

PSIA PARENT LETTER

Dear Parent,

Statistical research has shown that students who participate in academic extracurricular activities score higher on achievement and assessment tests than those who do not participate in such academic programs. We also have found that participants whose parents are actively involved in working with their children in extracurricular academic programs have the greatest success in competition, as well as in their future academic studies.

Your school has elected to participate in the Private Schools Interscholastic Association (PSIA) extracurricular academic program for elementary and middle schools this year. PSIA participation motivates your child in these ways:

- refine mental aptitudes
- affirm self worth
- bring new excitement to learning (especially in the spring time)
- develop teamwork and a sense of fair play
- experience a sense of pride and dignity
- appreciate that rules, consistently applied, create order and discipline
- experience the joy of achieving in a wholesome environment
- foster self discipline and perseverance
- achieve recognition for academic excellence
- make better choices of after-school activities
- enjoy camaraderie with students from other schools
- receive tangible awards for their academic ability
- HAVE FUN!

Over the next few weeks, your child will have the opportunity to consider trying out for one or more of these PSIA academic events:

Art Memory 4/5	Maps, Graphs & Charts 5-8	One-Act Play 6-8
Calculator 6-8	Mathematics 4-8	Prose 4-8
Creative Writing 1/2	Modem Oratory 7/8	Ready Writing 3-8
Dictionary Skills 5-8	Music Memory 3-6	Science 6-8
Impromptu Speaking 7/8	Number Sense 4-8	Spelling 2-8
Listening Skills 5-8	On-Site Drawing 6-8	Storytelling 1-3
		Vocabulary 5-8

Since your school administrators and academic "coaches" may select only three students at each grade level to be entered at the district level in each event, we encourage you to visit with your child about his/her interests and the possibilities of entering these events. From your district meet, two students will advance in each contest at each grade level to the PSIA State Meet, to be held at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth on Saturday, (date to be determined). _____.

Further information about each contest may be found on the PSIA web site: www.psiaacademics.org OR from your campus administrators. We anticipate an exciting academic year. Thank you for your participation.

Your School Administrators