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Dear Parents:

This spring, your child has the opportunity to participate in the **Florida Association of Christian Colleges and Schools' Junior Fine Arts Regional Festival**. It is a platform for your child to present his/her God-given talents in the areas of art, music, and speech. Our hope is that this will be a wonderful, challenging, and growth-inducing opportunity for your child. While our Regional, Event, and School-level Coordinators will advise students of all rules and procedures prior to the festival, please allow me this opportunity to share a few things with you, the parents, to help you prepare your child for this event.

1. You are encouraged to help your child prepare for the festival. It would be a great way for you to spend quality time together.
2. Your school may have an in-school qualifying festival since the categories are limited in the number of entries each school can send. Please be sure to follow their guidelines as all entries to FACCS must come through your child's school.
3. For art pieces, your child's school may have students complete the piece at school or you may give guidance and supervision, however, you may not help in the creation of the piece in any way. You wouldn't want the evaluation to be skewed as it is meant to provide valuable feedback on your child's talent and ability level. Please be sure that your child completes and signs the Artist's Idea Statement that will be submitted along with your child's artwork.
4. When making music selections, you may want to consult your child's school and private lesson teacher (if applicable). All of the specific guidelines concerning the styles of music permitted are covered in the official manual which is available for download at www.faccs.org. If your school limits your selections because of their specific standards of music, you are obligated to abide by their guidelines.
5. Judges are to be presented with an original score or script(s) - photocopies are not acceptable. See the manual for the number of originals that must be submitted to the judges and exceptions to photocopying. Please be sure to purchase the number of originals you need.
6. When making speech selections, please be aware that all scripts must come from published sources. While there are many "author unknown" and Internet/E-mail circulated stories that are very touching and humorous, these pieces may not be used unless they can be directly traced to a published script. While selections can be excerpted from plays, be sure to note the act, scene, author, and publisher.
7. The schedule and all pertinent information for your school's Regional Festival will be sent to your child's school once the school's registration form is received by the Event Coordinator. **Please contact your child's school for more information, not FACCS.**
8. You are welcome to attend the Festival and watch your child perform. While at the festival, you may be recruited by your school to help with supervision of students. Please be willing to help with this. Although your child and their performance is probably the most important event for you at the Festival, it is imperative that the other students in your child's school have proper supervision and most schools cannot provide all of the necessary staff supervision.
9. The event coordinators and judges have been selected for their experience and knowledge in their specific areas of fine arts. They have the right to make evaluations and rulings, when necessary. All coordinators' and judges' decisions are final.
10. Your child will receive a Certificate of Participation and a numerical rating score from the judge(s) for their performance. You may download the Judging Sheets along with the manual at the FACCS web site. If your child scores a 60 or above, they will receive a ribbon for either a Superior, Excellent, or Good performance. See the manual or Judging Sheet for specific rating scores.
11. If your child is in the 3rd - 8th grades and scores the highest or 2nd highest numerical rating in his/her grade/category (with an Excellent or higher rating), he/she will be eligible to compete in the **FACCS Junior Fine Arts State Competition**. This will be held on May 11 & 12 at Southeastern University in Lakeland. Sorry, 1st and 2nd graders may not attend the State Competition unless they are part of the Elementary Chorus or Band. Specific information on the State Competition will be available on the FACCS web site. To prepare for this competition, we suggest continuing to practice the selection they presented at the Regional Festival as it must be presented again at the State Competition. Art pieces may not be changed in any way for the state competition.

Please Remember: The purpose of this Festival is to provide opportunities for your child to study, to show commitment to their talent, to develop poise, and to expand himself/herself academically and socially. The final objective is not only about "winning," but about showing grace and dignity under pressure. The value of events like these is in the journey, not just in the event or its outcome. Encourage your child to see the big picture if things don't go the way he/she, and you, hope or anticipate.

Thank you for allowing us to invest in your child's life and development.

Sincerely
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