

PSIA TIME

It's that time of year again....PSIA sign up!!! **What is PSIA?** It stands for **Private School Interscholastic Association**. This is like a UIL competition for private schools, or an **academic competition**. The children stay after school and are coached on the subject they sign up for. This is completely volunteer on the student's part. **We do encourage that children give it a try.** It is a unique event where the students get to put their brains to the test. Even if they don't place they still learn a lot by going through the coaching and the experience. Top 2 students (1st and 2nd place) at Giddings (District) go on to State except in the events of Creative Writing and Storytelling, where only the 1st place goes to State.

These are exciting days where success is celebrated and students are supported by friends, parents and teachers. At State we try to stay in the same hotel if possible. Some drive in and back out in a day which is ok too. We have had a time to meet and eat as well. Here again the students are cheered on as they compete against private and home schools across the state. **We have received 5 – 3rd place trophies and two 2nd place trophy, a 1st place trophy for Elementary and a 3rd place trophy for Middle School over the years at District. Last Year we took 1st place Elementary, 1st place Middle School, and 1st place Overall at District. We then took 10th place in Elementary and 4th place in Middle School at State with around 200 schools! It takes the hard work of our students, teachers, coaches, and parents for us to be as successful as we have been, and as successful as we will be in the present and future!!**

We are asking you and your child **to fill out the form attached** to see what events students would like to participate in. The **District event will be held at Immanuel in Giddings on March 31, 2016, which is a Friday.** State Meet is the first Saturday, May 6, 2017, at the TCU (Texas Christian University) campus in Fort Worth. We will start practices around November.

The students need to go through the list for their grade and determine what competitions they wish to compete in. A description of the events is attached. Students may be asked to practice after school with a coach to get ready for the competition. Students may compete in more than one event. We are only allowed to take three students per grade level per event; this may mean we will have preliminary competitions if more than three sign up for an event. Storytelling is only allowing 2 students per grade level.

Preliminary rounds are done about a month into practices. All students wishing to compete in an event will go to practices until the preliminary competition. The students will then have a contest to see who will be the competitors for the event. Afterwards if a child who doesn't make it into that event wants to move into another event they may; as long as that second event isn't full.

Please fill out the following form and return to your student's teacher by **Wednesday, October 5th**. Those who turn their forms in on time will be allowed to try out for events without regard to how many students want to compete in that event; **if**

your form is late and the event they want is full then they will have to choose another event or will not be able to compete.

If you wish to help us by coaching please mark in the appropriate spot on the forms. **Please note where you would wish to sign up or email me and I will put you down. If you don't wish to coach alone, see if you can get a friend to commit with you.** The commitment goes through District and if you have any students who go on to State through State. **I need coaches for Mathematics (3rd-5th), Number Sense (4th-8th), ImPromptu Speaking (7th-8th), Music Memory (3rd-8th), Ready Writing (3rd-8th), and Listening Skills (4th-8th).** I will give you instructions for the contest, any evaluation forms that they use for the contest, and past tests for you to use to coach. If you see a subject you would like to help with let me know. We can always use helpers and people who may one day take that event over when other coaches may retire.

We will **need several volunteers the day of competition as well.** Please mark your calendars for March 31st, so that you can be a part of PSIA. **If we don't fill our responsibility for volunteers on the day of contest we can lose points overall for our school, and possibly be put on probation for a year.** Our overall points help us to achieve PSIA trophies, and placements.

A few of the events have their **grade levels combined.** This means that we can **only take 3 competitors between those grades.** The students will be given placements for overall placement between the grades, the top two of the overall placement will go on to state; **not** the individual grade placements. **These events are:**

Mathematics – 2nd - 3rd combined
Dictionary Skills – 4th - 5th combined, 6th – 8th combined
Listening Skills – 4th - 5th combined, 6th – 8th combined
Music Memory – 3rd - 4th combined, 5th - 6th combined, and 7th – 8th combined
Poetry Interpretation – 7th - 8th combined
Spelling – 7th - 8th combined
Art Memory 4th - 5th combined, 6th- 8th combined
Impromptu – 7th-8th combined
Modern Oratory – 7th- 8th combined
Vocabulary – 7th- 8th combined
Calculator Applications 6th-8th

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Kristi Gonzales. My contact information is as follows: Work 898-2711, or email kristigonzales@stpaulthorndale.com.

God Bless,
Mrs. Kristi Gonzales
PSIA Campus Coordinator
2nd Grade Teacher

Place a check by the event that your child wishes to participate in, and place your name in the Coach blank if you wish to coach an event that doesn't have a coach. Please only pick one choice.

Name of Student: _____

Events for **First Grade**:

Creative Writing: _____ Coach: Ms. May

Storytelling: _____ Coach: Mrs. Gonzales

Parent Signature _____

Place a check by the event that your child wishes to participate in, and place your name in the Coach blank if you wish to coach an event that doesn't have a coach.

Events for **Second Grade**:

Creative Writing: _____

Coach: Ms. May

Storytelling: _____

Coach: Mrs. Gonzales

Spelling: _____

Coach: In Class/Mrs. Gonzales

Math: _____

Coach: _____

Parent Signature _____

Place a check by the event or events that your child wishes to participate in, and place your name in the Coach blank if you wish to coach an event that doesn't have a coach.

Name of Student: _____

Events for **Third Grade**:

Ready Writing: _____ Coach: _____

Storytelling: _____ Coach: Mrs. Gonzales

Spelling: _____ Coach: In Class/Mrs. Gonzales

Music Memory: _____ Coach: _____

Math: _____ Coach: _____

Parent Signature _____

Place a check by the event or events that your child wishes to participate in, and place your name in the Coach blank if you wish to coach an event that doesn't have a coach.

Name of Student: _____

Events for Fourth Grade:

Ready Writing: _____ Coach: _____

Spelling: _____ Coach: In Class/Mrs. Gonzales

Mathematics: _____ Coach: _____

Number Sense: _____ Coach: _____

Prose Interpretation: _____ Coach: Mrs. Brymer

Music Memory: _____ Coach: _____

Listening Skills: _____ Coach: _____

Dictionary Skills: _____ Coach: Mrs. McCoy

Maps, Charts, and Graphs: _____ Coach: Mrs. Churchman

Art Memory _____ Coach: Mrs. Reynosa

Parent Signature: _____

Place a check by the event or events that your child wishes to participate in, and place your name in the Coach blank if you wish to coach an event that doesn't have a coach.

Name of Student: _____

Events for **Fifth Grade**:

Ready Writing: _____ Coach: _____

Spelling: _____ Coach: In Class/Mrs. Melcher

Mathematics: _____ Coach: _____

Number Sense: _____ Coach: _____

Prose Interpretation: _____ Coach: Mrs. Brymer

Dictionary Skills: _____ Coach: Mrs. McCoy

Maps, Charts, and Graphs: _____ Coach: Mrs. Churchman

Listening Skills: _____ Coach: _____

Music Memory: _____ Coach: _____

Art Memory: _____ Coach: Mrs. Reynosa

Vocabulary: _____ Coach: Mrs. Daniell

Parent Signature: _____

Place a check by the event or events that your child wishes to participate in, and place your name in the Coach blank if you wish to coach an event that doesn't have a coach.

Name of Student: _____

Events for Sixth Grade:

Ready Writing: _____ Coach: _____

Spelling: _____ Coach: In Class/Mrs. Melcher

Mathematics: _____ Coach: Mrs. Garcia

Number Sense: _____ Coach: _____

Prose Interpretation: _____ Coach: Mrs. Brymer

Dictionary Skills: _____ Coach: Mrs. McCoy

Maps, Charts, and Graphs: _____ Coach: Mrs. Churchman

On Site Drawing: _____ Coach: Mr. King

Listening Skills: _____ Coach: _____

Music Memory: _____ Coach: _____

Art Memory: _____ Coach: Mrs. Reynosa

Vocabulary: _____ Coach: Mrs. Daniell

Calculator Applications _____ Coach: Mrs. Williamson

Science: _____ Coach: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Place a check by the event or events that your child wishes to participate in, and place your name in the Coach blank if you wish to coach an event that doesn't have a coach.

Name of Student: _____

Events for Seventh Grade:

Ready Writing: _____ Coach: _____

Spelling: _____ Coach: In Class/Mrs. Melcher

Mathematics: _____ Coach: Mrs. Garcia

Number Sense: _____ Coach: _____

Prose Interpretations: _____ Coach: Mrs. Brymer

Dictionary Skills: _____ Coach: Mrs. McCoy

Maps, Charts, and Graphs: _____ Coach: Mrs. Churchman

On Site Drawing: _____ Coach: Mr. King

Listening Skills: _____ Coach: _____

Music Memory: _____ Coach: _____

Art Memory: _____ Coach: Mrs. Reynosa

Calculator Applications: _____ Coach: Mrs. Williamson

Impromptu Speaking: _____ Coach: _____

Modern Oratory: _____ Coach: _____

Science: _____ Coach: _____

Vocabulary: _____ Coach: Mrs. Daniell

Parent Signature: _____

Place a check by the event or events that your child wishes to participate in, and place your name in the Coach blank if you wish to coach an event that doesn't have a coach.

Name of Student: _____

Events for Eighth Grade :

Ready Writing: _____ Coach: _____

Spelling: _____ Coach: In Class/Mrs. Melcher

Mathematics: _____ Coach: Mrs. Garcia

Number Sense: _____ Coach: _____

Prose Interpretations: _____ Coach: Mrs. Brymer

Dictionary Skills: _____ Coach: Mrs. McCoy

Maps, Charts, and Graphs: _____ Coach: Mrs. Churchman

Listening Skills: _____ Coach: _____

On Site Drawing: _____ Coach: Mr. King

Music Memory _____ Coach: _____

Art Memory _____ Coach: Mrs. Reynosa

Calculator Applications: _____ Coach: Mrs. Williamson

Impromptu Speaking: _____ Coach: _____

Modern Oratory: _____ Coach: _____

Science: _____ Coach: _____

Vocabulary: _____ Coach: Mrs. Daniell

Parent Signature: _____