILDREN FROM THAT SCHOOL.

8. Names of award winners in each competition will be posted in the Dining Hall AFTER VERIFICATION and available on the PSIA website as results are uploaded.
9. Names of competitors advancing from PRELIM speaking events to FINAL speaking events will be posted on bright yellow paper in the dining hall. There is no verification for prelim speaking events.

**REMEMBER THESE COMPETITIONS ARE RUN BY VOLUNTEERS; PLEASE BE PATIENT IF YOU RUN INTO COMPLICATIONS.**

## **PSIA Parent Volunteers: (day of contest)**

1. **Check-in at CKS TABLE:** Upon arrival, you should come to the CKS TABLE IN THE DINING HALL to sign-in/check in with Mrs. Dow and pick up your pre-printed lanyard name tag with your volunteer assignment printed on it. You will need your name tag to pick up contest materials if you are a CONTEST DIRECTOR or SPEECH JUDGE. Your volunteer name tag will also allow you to enter the hallway to get to your assignment.
2. **Objective and Writing Contest Directors Packet Pickup:** If you are a CONTEST DIRECTOR, *you can pick up Test Materials Packet (brown envelope) in the Media Lab no more than 15 minutes prior to the start of the contest. Once this packet is received, Contest Directors should proceed directly to the contest room.*
  - Speech Judges will pick up their Judges Packet in the MEDIA LAB any time before their contest start time. After packet pick-up, Contest Directors and Speech Judges should make their way directly to the contest room.
  - Assistant Directors should go directly to their assigned rooms 15 minutes prior to contest start time.
  - Graders will go to the CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL at their assigned time.
  - All writing tests will be judged in the Eagle Success Center (ESC).

## BEFORE the competition on Saturday,






### February 22nd:

It is imperative that ALL PARENT VOLUNTEERS are completely familiar with every aspect of his/her volunteer assignment. ***Our CKS competitors will be penalized if our CKS Parent Volunteers are late to their assignment or not familiar with every aspect of their job.***

### IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR ALL CONTEST DIRECTORS AND ASSISTANT DIRECTORS:

*All CONTEST DIRECTORS and ASSISTANT DIRECTORS are REQUIRED to attend a mandatory (VIRTUAL) training session. This Thursday is the last training. Please [click here](#) for the link to the Zoom training (YOU SHOULD HAVE ALREADY SIGNED UP FOR THIS!) this Thursday from 5:00 to 6:00. There will be three meetings happening at once at 5:00 p.m. Please make sure you are clicking on the link for your particular volunteer assignment.*

Click on the video icon and it will direct you to the zoom meeting.

St. Martin de Porres				
02/20/2025 Thursday	For Objective Contests Only 	5:00pm-6:00pm	Director & Asst. Director Training 17 of 50 slots filled	Sign Up
Kasey Dow    KD CKS				
Margot Goss  MG CKS				



*Thank you in advance for doing this! We all want the best possible experience for our student competitors.*

*If you are not able to complete your volunteer assignment, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING YOUR OWN REPLACEMENT.*

# POPCS Campus Map

4004 Midway Rd, Carrollton, TX 75007



Campus Entrance



Parking



Walkthrough Gate



PSIA Entrance

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