

# Seton Science Fair Rules 2012

Monday, January 30, 2012

Dear Science Fair Parents and Students,

Please read these guidelines so that you know what is expected of our science fair students. All students will need a bag lunch as they are expected to stay at their project throughout the day.

**All students participating in the science fair are expected to remain until the end of the science fair. The science fair is scheduled to end at 3:00pm. Note that this is later than the school's dismissal.**

Every effort is being made to finish all judging by 3:00pm.

## Written Report and Forms

1. All reports and forms are due as directed by your science teacher.
2. Complete report of Project, following format in the Intel ISEF booklet.
3. All signed Human Subjects Consent Forms.
4. An abstract, ten copies were due before midterm exams.

## Poster Board and Display

1. Due Sunday, January 29 in the John Paul II Center between 2:00pm – 5:00pm.
2. Tri-fold poster board (either corrugated cardboard or foam board)
3. **Must** show: Problem, Hypothesis, Materials, Procedure (Method), Data, Conclusions, Discussion (including topics normally covered in Analysis)
4. **Summarize** everything for the poster. Include only the most important materials, steps of procedure, and data (in graph form if at all possible)
5. **Use pictures**: A picture may do more than 100 words of explanation
6. **Use Titles for each section of the board**: Print "Problem", Hypothesis", etc. or use pre-printed labels to delineate the sections on your board. **Do not make these labels by hand**. Your own artwork is welcome everywhere else on the board.
7. **Bring samples of your experimental set up: If appropriate** (check the Intel ISEF booklet for items NOT allowed at the science fair)

## Project Check-In

1. **Sunday, Jan. 29 , 2:00 – 5:00 PM in the John Paul II Center**
2. **Bring**: Poster Board and Display (If you are displaying valuable equipment, do not leave it with your project on Sunday, bring it with you on Monday and keep it with you throughout the fair).
3. **A copy of your paper**
4. **2 copies of your abstract**: **Note**: If you have changed your abstract since the original version was submitted, you must bring in **6** copies.
5. **An Experimental Design Diagram**
6. **Logbook or Data book**

## Expectations for the Science Fair

1. **Report to JP II Center for attendance and announcements, and go to your project. Students will remain at their projects all day.**
2. **Dress for a school or job interview** (at minimum, classroom dress code, or school uniform).
3. **Bring a bag lunch and something to read, you will not be allowed to leave to buy lunch.**
4. **Be ready to give a three-minute presentation to the judges. Remember to speak clearly and slowly, and SMILE.**
5. **Only science fair judges and teachers will be allowed free access to JP II, all others will require prior arrangement to see the projects during the hours of the fair.**
6. **Please stay by your project** – You will not be notified ahead of time of your judges' arrival. If you are not there, you might miss your chance to be judged.
7. **Every effort is being made to arrange 2 judges per project.** Your teacher, who will grade your poster and display, will also visit you. More than 2 judges may possibly judge your project. Be ready!
8. **Projects will remain in the John Paul II Center** for Monday's PRO Meeting, after the meeting, **they must be removed**.
9. For anyone wishing to see the projects on Monday night, we would recommend that you **come a bit early to the PRO meeting.**
10. **Volunteers are needed to help move tables back to their rooms' after the PRO Meeting.** We need to prepare the John Paul II Center and classrooms for school on Tuesday.

## In Case of Snow

1. The Science Fair (as much as possible) will need to be held on the scheduled date due to the large number of volunteers who have already arranged to take time off from their jobs.
2. **Therefore, every effort will be made to hold the Science Fair on Monday January 29, 2012 regardless of the weather. All students, teachers, and judges who are able to safely travel to Seton School should.**
3. **The phone tree will be utilized in the event that PWC schools are cancelled due to weather. We will not have a delay regardless of what the county does. The first judging session will begin promptly at 10:00am and all students should be at their project by 9:45am.**

We thank you for your cooperation and help.  
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