

Dear Parents,

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

- Refine mental aptitudes
- Affirm self worth
- Bring new excitement to learning
- Develop teamwork and a sense of fair play
- Experience a sense of pride and dignity
- Foster self discipline and perseverance
- Achieve recognition for academic excellence
- 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 the PSIA academic events. Please look over the PSIA sign up form. If your child is interested in participating in any of the contests, fill out the form and return it to school by Friday, December 2, 2011.

Since our teachers may select only a limited number of 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. Students who competed last year and qualified for the state meet are automatically placed in that particular event if they choose to participate again. If there is a large number of children interested in the same event, a test will be held by the academic coach to determine the participants and the alternate of the event. Also, parents will be asked to work a minimum of one shift at the district meet.

From our district meet, one or two students will advance in each contest to the PSIA State Meet to be held at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth on Saturday, April 28, 2012.

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