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Your Assignment ... Pray By Mr. Alan J. Hodak administr a nice tin

On Thursday, March 6th, the Minnesota Association of Christian Schools (MACS) hosted its annual Legislative Breakfast at the Kelly Inn in St. Paul. A number of our Christian school administrators and pastors from our sponsoring churches attended our breakfast. We expected a turnout of about 50-60 as we had many legislators who had responded to our invitations favorably, but the turnout was much fewer than anticipated. In fact, it was disappointing. Nevertheless, our folks spoke to the ones who did come about our mission, our individual schools, and our Christian school organization. We enjoyed a nice breakfast together, had each legislator sit various students, pastors,



administrators, and we had a nice time getting to know each other better. The last part of the hour was spent with a presentation about our Christian schools and ended up with an unanticipated time of sharing.



Several of the legislators shared some very specific prayer requests that caught us by surprise.

We often think of people serving in government as non-caring, only interested in maintaining their elected position, or corrupt in some way. But if this sampling of civil servants is even a small representation of the greater number, we learned that these are false assumptions. Many of our legislators are very caring people wanting to serve their constituency and do what is right. And a small number (at least) of our legislators are believers. They shared some of their

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MACS Speech and Bible Festival

This year's MACS Speech and Bible Festival took place on February 6th at Woodcrest Baptist Academy in Fridley, MN. Students from MACS schools across the state competed in various events, including Bible preaching, duet acting, oral interpretations of poetry, scripture and speeches, reader's theater, puppetry and spelling.

There were a good number of students at the Festival, and we hope more MACS students will come and participate next year!

A full list of the awards can be found at the end of this newsletter. Superior performances are noted as follows:

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PRAY (continued from page 1)

personal struggles of time commitments and making a State Representatives make very little money during the session and Senators make a bit more, but certainly not enough to make a living without working a second job. Others have some real concerns about their college-aged children's safety, well-being, and lifedirection. Others expressed a need to pray for protection against threats against them and their families. We were confronted with the realization that these are real people, genuine to the core, who have real needs just like we do. They are just as unsettled about the future as we are. They are struggling with the policies of government just like us. And they are desperately seeking for God's wisdom in their positions of leadership. Imagine that! Real people serving in government who want what is right and best for the people they serve. Do people like this still exist in government? And the answer is "Yes!" We just had breakfast with some of them.



One of the other things that our legislators shared with us was that we need to be in constant contact with them whether it is letter writing, phone calling, or lobbying efforts. They explained to us that they always hear from the left, but they do not hear enough from the right. Often, it seems, our legislators must find themselves in a precarious position when they are attempting to argue their

position, but do not have adequate support from their constituency to prove their point. The question we asked, was "How can we help you?" Their answer? "Lobby us!" That was an interesting answer and the point was well-taken.

What does this mean, practically?

It means that we must get much more involved in the legislative process than we have been in the past. The starting point is finding out who our state Representative, state Senator, Congressman or Senator is? The second step is to begin to pray regularly for these people. The specific needs mentioned were things we were able to pray about right there at the end of our breakfast with some of our legislators and it was a sweet time together. But I want to challenge you to make it a regular part of your prayer life to include your leaders, both at the federal and state levels.

Paul wrote something to Timothy that we don't practice enough. He told Timothy, in 1 Timothy 2:1-4, "Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."

Note that the reasons we pray for our leaders is so that we can lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence, but God's real motivation is that all men might come to the knowledge of the truth. We pray for a life which allows for real evangelization of the lost. Without a godly and peaceable life, there would be few opportunities where we could share the Gospel with others.

We will change our thinking about our elected officials if we start praying regularly for them. I challenge you to start becoming involved with your elected officials by writing them regularly about bills coming up. State your positions respectfully and tell them that you are praying for them. And pray ... and keep praying. Do not become complacent in your prayer life with respect to bringing our leaders before the Lord on a daily basis. Those who are supportive with regard to the positions we hold dear need to hear from us. So let's let them know we are here. Let's let them know we are praying.

How do I find out who my state representatives and senators are?

Go to www.leg.state.mn.us/leg/districtfinder.aspx.

- Mr. Hodak ♦



Senator Thomas M. Bakk (DFL) District 03 Majority Leader



Senator David W. Hann (R) District 48 Minority Leader



This Year's MACS Calendar— (Now Through End of Summer 2014)

Apr. 4 - MACS Fine Arts Festival at Fourth Baptist, Plymouth

Apr. 4 - MACS Annual Meeting at Fourth Baptist, Plymouth

May 2— Granite City Baptist Annual Track Meet (St. Cloud)

Jun. 23—27— FBCS Basketball Camps, Plymouth (All MACS School are invited)

Aug. 4—8— FBCS Soccer & Volleyball Camps, Plymouth (All MACS Schools are invited!)

Next Year's MACS Calendar 2014-15

Jun. 23-27, (Monday—Friday)—FBCS Basketball Camps, Plymouth (All MACS Schools are invited!)

Aug. 4-8, (Monday—Friday)—FBCS Soccer & Volleyball Camps, Plymouth (All MACS Schools are invited!)

Aug. 22, (Friday)—MACS Pastor/Administrator Fellowship, Rosemount

Aug. 22, (Friday)—Rosemount Jamboree

Oct. 9-10, (Thursday & Friday)—MACS/WACS Teacher's Convention at the WI Dells

Oct. 23—25 (Thursday—Saturday)—MACS State Soccer & Volleyball Tourney at Lake Region in Baxter, MN

Nov. 7, (Friday)—MACS Band Festival at Fourth Baptist, Plymouth

Jan. 23, (Friday)—MACS Student Leadership Conference at Fourth Baptist, Plymouth

Jan. 27, (Tuesday)—MACS Legislative Breakfast @ Kelly Inn (tentative date)/Executive Board Meeting Following the Breakfast, St. Paul

Feb. 5, (Thursday)—MACS Speech and Bible Festival at Woodcrest

Feb. 26-28, (Thursday—Saturday)—MACS State Basketball Tourney at Fourth Baptist and Woodcrest Baptist Academy

Mar. 6, (Friday)—Jr. High MACS Fine Arts Festival at First Baptist, Rosemount

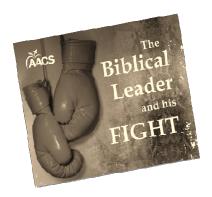
Apr. 10, (Friday)—MACS Fine Arts Festival at Fourth Baptist

Apr. 10, (Friday)—MACS Annual Meeting, 11:30am at Fourth Baptist, Plymouth

May 1, (Friday)—Granite City Baptist Annual Track Meet, St. Cloud

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Student Leadership Conference



January 24, 2014 was the date for this year's Student Leadership Conference at FBCS. Guest Speakers were Dr. Jason Ormiston and Mr. Chad Williams.

The theme for this year's conference was "The Biblical Leader and his Fight."

Secondary students from Coon Rapids, Grace-Mankato, Lake Region, Prior Lake, St. Francis, Woodcrest and Fourth Baptist met together for the day long conference. Students had the chance to work in small groups and mingle at lunch and break times. It's a great opportunity for our students to interact in a non-competitive setting.

Students have given us feedback that they really enjoyed the conference., and wrote some thoughtful comments:

"Silence can mean approval. In order to be a leader, you must first learn to follow."

"The Lord taught me to stand up for what's right even if it goes against the group."

"We have to be different from the world if we are like Christ."

"During the leadership conference, I learned that you don't have to be in the highest position on your team or in your class. Everyone is a leader because leadership is *influence*, and everyone influences others in one way or another. Some lead toward great things and some lead to destruction; that's why we need to think before we speak and act, and choose our friends wisely. You don't have to be showy and flamboyant to be a leader—Christ was a server; He put himself below people, yet He was the greatest leader we have. Be like Christ—be a servant-leader."

"A true friend asks how their best friend's spiritual life is going. We should desire to talk about God all the time. Be different on purpose." ◆

(Speech & Bible, continued from page 1)

- Christy Graves and Catie Pierson (Rosemount) Duet Acting
- Ashley Graves (Rosemount) Humorous Interpretation
- One Act Play (Heritage)
- Vanessa Andrade (St. Francis) Oral Interpretation of Poetry
- St. Francis Reader's Theater
- Christy Graves (Rosemount) Bible Teaching
- Brett Cournoyer (Woodcrest) and Scott Fruetel (Rosemount)
 Topical Preaching
- David Taylor and Casey Tidrick (Rosemount) Puppets
- Kelsey Olson and Taylor Kivel (Woodcrest) Puppets
- Robert Horn and Rajan Mohinani (Fourth Baptist) Puppets
- Carlie Ott (Woodcrest) 2014 Spelling Bee Champion

One teacher/judge in attendance said that Ashley Graves of Rosemount gave a Humorous Interpretation that was indeed *very* funny. It was about a girl who had two boys fighting over her

and she wanted them to duel. In the end, she chose neither of the dueling boys, but third (different) boy instead!

Robert Horn and Rajan Mohinani of Fourth Baptist were one of the teams that put on a superior performance in the popular category of "puppets." their theme was David and Goliath, and they earned third place.

Heritage Christian School of Karlstad put on a one-act play entitled "Calvary's Love," earning a first place with high marks for their efforts. Pastor Mark Hanson says, "Although we did compete with this play, it was really written more as a ministry play to be presented in area churches around Easter time. We did none the less enjoy the experience of coming to MACS for the first time for the Bible and speech convention." (See more about the Heritage Drama Department on the next page).

Brett Cournoyer of Woodcrest preached a sermon entitled "A Passion for Christ," was very well communicated. Scott Fruetel also earned a Superior rating for his topical preaching message. Might we have future pastors in our midst?

It's great to see the students gain confidence in their public speaking abilities by participating in these events. Special thanks to Woodcrest for organizing and hosting this event! ◆

Featurette: Heritage Christian School of Karlstad Spotlight: The Heritage DRAMA Department



Calvary's Promise

Minnesota. But they have a large vision, and big faith. this Easter. They love using drama as a vehicle to portray biblical truths. I asked Pastor Hanson to tell me a little bit about their one-act play, "Calvary's Love." What they are doing at Karlstad was so interesting, I thought I'd share it with you all. Pastor Mark Hanson told me, "We enjoy drama very much at Heritage and have put on a dinner theater for several years featuring some live drama and more recently movies that we have produced....I really want to promote and encourage the use of drama in churches and school as I believe God can use this medium to touch hearts for Him."

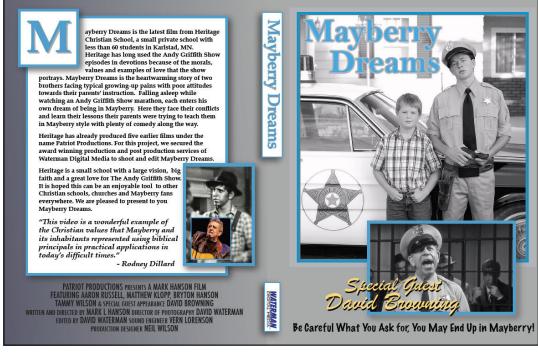
From Pastor Mark Hanson:

"Calvary's Love" was originally written by myself as a 40-minute play used in an Easter Outreach in 2011 at our church. It became quite powerful and a number of people prayed for salvation at the altar afterwards. I had always wished there was something more I could do with it but wasn't sure how as we went onto to writing a different play the following year called "Calvary's Promise" which focused upon the promise of our own The modern side characters were completely changed for will be presenting a new play called "Calvary's Glory," completely given to Him. We are using the life of Peter effect is played for their closing scene.

Heritage Christian School of Karlstad, MN is a small and his struggles and a modern example to set up Ray Christian school of just 60 students in Northern Wood's testimony. We hope to see many come to Christ

> Back to "Calvary's Love" the one-act play. I finally felt I could condense it down to a ten-minute play without losing all its punch. Each play in the Calvary trilogy utilizes a split stage wherein a modern side presents people in a contemporary setting with someone in spiritual conflict. When a believer witnesses to them about the way Jesus has provided for them, their conversation eventually mutes to become a live illustration on the biblical side. For the one-act play version, I re-wrote the play keeping only two biblical scenes (the flogging of Christ done in silhouette) and Christ nailed to the cross scene. The music of "There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood" is played during the very realistic flogging (if we don't get the padding right, our actor get welts on his back) and is sung during church performances. Likewise, the music of "Were You There" is played or sung on the biblical side during the crucifixion scene.

resurrection from Christ's empty tomb and now this year the short version. Now it is two sisters in a jail waiting room. One who has grown closer to the Lord since their which we are very excited about. We are moving to parents' sudden death and one who has become Heritage Christian School's gymnasium for more seating embittered and drifted into the world, who is now in for the two night event. One of the actors from "Facing serious trouble. Through the story of the passion of The Giants," "Fireproof" and the "Courageous" DVD is Christ, the troubled sister gradually softens her heart, flying up to partner with us in this outreach. "Calvary's realizing that Christ is also familiar with pain and Glory" shows how God can take a messed up life with a rejection, and He is the ultimate source of healing both bad past and use it for His glory when that life is emotionally and spiritually for her. A soft sad music



"Calvary's Love" will compete at the A.C.E. Regional Student Convention in later April along with another new Heritage one-act play; a comedy entitled "Snake River Bible Camp." We hope there will be several other good plays there to see and compete against. However, if there were no other convention/festival for our plays to compete, we would simply prepare them for Heritage church services in the spring, which help to promote our school and raise funds through love offerings.

We partnered with some of the original cast members from The Andy Griffith Show to put on a special movie premiere/concert night that was greatly enjoyed. I really want to promote and encourage the use of drama in churches and school as I believe God can use this medium to touch hearts for Him.

Mark Hanson/A. French

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First Baptist Crusaders, Rosemount—2014 MACS Champions

2014 MACS State Basketball Tourney Results—Boys Teams

Feb. 27-Mar. 1, 2014

at Fourth Baptist Christian School and Woodcrest Baptist Academy

Champions: First Baptist Crusaders—Rosemount

Second Place: Cloverdale Red Storm—Cloverdale

Third Place: Fourth Baptist Warriors—Plymouth

Consolation: Lake Region Hornets—Brainerd/Baxter

Tier 2 Winners: Victory Eagles—Rochester









Cloverdale Red Storm, Cloverdale—Second Place



Boys All Tournament Team (as pictured, L to R)

Colton Allen, Prior lake Robert Horn, Fourth Baptist Jason Timm, Cloverdale Casey Tidrick, Rosemount Viktor Goncharenko, Rosemount

Daniel Foster - MVP, Rosemount



Fourth Baptist Warriors, Plymouth—Third Place



Lake Region Christian School, Baxter—Consolation Winners

2014 MACS State Basketball Tourney Results—Girls Teams

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Champions: Lake Region Hornets—Brainerd/Baxter

Second Place: Fourth Baptist Warriors—Plymouth

Third Place: St. Francis Lady Patriots—St. Francis

Consolation: Heritage Patriots—Karlstad

Tier 2 Winners: PACT JV Panthers—Ramsey



Lake Region Hornets, Brainerd/Baxter—2014 MACS Champions









Girls All Tournament Team (as pictured, L to R)

Cara Hodak, Fourth Baptist Ashley Graves, Rosemount Amanda Anderson, St. Francis Julia Van Luyk, Fourth Baptist Grace Imdieke, Lake Region Marlee Moore - MVP, Lake Regi



St. Francis Lady Patriots—Third Place



Fourth Baptist Christian School—Second Place



Heritage Patriots, Karlstad—Consolation Winners

MACS Basketball 2013 All-Conference Selections

Boys All Conference First Team

(as pictured below L to R)

1	Ronald Lowry	Mankato
2	Robert Horn	Fourth Baptist
3	Brett Cournoyer	Woodcrest
4	Jason Timm	Cloverdale
5	Daniel Foster	Rosemount
6	Viktor Goncharenko	Rosemount





Girls All Conference First Team

(as pictured below L to R)

1	Ashley Graves	Rosemount
2	Rachael Trunnel	Owatonna
3	Marlee Moore	Lake Region
4	Grace Imdieke	Lake Region
5	Cara Hodak	Fourth Baptist
6	Marah Horner	St. Francis

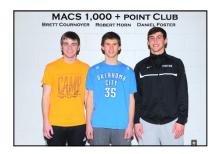


Boys All Conference Second Team

 Casey Tidrick Colton Allen Patrick Yoder Josh Peterson David Levy 		Rosemount
2	Colton Allen	Prior Lake
3	Patrick Yoder	Cloverdale
4	Josh Peterson	Fourth Baptist
5	David Levy	Owatonna
6	Josiah Palm	St. Francis

Boys Honorable Mention

1	Andrew Kinniburgh	Fourth Baptist
2	Scott Fruetel	Rosemount
3	Paul Watson	Victory
4	Luke Hraba	Chisago
5	David Roddy	Woodcrest
6	Jacob Milbraith	St. Francis
7	Joseph McKeown	Prior Lake
8	Jeremiah Wilson	Heritage
9	Paul Gallion	Victory
10	Christian Waits	Rosemount



Girls All Conference Second Team

1	Amanda Anderson	St. Francis
2	Lauren Ward	Mankato
3	Rachael Kirkwold	Chisago
4	Janae Jorgensen	Owatonna
5	Amber Flynn	Rosemount

Girls Honorable Mention

1 Emily Stange	Prior Lake
2 Jessica Keck	Chisago
3 Mackenzie Meyer	Woodcrest
4 Julia Van Luyk	Fourth Baptist
5 Lynsey Hall	Victory
6 Jessica Ureke	Woodcrest
7 Emily Durkee	Heritage
8 Jenessa Jorgensen	Owatonna
9 Laura Grandstrand	Heritage
10 Sam Snow	Lake Region
11 Grace Czeczok	Lake Region
12 Christy Graves	Rosemount



KIDS ARE FREE at the Creation Museum in 2014

For the entire year, January 1 through December 31, 2014, all children 12 and under will receive free general admission when accompanied by an adult or senior purchasing a full-price ticket. This discount may not be combined with other promotions, discounts, or offers. This discount only applies to general admission tickets—zip line, Planetarium, and event tickets are not free with this promotion.

www.creationmuseum.org

Creation Museum, founded by Dr. Ken Ham

2800 Bullittsburg Church Rd.

Petersburg, KY 41080.

(Located seven miles west of the Cincinnati Airport).

Shot in the Dark Studio Tournament Photos

The 2014 MACS Basketball State Tournament is now online and can be viewed online at:

http://www.shotinthedarksports.net/

Team photos and action shots were taken all weekend. Please let your basketball families know. Thanks!





CONGRATULATIONS!

Three young men in our MACS conference achieved the milestone of scoring 1,000+ points in their high school basketball career.

Robert Horn of Fourth Baptist, Daniel Foster of Rosemount, and Brett Cournoyer of Woodcrest all attained this milestone. All three of these players were key leaders of their respective teams and each were recognized with All-Conference First Team honors as well.

Thanks to Mark Sherman of Shot in the Dark Studios for sharing this photo collage with us! ◆

2014 1,000+ POINT CAREER CLUB



ROBERT HORN



DANIEL FOSTER



BRETT COURNOYER

PICTORAL COLLAGE of the JH MACS FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

Held Mar. 6th at First Baptist School of Rosemount. (for a full listing of results, see MACS website)

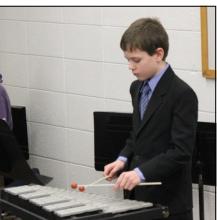


















MACS 2014 Sr. High Speech and Bible Festival Results

Category	School	Last Name	First Name	Score	Place	Rating
Choric Speaking	Lake Region			91	Second	Excellent
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Declamation	Fourth	Reis	Hayven	90.5	First	Excellent
Dramatic Interpretation	Rosemount	Graves	Christy	94	First	Excellent
Dramatic Interpretation	Woodcrest	Tutt	Allison	89.5	Second	Excellent
Dramatic Interpretation	Fourth	Bruffey	Marissa	86.5	Third	Good
Duet Acting	Rosemount	Graves	Christy	96	First	Superior
Duet Acting	Rosemount	Pierson	Catie	96	First	Superior
Duet Acting Duet Acting	St. Francis	Horner	Luke	91	Second	Excellent
Duet Acting	St. Francis	Koel	Ali	91	Second	Excellent
Duet Acting	St. Francis	Anderson	Kory	89.5	Third	Excellent
Duet Acting	St. Francis	Karpov	Matthew	89.5	Third	Excellent
Duet Acting	Heritage	Grandstrand	Laura	87	Timu	Good
Duet Acting	Heritage	Durkee	Emily	87		Good
Duet Acting	Lake Region	Moore	Marlee	85.5		Good
Duet Acting	Lake Region	Czeczok	Grace	85.5		Good
Duet Acting	Rosemount	Srader	Laurie	84.5		Good
Duet Acting	Rosemount	Warnken	Rebecca	84.5		Good
Duet Acting	Rosemount	Wallikeli	Rebecca	04.3		Good
Extemporaneous	Woodcrest	Gott	Katie			
Humorous Interpretation	Rosemount	Graves	Ashley	96	First	Superior
Humorous Interpretation	Fourth	Kolacz	Rebekah	94.5	Second	Excellent
Humorous Interpretation	Lake Region	Deppa	Chris	89	Third	Good
One Act Play	Heritage			95.5	First	Superior
One Act Play	Saint Francis			92	Second	Excellent
Oral Interpretation of Poetry	St. Francis	Andrade	Vanessa	96	First	Superior
Oral Interpretation of Poetry	Rosemount	McKay	Emily	92	Second	Excellent
Oral Interpretation of Poetry	Woodcrest	Meyer	Mackenzie	90.5	Third	Excellent
Oral Interpretation of Poetry	Lake Region	Moser	Kendra	88		Good
Oral Interpretation of Scripture	Saint Francis	Baker	Abigail	94.5	First	Excellent
Oral Interpretation of Scripture	Fourth	Gustafson	Kristy	88.5	Second	Good
Oral Interpretation of Scripture	Lake Region	House	Erika	88	Third	Good
Oral Interpretation of Scripture	Fourth	Nystrom	David	86		Good
Oral Interpretation of Scripture	Fourth	Hanson	Kevin	80.5		Fair
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Reader's Theater	Saint Francis			97	First	Superior
Reader's Theater	Lake Region			89	Second	Good

Category	School	Last Name	First Name	Score	Place	Rating
Bible Teaching	Rosemount	Graves	Christy	97.5	First	Superior
Bible Teaching	Rosemount	Mc Kay	Emily	92.5	Second	Excellent
Bible Teaching	Rosemount	Grudzinski	Katie	87.5	Third	Good
Evangelistic Preaching	Rosemount	Foster	Daniel	91	First	Excellent
Evangelistic Preaching	Rosemount	Murphy	Seth	89.5	Second	Excellent
Evangelistic Preaching	Rosemount	Kim	Taehwan	86.5	Third	Good
Expository Preaching	St. Francis	Emery	James	94	First	Excellent
Expository Preaching	Rosemount	Goncharenko	Viktor	91.5	Second	Excellent
Expository Preaching	Woodcrest	Byrdan	Viktor	90.5	Third	Excellent
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Topical Preaching	Woodcrest	Cournoyer	Brett	98.5	First	Superior
Topical Preaching	Rosemount	Fruetel	Scott	96	Second	Superior
Topical Preaching	Rosemount	Taylor	David	90	Third	Excellent
Topical Preaching	Rosemount	Graves	Michael	85		Good
Puppets	Rosemount	Taylor	David	98.5	First	Superior
Puppets	Rosemount	Tidrick	Casey	98.5	First	Superior
Puppets	Woodcrest	Olson	Kelsey	97.5	Second	Superior
Puppets	Woodcrest	Kivel	Taylor	97.5	Second	Superior
Puppets	Fourth	Horn	Robert	96.5	Third	Superior
Puppets	Fourth	Mohinani	Rajan	96.5	Third	Superior
Puppets	Rosemount	Fruetel	Andrew	95.5		Superior
Puppets	Rosemount	Graves	Michael	95.5		Superior
Puppets	Fourth	Mohinani	Rajan	89		Good
Puppets	Fourth	Vigstol	Joshua	89		Good
Puppets	Rosemount	Johnson	Kendra	88		Good
Puppets	Rosemount	McKay	Emily	88		Good
Spelling	Lake Region	Moser	Kendra			
Spelling	Rosemount	Fruetel	Scott			
Spelling	Lake Region	House	Erika			
Spelling	Woodcrest	Ott	Carlie		First	
Spelling	Rosemount	Warnken	Rebecca		Second	
Spelling	Woodcrest	Lu	Linda		Third	