

MBMS SCHOLAR QUIZ VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Mandatory Volunteer Clinics

Friday, May 2, 2008

9-10 am and 2-3 pm at MBMS

Thank you for volunteering for Scholar Quiz! Please read through the following information about the competition before you attend one of the **MANDATORY VOLUNTEER CLINICS ON FRIDAY, MAY 2ND**. The first clinic will be held from 9-10 a.m. and the second from 2-3 p.m. at MBMS. **You must attend one of these sessions.** If you have questions, please contact Jamie Buckstaff at 310-387-3065 or jbuckstaff@gmail.com -- or bring your questions to the clinic. Check in for the clinic at the sign-in table at the front entrance to MBMS next to the office and you will be directed from there.

THE COMPETITION:

The preliminary rounds will be held Wednesday, May 14 through Thursday, May 22 during lunch 12:30 – 1:10 p.m., in various classrooms at MBMS. (The first day, May 14 is longer: 12:30 - 1:25.) The Finals are scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 23, in the MBMS MPR.

On your assigned volunteer days, please sign in at the Scholar Quiz table at the front entrance to MBMS no later than 12:00 noon. A brief volunteer meeting will be held each day after sign in. **The competition begins at 12:40 p.m. sharp!**

Scholar Quiz is a single-elimination event. Only the winning team from each preliminary match will move on. This means that at the end of every round, only half the teams advance. Due to the number of teams competing, two matches will be played in each room on the first day of competition.

THE QUESTIONS:

Questions for the competition are taken from the areas of Math, Science, Literature, Grammar, Social Studies, Geography, the Arts, Sports, and Popular Culture.

Each round of the competition is divided into two eight minute halves, with a two-minute half-time.

Three different kinds of questions will be asked -- Toss-Up, Bonus and Lightning Round:

1. Both teams have the opportunity to answer "**Toss-Up**" questions. Teams have 5 seconds after the reading of the toss-up question is complete, to answer. For Math questions, 10 seconds are given. With Toss-Up questions, in the event that the first team to answer does so incorrectly, the opposing team is given the

- opportunity to answer immediately. The question is not re-read for the second team, nor is additional time given to answer.
2. Some Toss-Up questions lead to 4-part "**Bonus**" questions, which may be answered **ONLY** by the team which correctly answered the corresponding toss-up question. Teams have 20 seconds to confer before the Team Captain provides all four answers.
 3. "**Lightning Round**" questions are interspersed throughout the competition. They differ from other questions in that less time is provided to answer and points are deducted from a team's score for incorrect answers. Players from both teams have 2–3 seconds in which to answer these rapidly delivered questions, which all relate to a specific theme. If the first team to answer does so incorrectly, 5 points are deducted from that team's score; the opposing team is **NOT** given an opportunity to answer.

ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS:

Players will signal that they are ready to answer Toss-Up and Lightning Round questions by raising their flags; the first person to raise his/her flag receives the first opportunity to answer. Flags **MAY** be raised before the reading of a question is complete, but the question will not be finished – **UNLESS** the first contestant to answer does so incorrectly. In that case, the reading of the Toss Up question will be completed for the opposing team. (Remember: for Lightning Round questions, points are deducted for incorrect answers and the opposing team does not have an opportunity to answer).

SCORING:

- Toss-Up questions are worth 5 points each.
- Bonus questions are divided into 4 parts, each worth 5 points, for a maximum of 20 points.
- Lightning Round questions are worth 5 points if answered correctly; 5 points are deducted for an incorrect answer.

THE SCHOLAR QUIZ COMMITTEE THANKS YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND EFFORT!

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DISCLAIMER: All Scholar Quiz questions have been carefully vetted by the Committee and MBMS faculty. Every effort has been made to guarantee that they are of uniform difficulty. The Committee encourages all Scholar Quiz participants, parents, and audience members to exhibit exemplary sportsmanship and to remember that, above all, this is intended to be an **ENJOYABLE** event which highlights the **FUN** of academics!