The VCM Newsletter

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THE VITETUAL CHALLENGE MEETS

PRESENTS

"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 Meet #1: September 4th - 30th High School Meet #1: October 2nd - 28th Middle School Meet #2: October 2nd - 30th

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 <u>2 points</u>, so a perfect score is now <u>80 points</u>, therefore you <u>cannot have odd-numbered scores</u>. 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.

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OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED ON NEXT SLIDE

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

By the Numbers Middle School VCM #1:

2,735 Scores posted for Middle School Meet #1

Sweepstakes Winners:

1st - Whitesboro Middle School (164.5 Points)

2nd Dallas Dealey (114) 3rd Lindsay (113) 4th Nazareth (91) 5th Olney (72) 6th Callisburg (53.3) 7th Wink (53) Tie

7th Mission K. White (53) Tie

9th Groveton (50)

10th All Saints Episcopal (47)

11th San Saba (41.3)

12th Muenster (35)
13th Garland Austin Acad. (33)
14th White Oak (28)
15th New Waverly (23) Tie
15th Sabine Pass (23) Tie

17th Veribest (22)18th Sharyland Gray (17)19th Savoy (15.5)20th Grady (12.3)

2023-2024 Middle School Virtual Challenge Meet #1



WHITESBORO MIDDLE SCHOOL

THE VIZTUAL 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 VIZTUAL 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.

*BY THE NUMBERS

The 2022-2023 Middle School Virtual Challenge Meets:

- MS Virtual Challenge Meet #1 2,846 Scores Posted
 - Sweepstakes Winner-Whitesboro Middle School
- MS Virtual Challenge Meet #2 3,157 Scores Posted
 - Sweepstakes Winner-Muenster Middle School
- MS Virtual Challenge Meet #3 2,405 Scores Posted
 - Sweepstakes Winner-Lindsay Middle School

8,408 Total Scores were posted for the 2022-2023 MS Season (most ever)



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:

- **<u>76%</u>** 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**
- <u>74%</u> 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 VIZTUAL CHALLENGE MEETS TEST WRITERS & PROFERS

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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