The VCM Newsletter March 2024



# THE VITZTUAL 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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**High School VCM #4 Results** 

Added Copy Editing as a Pilot Event for VCM #4



## High School VCM #4:

**6,361** Scores posted for High School Meet #4

#### Overall Sweepstakes winners:

## 1st - Argyle High School (55 Points)

2nd - Allen (51.3)

3rd - Van (44)

4th - Holliday (40)

5th - Hallsville (37)

6th - McKinney (35.5)

7th - Needville (32) tie

7th - Lubbock Coronado (32) tie

7th - Henrietta (32) tie

10th - All Saints Episcopal - Lubbock (28)

#### 2023-2024 High School Virtual Challenge Meet #4





High School VCM #4:

1A Top Ten Sweepstakes Winners:



2nd - Nazareth (124)

3rd - Gail Borden (105)

4th - Newcastle (94)

5th - Rankin (69)

6th - Garden City (46)

7th - McMullen County (33)

8th - Vernon Northside (29)

9th - Iraan (26)

10th - Imperial Buena Vista (23)

High School VCM #4:

2A Top Ten Sweepstakes Winners:



2nd - Latexo (74)

3rd - Olney (51.3)

4th - Sanford-Fritch (45)

5th - Mart (44) tie

5th - Tolar (44) tie

7th - San Augustine (42)

8th - Era (41)

9th - San Saba (37.5)

10th - Providence Classical (36.8)

## High School VCM #4:

3A Top Ten Sweepstakes Winners:



#### 1st - Gladewater Sabine High School (107 Points)

2nd - Mission Collegiate (105)

3rd - New Waverly (82.5)

4th - Holliday (82.3)

5th - Henrietta (55)

6th - Wall (43)

7th - Childress (38)

8th - Callisburg (33) tie

8th - Brady (33) tie

10th - FW Harmony School of Innovation (28)

High School VCM #4:

Top Ten 4A Sweepstakes Winners:



#### 1st - Dallas Science & Engineering HS (181 Points)

2nd - Needville (97.5)

3rd - Sulphur Springs (92.6)

4th - Van (59)

5th - Giddings (42.3)

6th - Kaufman (39)

7th - Orange Little Cypress Mauriceville (35)

8th - Mineral Wells (33)

9th - Hereford (30.6)

10th - Wichita Falls (22.6)

## High School VCM #4:

Top Ten 5A Sweepstakes Winners:



### 1st - CC Four Bluff (136 Points)

2nd - Argyle (130)

3rd - Leander Rouse (82.6)

4th - Hallsville (78)

5th - Lubbock Coronado (55)

6th - Abilene Wylie (45.3)

7th - Longview Pine Tree (45)

8th - Sharyland Pioneer (27)

8th - Pflugerville Connally (24)

10th - Goose Creek Memorial (23)

## High School VCM #4:

Top Ten 6A Sweepstakes Winners:



### 1st - Fort Bend Clements HS (102 Points)

2nd - Waller (97.2)

3rd - Allen (94.5)

4th - Fort Bend Elkins (82)

5th - McKinney (67)

6th - Conroe Grand Oaks (55.7)

7th - Edinburg North (47)

8th - Tomball Memorial (30)

9th - Round Rock (27.5)

10th - Cy-Fair (25)

## THE VITZTUAL CHALLENGE MEETS 1013-1014 TESTING WINDOWS

#### HIGH SCHOOL

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

- 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
- Copy Editing (Special Pilot Event)

#### 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)

<sup>\*\*</sup> 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

#### 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

#### 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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