

Co-Curricular Music & Academic Activities

The **Interscholastic Program** is a joint effort with all the area Christian Schools to provide an opportunity for sixth through eighth grade students to perform in the Fine Arts area.

Speech Event is held in October at Rock Valley Christian School.

- Speech** - Students practice a speech with their Language Arts teachers. A judge listens to their speech and gives constructive comments on a judging sheet.

Solo/Ensemble and Writing/Poetry Event is held in either March or April at Sioux Center Christian School.

- Band, Orchestra, Vocal** - Band students in grades 7 and 8, orchestra students in grades 6-8, and vocal students in grades 6-8 may participate. Students prepare a solo or ensemble and perform for a judge who records constructive comments on a judging sheet.
- Writing/Poetry** - Students submit poetry and short stories. Judges give constructive comments on a judging sheet.

Honor Band

Students in seventh and eighth grade may try out for honor band. For the audition, the students perform 5 scales from memory, play two etudes, and do some sight-reading for a judge. The students that are selected participate in a day of rehearsals and a concert in Storm Lake the first Saturday in November.

Honor Choir

Eight students (2 sopranos, 2 altos, 2 tenors, and 2 basses) from the eighth grade are selected by their music teacher to participate in the Honor Choir Festival. These students participate in a day of rehearsals and a concert the first Tuesday in November at either Le Mars High School or Storm Lake High School.

Ames Iowa Junior Honor Orchestra

Students are nominated by the teacher based on the level of music they are playing and chosen by committee by the Iowa Junior Honors Board. These students participate in a day of rehearsals and a concert in Ames in November. Parents are responsible for transportation and lodging.

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Students trying out for Honors Orchestra should be in Suzuki Book 4.

Excerpts and scales are recorded and sent in to the judges. Students who are accepted into this orchestra will attend the festival at Dordt College on January 21, rehearse with a guest conductor, and perform an evening concert, in conjunction with the High School Honors Orchestra.

National Geography Bee - Available to fourth through eighth grade students this contest is sponsored by The National Geographic Society and is designed to encourage teachers to include geography in their classrooms, spark student interest in the subject, and increase public awareness about geography. Competition begins locally in November. Students compete within their school and the winner takes a written test to qualify for state competition.

Math Bee provides an opportunity for sixth through eighth grade students who excel in Math to challenge their math abilities. The bees consist of rounds for individuals and teams. Topics include patterns & functions, fractions/decimals, measurement/geometry, ratios proportion/percent, and probability/statistics/number sense & estimation graphs. Students compete in an area contest held in March to qualify for regional and state contests.

MATH COUNTS is a national enrichment, club and competition program that promotes middle school mathematics achievement through grassroots involvement in every U.S. state and territory. Seventh & eighth grade students compete in an area contest held in the spring of the school year.

National History Day Program encourages young people to explore a historical subject related to annual theme. At OCCS, all seventh & eighth grade students participate in this program every other year. The competition is held in March. The projects are judged locally and the top projects go on to a regional competition held in Sioux City with a State and National competition following.

Science Fair - Every other year all sixth through eighth grade students participate in a Science Fair at OCCS. The projects are judged locally but do not go on to other competitions.