# LEST COMPETITIONS - BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS

LEST offers many different events and competitions. Please read the following descriptions carefully as you decide which one (or ones) you might be interested in competing in. Some of the competitions have a very limited number of participants that are allowed from each school, and others are open to a larger number of students who would like to participate. For those events in which only a certain number can participate, there will be several different ways used to determine the students who will represent Hope Lutheran School at LEST. For some events, like math, the event coach will select the team. For some events there may be in-class competitions to help determine who competes. Watch for more details to be sent home in the coming weeks about specific event competitions.



**BASKETBALL** - The basketball tournament is conducted by division, with

the larger schools being in "AAA" and the smaller schools in "A". Hope’s participants

are the athletes who participate on this year’s basketball teams. Boys coach will be

Scott Okabayashi and girls coach will be Tim Allen.

**Staff Coordinator**: Brett Kapels

**MATHEMATICS COMPETITION** - There are two different competitions in math. Each school can have one student from each grade (5-8) compete at his/her grade level. They take an individual exam that consists of four problems. No calculators or other computing devices will be permitted. There is also a team competition where the four competitors work together to solve a number of problems as a group. Hope’s participants will be chosen by the math teachers.



**Staff Coordinator**: Sara Kunkel



**MUSIC COMPETITION** - The music competition is open to piano, solo

instrumentalists, vocalists, and ensembles. Ensembles can be a duet, a trio,

or a quartet. An accompanist will be allowed if needed. Contestants will

be judged in five categories: accuracy, rhythm, musicianship, technique,

and other performance factors. Students compete against themselves.

There may be more than one Blue Ribbon awarded. We are allowed to register 10 participants for each grade combination (5/6 and 7/8) in the solo instrumental competition and 10 participants for each grade combination in piano. Students who would like to participate need to get a music form, fill it in, and return by the specified date. **Staff Coordinator**: Thad Franklin

**STUDENT ART DISPLAY** - This activity is not competitive, but provides recognition and a personal comment for each student's contribution. All artwork must be original designs



(nothing copied from magazines, cards, pre-packaged craft projects, etc.). Each school

is limited to 10 pieces of artwork. Hope’s classroom teachers will determine which

artwork will be taken from the work done in the art classes.

**Staff Coordinator**: Mary Norton

**CHESS TOURNAMENT** - The LEST chess tournament is a one-day competition

conducted as closely as possible under United States Chess Federation rules. There



are four divisions (5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade) with a limit of one student for each

grade from each school. Lois and Mark Brumberg, Hope’s Chess Coaches, will determine who

will participate in chess at LEST; tryouts are after school on Monday, Nov 25, 2013.

**Volunteer Coordinators:** Lois and Mark Brumberg

**CHEERLEADING COMPETITION** - The cheerleading squads will be judged at

the Cheerleading-Dance-Drill competition Thursday evening. The squad will perform

any cheers of their choice during the competition.



**DANCE/DRILL TEAM COMPETITION** - The drill team will perform a routine up to 5 minutes in length and will be judged at a performance in Concordia’s gym during the Cheerleading-Dance-Drill competition Thursday evening.

**Staff Coordinator**: Brett Kapels

**KNOWLEDGE BOWL** - The Knowledge Bowl allows academically gifted students the opportunity to match their general knowledge skills against others of comparable ability. Each school is allowed one team. Each team has 5 members, with no more than two eighth graders or two seventh graders on the team. The teams will be given a question to answer, and all teams getting the correct answer in a specified period of time will be awarded points. Classroom teachers will determine who will participate from each grade.



**Volunteer Coordinator**: Lois Brumberg



**THE WRITING COMPETITION** - One student from each grade level will have a

piece of creative writing that they have written at school submitted to the L.E.S.T.

writing judges *before* L.E.S.T. begins in February, and “promising writers” will be

announced at the awards ceremony.

**Staff Coordinator**: Roselyn Newton



**SPELLING COMPETITION** - The Spelling Bee will be conducted in four divisions, one for each grade. The first round will be a written test. Those who qualify will then go on to the second round. Round two will be an oral spelling bee. Each grade will compete separately. Hope’s classroom teachers will choose the members of the Spelling Bee based on interest and ability. **Staff Coordinator:** Roselyn Newton



**SWIMMING COMPETITION** - There are four divisions in the swimming

meet, based on age and grade. Various events will be held, depending on

how many participants sign up for certain events. Various lengths (25, 50, and 100 yards) in the following may be held: medley, freestyle, butterfly, breaststroke, backstroke, and four person relays. We may enter up to 20 students in the swimming competition. Each student can sign up for up to 3 individual events, 2 relay and 2 individual events, or 1 relay and 2 individual events. This is a competitive swim meet, so it is suggested that only students who have some experience in competitive swimming sign up to compete. **Staff Coordinator**: Brett Kapels



**DRAMA COMPETITION** - Schools will have an opportunity to prepare and present scenes or one-act plays in a juried competition. Students in 5th - 8th grade at Hope will be eligibly to try out for Hope’s drama.

**Volunteer Coordinator**: Sandra Scragg, Mary Norton

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**SCIENCE EXPOSITION** - The Science Exposition allows scientifically interested students

the opportunity to match their intellectual skills against others of comparable ability. Each

school is allowed one team with no more than 5 members (one from each grade, but no more

than two 7th graders or two 8th graders at the same time). Each team will be given the same scientific inquiry to investigate using materials provided. Teams will work cooperatively to

develop a hypothesis, conduct a scientific inquiry, and record their results in a set period of time.

**Staff Coordinator**: Tim Allen