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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thurs. Sept. 19, 2013……..**9:15 a.m. Board meeting** at the home of Debi Inch

Thurs. Sept. 26…… **10:00 a.m. Joint Board meeting** at Trinity Episcopal Church, Wheaton, IL

Thurs., Oct. 3, 2013…….. **9:30 a.m. MONTHLY MEETING. Mandatory AIM Theory Judges Session begins at 9:45, followed by Panel on AIM Theory: Rita Brown, Diane Jankiewicz, and Stephanie Myers**
AIM Theory Enrollment fees are due ($15 per student)
At Trinity Episcopal Church, Wheaton, IL.

Thurs., Oct. 10, 2013……**9:30 a.m. Teacher Performance Group** at the home of Lynette Zelis

Thurs., Oct. 17, 2013 ……..**9:30 a.m. Teacher Information Exchange (TIE) Meeting** at the home of Kathy Christian.

Thurs., Oct. 31, 2013 ……..**9:30 a.m. AIM Theory Packet Stuffing Meeting** at the home of Diane Jankiewicz.

Fri.–Sun. Nov. 1-3, 2013…**ISMTA STATE CONFERENCE.** Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago.

Sat. Nov. 9, 2013……**AIM THEORY EXAM** at Wheaton College.

Sat. March 8, 2014……**AIM PERFORMANCE EXAM** at Wheaton College.

DEADLINES

Tues. Oct. 1, 2013.....***DEADLINE*** for AIM Theory Exam Student Enrollment and Judges Enrollment by midnight. AIM Theory Coordinators Diane Jankiewicz and Kathy Sbarboro.

Thurs. Oct. 3, 2013......***DEADLINE*** for AIM Theory Enrollment fees ($15 per student) due at meeting.

Tues., Oct. 15, 2013..... ***DEADLINE*** for November 2013 Newsletter. Please send articles and information to Linda Krueger via email lkruegerpno@comcast.net or call 630-665-8276.

Sat., November 23 .....***DEADLINE*** for AIM Theory make-up exams to be completed.

MONTHLY PROGRAM

PANEL ON AIM THEORY: following the 9:45 mandatory AIM judging session. Teachers are encouraged to bring their AIM syllabus to the October 3 meeting. The presentation is a Panel Discussion regarding the content and teaching of AIM Theory. Rita Brown, Diane Jankiewicz and Stephanie Myers comprise the panel. There will also be time for questions and group discussion.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Diane Lindsay has a new email address: dianemlindsay@live.com

Marcelyn Peterson has a new address: 127 Westminster Dr., Carol Stream, IL 60188

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES PLEASE CONTACT JOANNE KING, 3rd VP for Membership, who will forward them to Linda Krueger for newsletter publication.

Make plans to attend the 2013 Annual ISMTA Conference!

Nov. 1-2: Sessions and Concerts; Nov. 2-3: Competitions
Registration information, directions and hotel information are available at www.ismta.org

AIM Theory:

The ISMTA Aim Theory Exam is November 9 at Wheaton College. Any teacher new to the AIM Theory was to have a mentor assigned to them by September 1. Please contact Linda Krueger if you need a mentor.

Student enrollment must be done online by each teacher by October 1. Parents and students will no longer be able to use the online enrollment process. All teachers entering students must go to the www.ismta.org enrollment link and fill out the required information. Please be sure to correctly enter student name, AIM Level, if there is a sibling also entering in AIM, and if the student is new to the AIM program. If you have entered students in AIM in previous years your name will appear in the judges list. If you are new to AIM and have been mentored but your name does not appear please contact Diane Jankiewicz. Select "no preference" for time unless a student has discussed with you a legitimate conflict and needs a morning or afternoon time. Be sure to click on "submit" only once. Enrollment began Sep. 1, and will close Oct. 1.

Each teacher entering students must also complete a judging form by October 1. This form is also on the website and must be done online. All teachers must judge or work the required hours on the AIM Theory Exam Day. (4 hours=1-10 students, 4 1/2 hours=11-15 students, 5 hours=16-20 students, 5 1/2 hours=21-25 students, 6 hours=26 or more students)

Teachers are expected to double check the online student enrollment form to see that all their students have been properly enrolled (check for name and level). **There will be no exceptions to the October 1 deadline.** The $15 per student enrollment fee is due October 3. This is the same day as the judges meeting. Please submit one check for all students entered made payable to West Suburban ISMTA. Mail your check to either coordinator, or bring it to the Oct. meeting.

There is a mandatory AIM judges meeting on Thursday, October 3 at 9:45 am. Anyone entering students in AIM Theory Level 3 or above *must attend the entire meeting.*

Packet Stuffing Meeting! Please help us assemble the tests and prepare the judges packets on Oct. 31, 9:30 at Diane Jankiewicz's house.

Teachers will be given the exact time for their students 2-3 weeks prior to the exam date. **No requests for changes will be accepted.** *Students requiring a make-up exam will have until Nov. 23 to do so.*

Teachers are encouraged to review their AIM syllabus manual for the specific requirements for each level they are entering students. If you have any questions regarding the AIM Theory Exam you may contact Diane Jankiewicz or Kathy Sbarboro.

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