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THE VITZITUAL

CHALLENGE MEETS

"When you can do the common things of life in an uncommon way, you will command the attention of the world." – **George Washington Carver**

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Middle School VCM #3 & High School VCM #2 Results Middle School VCM Season - Wrap-up & Summary

High School VCM #3: January 8th - January 27th

Middle School VCM #3:

Top 20 Sweepstakes Winners:



2nd - Prosper Reynolds (92.5)

6th - Nazareth (77.25)

10th - Grand Saline (43)

14th - Prosper Hays (30)

18th - Sonora (15.3)

3rd - Garland Austin (92.25)

7th - Dallas Dealey (57)

11th - Mission K White (37) tie 15th - White Oak (27)

16th - Grady (25)

19th - Amarillo River Road (15)

4th - Whitesboro (87)

5th - Muenster (78.25)

9th - Frisco Griffin (52.5)

8th - All Saints - Lubbock (53)

11th - Lindale (37) tie 13th - Olney (35.6)

17th - Sharyland Gray (17)

20th - Ganado (13.5)

2023-2024 Middle School Virtual Challenge Meet #3







LINDSAY MS VCM ACADEMIC TEAM

The 2023-2024 Middle School Virtual Challenge Meets:

- MS Virtual Challenge Meet #1 2,735 Scores Posted
 - Sweepstakes Winner-Whitesboro Middle School
- MS Virtual Challenge Meet #2 3,696 Scores Posted
 - Sweepstakes Winner-Nazareth Middle School
- MS Virtual Challenge Meet #3 2,799 Scores Posted
 - Sweepstakes Winner-Lindsay Middle School

9,230 (the most ever) Total Scores were posted for the 2023-2024 MS Season

High School VCM #2:

8,051 (Most Ever) Scores posted for High School Meet

Overall Sweepstakes winners:

1st - Allen High School (108 Points)

2nd - Argyle (52.5)

3rd - Dallas Science/Engineering (42)

4th - Hallsville (36)

5th - Edinburg North (30)

6th - Sharyland Pioneer (26)

7th - Sulphur Springs (25)

8th - Fort Bend Clements (21)

9th - Van (20)

10th - Longview Pine Tree (18) tie

10th - Mission Collegiate (18) tie

2023-2024 High School Virtual Challenge Meet #2





High School VCM #2:

1A Top Ten Sweepstakes Winners:



2nd - Gail Borden (102.3)

3rd - Nazareth (96)

4th - Moulton (76)

5th - Vernon Northside (53)

6th - Garden City (52)

7th - Baird (45)

8th - Wheeler Kelton (39)

9th - Knippa (37.6)

10th - Veribest (18)

High School VCM #2:

2A Top Ten Sweepstakes Winners:



2nd - Lindsay (59)

3rd - All Saints - Lubbock (49)

4th - Mart (47.5)

5th - Northwest Steele (44.6)

6th - Muenster (42)

7th - Vega (41)

8th - Sanford-Fritch (39)

9th - Ozona (32)

10th - Groveton (30.2)

High School VCM #2:

3A Top Ten Sweepstakes Winners:



1st - Gladewater Sabine High School (135 Points)

2nd - Mission Collegiate (115.5)

3rd - Holliday (63)

4th - Henrietta (55)

5th - New Waverly (53.5)

6th - Callisburg (41)

7th - Wall (34.6)

8th - Childress (33) tie

8th - FW Harmony School of Innovation (33) tie

10th - Columbus (32.3)

High School VCM #2:

Top Ten 4A Sweepstakes Winners:



1st - Dallas Science & Engineering HS (170 Points)

2nd - Needville (66.3)

3rd - Dallas Talented and Gifted (55)

4th - Giddings (51)

5th - Sulphur Springs (49)

6th - Van (42)

7th - Hereford (39)

8th - La Feria (36.5)

9th - Tuloso-Midway (34)

10th - Mabank (32)

High School VCM #2:

Top Ten 5A Sweepstakes Winners:



2nd - Hallsville (82)

3rd - CC Flour Bluff (69)

4th - Sharyland Pioneer (56)

5th - Longview Pine Tree (42) tie

5th - Abilene Wylie (42) tie

7th - Lubbock Coronado (34) tie

7th - Cedar Park (33)

8th - Frisco Heritage (29)

10th - Pflugerville Hendrickson (28.3)

High School VCM #2:

Top Ten 6A Sweepstakes Winners:



2nd - Fort Bend Clements (74)

3rd - Waller (67)

4th - Conroe Grand Oaks (58)

5th - Tomball Memorial (43)

6th - Edinburg North (38)

7th - Cedar Park Vista Ridge (31)

8th - Cypress Ranch (28)

9th - Laredo Alexander (24.5)

10th - Galena Park North Shore (24)

THE VITZTUAL CHALLENGE MEETS 1013-1014 TESTING WINDOWS

HIGH SCHOOL

- Meet #1: October 2nd 28th
- Meet #2: November 13th December 9th
- Meet #3: January 8th 27th
- Meet #4: February 12th March 2nd
- RQ Meet: April 9th 23rd
- SQ Meet: May 1st May 11th

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Meet #1: September 4th 30th
- Meet #2: October 2nd 30th
- Meet #3: November 1st 30th

**COMPLETED MEETS IN YELLOW

THE VITZTUAL CHALLENGE MEETS THE TESTS

HIGH SCHOOL

- Accounting
- Calculator
- Computer Science
- Current Events
- Literary Criticism
- Mathematics
- Number Sense
- Science
- Social Studies
- Spelling

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Calculator (6-8) (**additional VCM 4th & 5th divisions)
- Dictionary Skills (5-6) & (7-8)
- Listening Skills (5-6) & (7-8)
- Maps, Graphs and Charts (5-6) & (7-8)
- Mathematics (6-8) (**additional VCM 4th & 5th divisions)
- Number Sense (4-6) & (7-8)
- Science (6-8) (**additional VCM 4th & 5th divisions)
- Social Studies (5-6) & (7-8)
- Spelling (3-4), (5-6), & (7-8)

^{**} We open these events up to lower grades to compete to help coaches spot interested and talented kids for the future.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

HS CURRENT EVENTS

Bradley Wilson announced and UIL has confirmed that THE SCORING FOR CE HAS BEEN CHANGED BY UIL. SO WE ARE CHANGING WITH THEM.
Still 40 Questions, but each is now worth 2 points, so a perfect score is now 80 points, therefore you cannot have odd-numbered scores.

Please check your posted CE scores to make sure your coach or whoever graded and scored your CE Tests did this correctly.

As a side note, even though we do not have the essay component, please note that the Essay is now worth 20 points on any UIL CE Test that uses the essay.

HS SOCIAL STUDIES

Andy Bates announced at CapCon and the SAC that he is switching parts Two and Three for this year's topic so he won't have to write as many questions over the book.

He did this when the topic was East Asia, and his reason is that he doesn't want to have to resort to questions over the minute details over the book.

This year's book, like the one on Korea, is not as rich as the one last year, so it will be harder for him to come up with questions.

This does not change the scoring of the SS Test, just what content each section covers.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED ON NEXT SLIDE

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HS SCIENCE - PHYSICS SECTION

From the UIL website:

The three directed reading questions will come first (P1-P3). The book for this year is "Five Equations that Changed the World" by Michael Guillen (ISBN 978-0786881871). This book covers the biographies of five great physicists. There's less math and more humanity, so I hope your students enjoy it.

This was also the book used for the 2017 season, so many of your schools may already have a copy of it. This book has five chapters, so the breakdown is logical:

- questions for the UIL Invitational A test will come from chapter 1
- questions for UIL Invitational B will come from chapter 2.
- For the UIL District test, I will choose questions from chapter 3.
- Questions for the UIL Regional test will come from chapter 4
- questions for the UIL State test will come from chapter 5.
- As always, I would encourage you to read the entire book, but you'll need only review a single chapter of the book prior to each contest.

From the VCM Physics Test Writer (in response):

Here is what we will be doing to prepare your students for the above UIL tests:

- VCM # 1 Chapter 1
- VCM # 2 Chapter 1
- VCM # 3 Chapter 2
- VCM # 4 Chapter 3
- VCM # 5 Chapter 4
- VCM # 6 Chapter 5

In 2022-2023, the Virtual Challenge Meets had:

- 485 High Schools and 170 Middle Schools that competed in the VCMs
- 37,349 Total Scores posted on the VCM website (all the most ever)

In the 10 HS VCM Events:

- 76% of the Top 6 UIL Individuals at the 2023 UIL State Meet
- 80% of the UIL Individual State Champions at the 2023 UIL State Meet
- 74% of the UIL State Qualifying Teams at the 2023 UIL State Meet
- 88% of the UIL Team State Champions at the 2023 UIL State Meet

Competed in the Virtual Challenge Meets

THE VITZTUAL CHALLENGE MEETS TEST WIZITETZS & PIZOOFETZS

Both the Middle School and the High School VCM tests are written and proofed by former UIL State Directors, current UIL State Directors (in different events), State Champion Academic Coaches and university professors.

Year after year they have repeatedly answered the charge of providing top quality academic tests that will emulate the UIL tests in depth, difficulty, and design, giving your students the best possible training materials out there to make them successful.

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