



It's Time for PSIA 2021-2022!

beginning Wednesday, October 6, 2021

An Extracurricular Academic Enrichment Opportunity for 1st-8th Grade

Storytelling 1st-2nd

Ready Writing 3rd-8th

Creative Writing 1st-2nd

Music Memory 3rd/4th-5th/6th

Mathematics 2nd/3rd-8th

Spelling 2nd-8th

Number Sense 4th-8th

POETRY INTERPRETATION 3RD-8TH

ABOUT PSIA

- PSIA (Private School Interscholastic Association) provides an opportunity for students in grades 1 through 8 from 275 private, parochial, and home schools to engage in academic competition with their peers throughout the state of Texas. A few of the local private schools who participate in PSIA competitions are Veritas Academy, Regents, St. Andrew's, Santa Cruz CS, St. Mary's, and Kirby Hall.
- PSIA remains the most comprehensive academic extracurricular program in the nation for elementary and middle school students with over 150,000 students competing each year.

BENEFITS

- All PSIA students may attend coaching times which include tutorials and extra practice.
- PSIA provides a positive outlet for creative expression and helps students develop their math problem-solving, writing, and public speaking skills.
- Students who participate in PSIA often improve academically at school in their subject area and/or public speaking.
- Students may participate in smaller competitions as well as the PSIA District 2022 and State 2022 Meets.
- PSIA participants are acknowledged for their participation at school and may win awards at district and state meets.
- Eighth grade students who have participated in PSIA for at least one year and have won an award at the state level (in any grade level), are eligible to apply for a scholarship.

PARTICIPATION

- Complete PSIA registration and submit \$100 registration payment made payable to Strickland School by November 1, 2021.
- Students may register and participate in PSIA without participating in a PSIA district meet.
- Parents are needed to take over coaching responsibilities each week. This will improve student experience and help more of them qualify for state.
- Attend one parent information meeting (or send an adult representative) at either 4pm on Wednesday, September 16 or 4pm on Wednesday, September 29 at Strickland. Room TBD.
- Provide 1 snack for a group of PSIA students each semester. Volunteer graders may also be needed.

- Each Strickland PSIA participant who will compete at the district meet needs to attend the coaching time for his/her subject during the week. Let Mr. Rigdon know of any scheduling conflicts.
- Each Strickland PSIA participant who will compete at the district meet needs to practice at home for at least 20-30 minutes **per week** in any way that works with the student's family schedule.
- The district meet will be held on a Saturday in February or March at a place to be determined.

STRICKLAND PSIA COACHING SESSIONS

- Coaching times are open to all PSIA participants and will be posted on the school calendar beginning in October.
- Students will meet in the designated classroom.
- Afternoon coaching times include a snack provided by PSIA parents.
- PSIA coaching times will be posted on the school calendar. Parents will be contacted in the event of a schedule change/cancellation.
- The normal time for most coaching sessions is Wednesdays, from 3:15 to 4:30 PM. Children participating only in storytelling must be picked up at 4pm. Other days and times may be added as needed.
- All students will be brought to the ground floor cafeteria door outside for parents to retrieve. Parents should wait by their cars and not come into the cafeteria.
- Students who are not picked up by parents on time will be taken to extended care where charges will incur.