

## Opening doors to future opportunities for students.

### **\*\*Events Parents and Schools Register For\*\***

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#### **Conference for Young Artists (for students in grades K-8)**

This conference encourages students to get creative and use their artistic talents by exposing them to a variety of art topics in hopes to spark interests. Students are inspired by presenters who share their talent and knowledge.

**Timeline:** Online Registration Deadline – September 27, 2023

**Conference Date – October 25, 2023, at SMSU**



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#### **Conference for Young Writers (for students in grades 3-8)**



Students discover how to express their imaginations on paper. They learn writing is an exciting skill that can open a lifetime of opportunities for them. Knowledgeable presenters teach them writing techniques on how to express their thoughts using the written word.

**Timeline:** Online Registration Deadline – November 28, 2023

**Conference Date – January 4, 2024, at SMSU (snow date Jan. 5)**

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#### **Creative Writing Contest (for students in grades 3-12)**

This contest was established to encourage the love of language and writing for all students. This is a great way to recognize and celebrate our region's young talented writers. Categories include Fiction and Poetry for grades 3-12 and Creative Non-fiction for grades 5-12.

**Timeline:** Submission Deadline – January 19, 2024

**Awards Ceremony - Sunday, April 21, 2024, at SMSU**



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#### **Science & Nature Conference (for students in grades K-8)**

Students become scientists. Through observation and experiments student get to explore areas of science from presenters who work in the science or technology fields. Let's get kids excited about science.

**Timeline:** Online Registration Deadline – April 10, 2024

**Conference Date – May 7, 2024, at SMSU**

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#### **Culinary Skills Challenge (individuals or teams of students, grades 9-12)**

The Schwan's Culinary Skills Challenge features future chefs and food scientists showcase their scientific and artistic creations during hands-on competitions and seminars. The event is held in conjunction with SMSU's Culinology Department.

**Timeline:** Registration Deadline – TBD

**Event Date: TBD, at SMSU (snow date – TBD).** For more information: [www.swwc.org/culinary](http://www.swwc.org/culinary)



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#### **Digital Photography Contest (individual students, grades 9-12)**



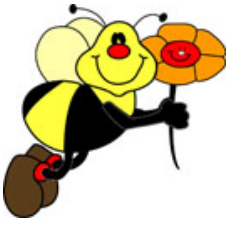
Say Cheese! You never know what you will get when you put a camera in the hands of a student, but typically, the result is a shot that will make you look at an ordinary object in a new way. This competition offers students an opportunity to showcase their creativity and photography skills. Students also attend a workshop by a local, professional photographer.

**Timeline:** Registration Deadline – November 21, 2023

**Event – December 1, 2023, in Marshall. (snow date: Dec 8)** For more information:

[www.swwc.org/photography](http://www.swwc.org/photography)

## **\*\*Events Schools Register For\*\***



### **Spelling Bee (individual students, grades 5-8)**

This event motivates students to expand their vocabulary, spelling skills and appreciate the English language. By participating in this competition, it gives students the encouragement that builds confidence.

**Timeline:** Registration Deadline – November 9, 2023

**School District Bees–Dec. – Jan. 2024; Regional Bee–February 6, 2024 (snow date–Feb. 7); and National Bee – May 2024**

**First Tech Challenge** helps students learn computer science, engineering, manufacturing, teamwork, problem solving, communications skills and more. (teams can be formed by Homeschool associations, 4 H groups, scouts, just a group of friends, etc. in **grades 7-12**)

**Timeline:** Registration Deadline - September 2023

**Regional Event** – January 13, 2024 at Marshall Middle School

Grant funding is available [www.swwc.org/FTC](http://www.swwc.org/FTC)



### **Junior High Knowledge Bowl® (teams of 6 students, grades 7-9)**

Are you smarter than a 7th, 8<sup>th</sup> or 9th grader? You may not feel like it after you watch a round of a Junior High Knowledge Bowl competition. This academic contest encourages team members to work cooperatively to solve written and oral questions that test problem solving and critical thinking skills.

**Timeline:** Registration Deadline – December 6, 2023

**Sub-Regional and Regional Events – December 2023 & January 2024.**

### **Senior High Knowledge Bowl® (teams of 5 students, grades 7-12)**

Senior High Knowledge Bowl is an interdisciplinary academic contest that combines intense competition with the incredible skill of knowledge recall. Through written and oral competition, young masterminds form teams and use brainpower to challenge others in teamwork, problem solving, interpersonal, oral communication, memory and listening skills.

**Timeline:** Registration Deadline – February 14, 2024.

**Sub-Regional and Regional Events – Feb/March 2024, State Event – April 11-12, 2024.**



### **Southwest Minnesota Career Expo (high school sophomores, juniors)**



In this event, over 100 businesses, agency and education partners make the world of work come alive to help students experience the exciting education and career opportunities that exist in southwest Minnesota. Students compete in a Career Game show, take a college tour and spend time exploring high demand careers with industry experts in an interactive exhibit area.

**Timeline:** September 26, 2023, at Minnesota West Community & Technical College, Worthington.

September 27, 2023, at Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall

For more information: [www.swwc.org/careerexpo](http://www.swwc.org/careerexpo)

For more information on student activities go to our website: [www.swwc.org/studentactivities](http://www.swwc.org/studentactivities)

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