

We Help Students Discover Interests!

**** Parent and School Related Events****

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

This conference nourishes students' creative and artistic talents by exposing them to a variety of visual, fine and performing arts in hopes to spark interests or open doors to potential higher education and career opportunities. Students are inspired by the talented and knowledgeable presenters who work with them during hands-on learning sessions.



Keynote speaker – Derek Anderson, author/illustrator

Time Period: Early Registration Deadline – September 26, 2018; Final Registration Deadline – October 3, 2018

Conference Date – October 25, 2018 in Marshall

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



Students can discover how creativity their imaginations are. They will also learn that writing is an exciting skill that can open up a lifetime of opportunities for them. Knowledgeable presenters will teach them how to express their thoughts using written words.

Keynote speaker – Douglas Wood, author/musician/storyteller

Time Period: Early Registration Deadline – November 20, 2018; Final Registration Deadline – November 27, 2018

Conference Date – January 9, 2019 in Marshall (snow date – January 10).

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 magnificent way to recognize and celebrate this region's young talented writers. Categories include: Fiction and Poetry for grades 3-12 and Creative Non-fiction for grades 5-12. Top three place winners will receive awards and have their work published in an anthology.



Time Period: Submission Deadline – January 18, 2019

Awards Ceremony - Sunday, April 14, 2019 in Marshall

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



What do you get when you combine the curious nature of students with cutting edge topics in science and technology? This conference provides students a unique opportunity to explore a variety of science related subjects. Students explore the world around them through hands-on sessions taught by experienced presenters.

Keynote Speaker – Mike Zacher, Aerostar International, Division of Raven Industries

Time Period: Early Registration Deadline – March 19, 2019; Final Registration Deadline – March 26, 2019

Conference Date – May 15, 2019 in Marshall

****School Related Events****

Children's Author & Illustrator Program (elementary schools)



Local elementary classrooms get to meet established authors and illustrators who share their personal adventures about becoming an author. A typical day consists of a full day or half day, the author/illustrator will share life experiences, how to generate ideas, encourage the love of reading and inspires students to write and illustrate. Books that are purchased will be autographed.

Presenters: Terri DeGezelle Michels, author/photographer & David Geister, illustrator

Time Period: Early Registration Deadline – November 1, 2018; Final Registration Deadline - November 8, 2018; **Residencies will take place March 25-29 and April 8-12, 2019**

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



The Annual Culinary Skills Challenge event features future chefs and food scientists showcasing their scientific and artistic creations during hands-on competitions and seminars. It is our most popular spectator event.

Time Period: Registration Deadline – March 19, 2019; **Event – April 2, 2019 in Marshall (snow date – April 3).** For more information: www.swsc.org/culinary

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.



Time Period: Registration Deadline – December 4, 2018; **Event – December 11, 2018 in Marshall.** For more information: www.swsc.org/photography

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



Are you smarter than a 7th, 8th 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.

Time Period: Early Registration Deadline – November 26, 2018; Final Registration Deadline – December 3, 2018. **Sub-Regional and Regional Events - January 2019.**

Project Discovery (students with special needs, grades 9-12)

Project Discovery puts students on the road to setting personal goals for meaningful careers and community life. This state-approved transition-disabled program allows students to discover their career interests and better understand their interpersonal, work and independent living skills. Students begin this journey at our state-of-the-art career and independent living skills assessment lab located at the SWWC Service Cooperative's office in Marshall.



Time Period: September 2018 through May 2019.

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 brain power to challenge others in teamwork, problem solving, interpersonal, oral communication, memory and listening skills.

Time Period: Early Registration Deadline – February 1, 2019; Final Registration Deadline–February 8, 2019. **Sub-Regional and Regional Events – Feb/March 2019; State Event – April 10-11, 2019.**

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.

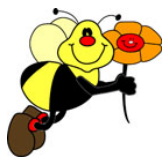


Time Period: September 25, 2018 at Minnesota West Community & Technical College, Worthington.

September 26, 2018 at Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall.

For more information: www.swsc.org/careerexpo

Spelling Bee (individual students, grades 5-8)



Give students encouragement as they build confidence, improve spelling skills and increase their vocabulary development by participating in this competition. This event motivates students to expand their vocabulary, spelling skills and their appreciation of the English language.

Time Period: Early Registration Deadline - October 30, 2018; Final Registration Deadline – November 6, 2018; **School District Bees–January 2019; Regional Bee–February 5, 2019 (snow date–Feb. 6); Multi-Region State Bee–February 2019 (snow date Feb.) and National Bee - TBA**

For more information on student activities go to our website: www.swsc.org/studentactivities

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