

December 15, 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is time to start preparing for the 2012 OLQP and Brazoria County (BC) Science Fairs. The OLQP Science Fair projects are due to the school on Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 8:00 am. The judging will be on Thursday, Feb. 9. The Brazoria County Science Fair will be held on February 23-25, 2012, with projects due on Feb. 23. The due date for the registration forms for the BC Science Fair projects hasn't been announced yet (it will probably be around Jan. 19th). All students, pre-K through 8th grade, are encouraged to participate in both fairs. It is **mandatory** for all Junior High students to participate in the OLQP Science Fair. Jr. High students will receive extra-credit for participating in the Brazoria County Science Fair. The Junior High students started working on their projects on September 26. They all were given a calendar with the due dates to turn in all the steps of the scientific method and they receive a grade for the information presented (students receive a zero every time they do not turn in the assigned information).

Pre-K through 8th grade students may participate in both science fairs. The Pre-K – 2nd grade projects may be observations, models, investigations, or experiments. The 3rd graders may do models or experiments. The 4th - 8th graders have to do experiments. The 7th and 8th grade students submitting projects to the BC science fair are required to be present on Feb. 24 to be interviewed by the judges. All the Science Fair forms and information will be available from the OLQP web site when the BC Fair Association makes them available. The following link contains a document that will guide you through the steps of the scientific method:
<http://www.olqpschool.org/documents/Forms/Academics/Steps%20of%20Science%20Project.pdf>

The following links will help students identify topics for science fair projects:

<http://www.sciencebuddies.com/> (click on Topic Selection Wizard to answer the questionnaire that will give you a list of projects).

<http://scienceclub.org/>

<http://school.discoveryeducation.com/sciencefaircentral/>

<http://www.ipl.org/div/projectguide/>

http://science.house.gov/resources/science_fun.shtml#

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail (ywhitmarsh@olqpschool.org). If you are interested in volunteering as a Science Fair judge, please send me an e-mail. We will need at least 25 judges for the OLQP fair and about 5 judges for the BC fair. I'm looking forward to a great 2012 Science Fair.

Merry Christmas and a blessed 2012! Have a blessed day,

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