

SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR - 2018

MANITOWOC LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC FAIR

Dear Fellow Workers in the Lord's Kingdom:

This handout will supply a few general details regarding the Social Studies Fair.

- 1) We will be doing a **"historical claim" based fair** this year. Students will be encouraged to make and defend a historical claim as the focus of their project. A paper and visual display should be included in order to present and defend the student's claim. This type of project provides an opportunity for students to practice and demonstrate higher level thinking skills.
 - a. Example of a project with a historical claim: *"Ronald Reagan was the greatest president in the history of the United States."*
 - b. Example of a project without a historical claim: *Ronald Reagan: Our 40th President"*
- 2) Since our Federation schools teach different Social Studies content at different grade levels, students projects can focus on any topic within World History, U.S. History, Geography, or Government/Civics. The topic freedom will allow schools to connect this project to your planned curriculum for this school year.
- 3) Feedback and input are still being gathered from our Federation schools as to how to make this a positive learning experience for our students. More specific details on project expectations and ideas will be sent out by Friday, February 16th.
- 4) All Social Studies Fair information is located in the handbook that can be found on the Lakeshore Lutheran Schools website. www.lakeshorelutheranschools.net You will find it under the "Resources" tab. Click on the handbook link to download. The handbook is currently being updated, and the updated version will be finished by Friday, February 16.

The general rules governing social studies entrees are printed below:

- 1) Each school may bring one project per grade level to be judged at the MLHS Social Studies Fair (maximum 4 per school). The process for selecting which projects will be judged at MLHS is at the discretion of each individual school.
- 2) As the goal of the Social Studies Fair is for students to display their hard-work and God-given talents, schools may also bring as many additional projects as they would like to display and as space allows. These projects will not be judged but will be set up for students and parents to view throughout the Fair.

- 3) Awards will be given out as follows:
 - a. 1st-5th Place Ribbons – Projects with the highest scores from the judges at each grade level
 - b. Best of Show – The project with highest overall score from the judges will receive the Best of Show award, regardless of grade level.
 - c. All projects brought to MLHS will receive participation ribbons.

- 4) The judging sheet that will be used at MLHS will sent out to all schools in the coming weeks and will also be included in the updated handbook.

The general timetable that will be followed for setting up and displaying the projects is given below:

Thursday, April 12, 2018

4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – setup of projects in the MLHS gymnasium (**Please do not bring projects any earlier; we will still be setting up tables.**)

Saturday, April 14, 2018

8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. – public viewing of the projects

3:00 p.m. – removal of the projects (following the awards presentation in the gym)

Note: Principals should designate someone to remove unclaimed projects. Any projects left after the fair will be kept till the following Saturday and then will be discarded.

The guidance and support that you provide your students is deeply appreciated. The MLHS faculty looks forward to your school's participation in this annual event.

Yours in Christ,

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