

Calling All Volunteers!

Dear PSIA Parents and St. Paul Families and Friends,

It's time to get ready for the PSIA District Meet! Our students have been working hard all year to prepare for this competition, and our school is ready to shine.

- The District Meet is held at Immanuel Lutheran School in Giddings on Friday, February 26.
- This is an all-day event, as contests and results take place from 8 am to 5 pm. PSIA parents will receive a schedule with times for your child's contests/results.
- PSIA participants are excused from St. Paul for the day, and parents are responsible for getting them to/from Giddings for their contest. Those details will be sent closer to competition day.
- It is a fun and amazing day, where hard work is celebrated and high-fives abound.

The Meet relies on volunteers to run the contests, judge, and keep an eye on students between contests. These are teachers, parents, grandparents, and friends from the participating schools. Because the day can only be successful with enough help, **St. Paul is required to bring a certain number of volunteers to work as contest directors or judges. If we fail to bring enough volunteers, points are deducted from our overall tally.**

Last year, we won 2nd Place as a school with our elementary winning 1st Place and junior high receiving 2nd Place! It's our goal to match – or beat!— last year's results. Each time a student places in a contest, they are awarded points for our school. But, if we fail to provide volunteers, then we have points deducted.

That means WE NEED YOU! So mark your calendar, tell your boss, and plan on joining us for a fun day.

What can I do? A LOT – You can be a Director and run a contest (not as bad as it sounds), be an Assistant Director (and help someone else run a

contest and help grade), be a Grader (and know what it is to be a teacher), or be a Judge (and be amazed at how students can make stories come to life!). Volunteers all pitch in together between contests, to keep an eye on our St. Paul group, make sure kids get to the right contest, snap pics for mom and dad, and encourage our Lions to do their best!

How will I know what to do? No worries! I will send home the times, rules and how-to's for your assignment before the meet. I will also be available if you have any questions before the competition day. The only exception to this is if a volunteer can't make it at the last minute (gets sick) and we are scrambling to fill the spot. I can't promise to help that day, because I will be volunteering as well! Keep in mind almost everyone there IS A PARENT VOLUNTEER, TOO, and we have a great base of experienced PSIA parents to rely on for help or guidance.

So how do I sign up? Please complete the following form and return to your teacher, who will pass it on to me. I will make assignments and then send out a schedule and contest details. Please mark two options that you would be willing to help out with. I will try my best to get you where you wish to be. Remember both parents can help, plus anyone else you may know. (Please put both/all names down and who wants what choice.) You may also email me your choices at kristifischer@stpaulthorndale.com.

Thank you in advance for helping us out.

Thank You and God Bless,
Ms. Fischer and the PSIA Students

PSIA Volunteer – District Meet

Please complete and return by Jan. 31, so I can make assignments and complete the schedule. Remember to indicate two choices for each volunteer.

Yes! I/We would love to help out!

VOLUNTEER 1: _____

I would love to help out with (choose two options):

___ Director

___ Assistant Director

___ Grader

___ Judge (Speech Events or Writing Events)

VOLUNTEER 2: _____

I would love to help out with (choose two options):

___ Director

___ Assistant Director

___ Grader

___ Judge (Speech Events or Writing Events)

VOLUNTEER 3: _____

I would love to help out with (choose two options):

___ Director

___ Assistant Director

___ Grader

___ Judge (Speech Events or Writing Events)

Your assignment/s and contest details will be sent home before the contest.

