

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL 2nd ANNUAL ACADEMIC GAMES

Dear Parents,

You're invited to the 2nd annual Academic Games! We would like to give your child an opportunity to celebrate their academic gifts and talents! On Saturday March 23, 2019, St. Mary's School at 61 North Main Street in Cortland will host the Academic Games, open to students in grades K-6 attending area schools.

The purpose of this event is:

- to develop self-esteem and dignity through excellence in academic/cultural achievement
- to interact and socialize with students from neighboring schools
- to have FUN!

Event categories include Math, Spelling, Lego Robotics, Science, Art-Drawing/Painting, and Music (Vocal/Instrumental). Students may enter more than one category. A description of each event is enclosed AND entries falling outside of event requirements will be disqualified. Contestants participate on an individual basis and must be accompanied by an adult throughout the day. Test papers will not be returned. You will notice some events have similar start times. Do not be concerned, as students participating in multiple events will be scheduled accordingly and made aware of room assignments at the games.

The games are designed so ALL K-6 grade students can participate. If students are unable to attend activities on 3/23, they can submit entries in Art-Drawing/Painting. If your child/children are participating, please complete the registration by Friday, March 8, 2019 and return to their school teacher. Students register individually.

Completed entries in Art-Drawing/Painting and Essay categories are due to your school by Friday, March 8, 2019. These entries will be judged prior to the event and displayed at the games. Students may pick up projects after participating in their last event of the day. Otherwise, projects will be returned to students' school at a later date.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons will be awarded to winners in each event at every grade level. Honorable Mention Ribbons may be awarded in some categories. Every student will receive a Participation Ribbon. Awards will be presented via each student's school, NOT at the academic games .

Event Descriptions are included to provide you and your child more information for each category. If you have questions, please call St. Mary's School at (607) 756-5614.

Sincerely,
Denise Hall, Principal
St. Mary's School

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Saturday – March 23, 2019

**St. Mary's School
61 North Main Street
Cortland, NY 13045**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

REGISTRATION 9:30 AM

OPENING CEREMONIES – 9:45 AM

SPELLING/MATH 10:00 AM

LEGO ROBOTICS 11:00 AM

(* Lego participants must register by 11 AM. Voting takes place 11:30AM)

SCIENCE 11:00 AM

MUSIC 11:00 AM

Participants must be accompanied by an adult and are required to check in at the gym at the registration table before their first event. Classrooms locations by grade/event will be given out at registration.

Refreshments are available in the cafeteria.

ACADEMIC GAMES EVENTS DESCRIPTION

MATH

The Math event is open to all students in grades K-6. The competition consists of an objective test appropriate for each grade level. Tests and pencils will be provided. Test material is based on the New York State Curriculum. Study lists are not available for any event.

SPELLING

The Spelling event is open to all students in grades K-6. An age appropriate written test will be administered at each grade level. Pencil and paper will be provided. Test material is based on the New York State Curriculum. Study lists are not available for any event.

SCIENCE

The Science event is open to all students in grades K-6. The event consists of a science project and an oral presentation. Participants are required to bring their project to the Science event. The oral presentation must **not** exceed 5 minutes. Students will be in a room with the judge/judges one at a time, with no parents/family members in the judging room.

MUSIC (Vocal / Instrumental)

This event is open to students in grades K-6. Students may participate in one or both parts of the event. Whether vocal or instrumental, musical selections must not exceed 5 minutes. Selections may be less than 5 minutes in duration. The selection of music is solely the decision of the contestant. Students will be in a room with the judge one at a time, with no parents/family members in the judging room.

Vocal contestants may sing acapella or if they so choose, provide their own accompaniment by playing an instrument themselves or using a recording.

(Example: CD/CD player must be provided by student.)

Instrumental contestants must provide their own sheet music and instruments. (A piano is the only instrument available at the games.)

LEGO ROBOTICS

Students in grades 4-6 are invited to participate in the LEGO- Robotics Dragster Olympics. Up to 2 students may work together on a car. (Please note group member names on the registration form.) Heats will take place by grade level in the gym. There will be 2 separate “events”, one for autonomous and one for remote control.

CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS-ALL DRAGSTERS MUST BE:

- Robotic (Autonomous or remote control, no push vehicles)
- Constructed entirely from Lego elements (or Lego look-alikes), w/no modified elements
- Child safe (no parts that shoot off)
- Self-powered and carry its power source with it
- No wind up mechanism

RULES-ALL DRAGSTERS WILL:

- Race on a straight, flat 25 foot course
- Start w/entire car behind the start line
- Travel along the ground for the entire transit
- Be placed behind the start line & can only be “triggered” (hit start button) by the operator
- Not be pushed, pulled or propelled in any other way except the start button
- Stay on the track and cause no disruption to other cars
- Have no size or weight constraints and must fit on the track (approx. 3 ft. wide)
- Have 3 time trials with the fastest time recorded
- Structure points will be lost if pieces fall off during time trials
- Be allowed modifications during time trials if entrants feel it necessary
- Be timed until the entire vehicle crosses the finish line

IMPORTANT TO KNOW:

- No part of a car or any launch mechanism is permitted beyond the start line
- This is an opportunity to showcase creativity (Please allow students to participate with *limited* adult involvement)

Entrants will be judged on time and best of show
At the games, those attending will have an opportunity to vote
for their favorite dragster

THE FOLLOWING ENTRY MUST BE SUBMITTED TO YOUR SCHOOL BY MARCH 8, 2019. THERE IS NOT AN ACTUAL EVENT FOR THIS CATEGORY AT THE ACADEMIC GAMES ON MARCH 23, 2019.

ART / DRAWING / PAINTING ***Entries outside the requirements listed below will be disqualified***

Students in grades K- 6 are welcome to participate. **All artwork must be original and done solely by the contestant.** **Artwork size must be no smaller than 5x7 and no larger than 15x15 paper.** Contestants may use any combination of the media so long as the original artwork is 2-dimensional (digital entries and 3-D entries will not be admitted). Examples of acceptable media include, but are not limited to: pencil, paint, pastel, collage, pen, ink, etc. The signed affidavit form must be included with artwork. Entries are due to your school by March 8, 2019. All entries will be displayed at the Academic Games and may be picked up at the games. Otherwise, they will be returned to each student's school.

Dates to remember:

3/8/19	Student participation registration form deadline
3/8/19	Entries for Art due at your school
3/23/19	Academic Games

SAVE THESE DIRECTIONS, SO YOU ARE AWARE OF DEADLINES AND REQUIREMENTS

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STUDENT REGISTRATION

*Each student needs their own registration completed

Please fill out the below registration and submit to your school's office by March 8, 2019.

STUDENT NAME: _____

SCHOOL: _____

GRADE: _____

Parent EMAIL: _____

PLEASE PLACE A CHECK MARK NEXT TO THE CATEGORIES YOU ARE ENTERING:

_____ SPELLING (gr.K-6)

_____ SCIENCE (gr. K-6)

_____ MATH (gr. K-6)

_____ ART (gr. K-6) due 3/8/19

please sign affidavit below and tape to the back of artwork

_____ MUSIC (gr. K-6)

_____ Lego (gr. 4-6) Lego team members (optional) names:

ART AFFIDAVIT: I do hereby declare that all artwork is original and completed exclusively by the participant.

Student signature _____

Parent signature _____

Title of work _____

Description of work _____

Name, school, grade _____

Media used _____