



St. John Vianney Regional School

8th Grade is a Unique and FUN Experience in Research and Discovery!

Dear Parents and 8th Grade Students,

Two integral parts of the 8th Grade science, language arts and library science curricula of the Diocese of Allentown and the Pennsylvania State Standards include a **Science Exhibition** and **Declamation**.

The Science Exhibition and Declamation help students develop skills that give them a head start in high school, college and beyond!

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| Critical thinking | Problem solving skills |
| Research and reading skills | Oral and written communication |
| Presentation skills | Application of the scientific method |

The Science Exhibition and Declamation also provide students with the opportunity to choose from scientific and historical topics; conduct extensive primary and secondary research through experiments, libraries, archives, museums, and interviews.

DECLAMATION

Declamation is a competition in which the student memorizes and recites a famous speech. Begin researching your speech selection this summer by visiting www.AmericanRhetoric.com/speechbank.htm.

The requirements for Declamation include:

1. Selecting a speech that reflects Catholic values and was publicly delivered
2. Selecting a speech that has been written and delivered by the original author
3. Delivering the speech from memory
4. Delivering a speech in no longer than 7 minutes and no shorter than 4 minutes
5. Poetry and dramatic readings are excluded

SCIENCE EXHIBITION

A science exhibition is an investigation that is designed to solve a problem or answer a question by conducting an experiment. The student uses a procedure called the “scientific method” to answer the question. The ‘exhibition’ part takes place when everyone who has done a project gathers together to showcase their work. A student creates an exhibit to explain the project.

Students are expected to fulfill curricula requirements at SJVRS for Declamation in March. The Science Exhibition at SJV will be held during Catholic Schools Week, January 29 - February 5, 2011. Teacher instruction will be provided during the course of the school year. This letter is provided to promote 8th Grade curriculum awareness.

Students will have the opportunity to qualify for competitions in 2012:

2012 Declamation Competitions:

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| Local at SJV (March) | In 2011, 50 SJV Students participated |
| Districts at Diocesan School TBA (April) | In 2011, 4 SJV Students participated |
| Diocesan at Diocesan School TBA (April) | <i>This could be you!</i> |

2012 Science Exhibition

Local at SJV (January); District TBA

We look forward to helping your 8th Grader expand their historical and scientific knowledge!

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