



Academic Pentathlon

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Curriculum

Academic Pentathlon uses curriculum provided by the United States Academic Pentathlon (USAP). The curriculum incorporates math, science, language arts, social studies, music, and art history. Each year has a theme and this year's theme is Water: A Most Essential Resource. We will cover each subject as it pertains to the theme.

Field Trip

Students will visit a local water source as it relates to the theme. Details TBD.

Supplies

Many of these supplies can be found at the Dollar Store. If you are unable to obtain any of these necessary supplies, please let Ms. Lagos know.

- 1 1-inch Binder
- Loose-leaf notebook paper
- 1 set of 5-tab dividers
- 1 set of blank, white index cards

Overview

Students will spend the year studying for the Academic Pentathlon which takes place on Saturday, April 30, 2022. The competition consists of five tests, a speech, an essay, and the Super Quiz.

Tests

Students will take five tests consecutively on the day of the competition. There will be one test for each subject: literature, mathematics, science, social science, and fine arts. There will be an opportunity to practice the tests in a scrimmage against the other competing schools a few weeks prior to the day of the competition.

Novel

Students will read "A Long Walk to Water" by Linda Sue Park. We will read the novel as a class. We will be reading for comprehension and so there will be comprehension checks and writing.

Essay

Students will write an essay a few weeks prior to the day of the competition. Students will have 50 minutes to write an essay based on the provided prompt. The prompt will be related to the novel.

Speech

A few selected students will participate in the speech portion of the competition. All students will prepare for the speech portion throughout the year and the most capable students will be chosen to compete. Students will receive instruction on how to write and deliver a speech. Students will choose their own topic with guidance from Ms. Lagos.

Super Quiz

Possibly the most exciting part of the competition is the Super Quiz. Three students from DMS will be chosen to compete against three students from another participating middle school in a quiz bowl competition. Students will be on stage answering questions in real time.



Sign below and return to Ms. Lagos as soon as possible.

I have read and understand the requirements for this course.

I will abide by class rules and purchase all necessary supplies.

Student Signature

Parent Signature