

STATE: April 4-5, 2025 at Bellaire H.S. Houston, TX

Hosted by Bellaire HS, Saint Johns School, and Saint Thomas' Episcopal

- **Logistics and Basic Itinerary**

- Friday, April 4, 2025
 - We will depart from HCHS in the morning (around 9:30 am) on Friday
 - On the way to Houston, we'll stop for lunch and our park time.
 - After arriving in Houston, we'll check into the hotel we'll be staying at before heading to Bellaire HS for Day 1 of State activities and contests (5:00 to 11:00 pm).
 - We'll spend the night at the hotel.
- Saturday, April 5, 2025
 - The next morning, on Saturday, we'll head back to Bellaire HS for a long Day 2 of state convention. Most of the academic and performance contests, along with a bunch of other activities, happen on this day.
 - Everything culminates with the awards ceremony that evening. We will depart from Houston immediately after the awards ceremony.
 - On the way back to San Antonio, we'll make a rest stop at Buc-ee's and expect to return to HCHS around midnight.

- **Academic eligibility (UIL) to attend State**

- Grades will be checked on March 7, 2025. (end of 3rd quarter)
- If you're passing all your classes, you will be eligible for State.
- If you're not passing all your classes, you will be ineligible for State. This year, you cannot regain eligibility in time for State.
 - In that scenario, you would have to look into waivers, which can ONLY be used for advanced/AP/dual credits classes where the failing grade is 60-69, AND a maximum of 3 times per year.

- **Official Costs:**

- Convention registration: \$45
- Meals at state: \$50
- Your share of a hotel room: \$45 (four students per room)
- **Total per attendee: \$140.00**

- **Pre-judged contests** (poetry, creative writing, research paper, play script, State T-shirt design) must be submitted by the sponsors by March 7, 2025. If you're one of those people, share an early draft with Mr. V and Mr. Chu ASAP.

AREA B Convention

Saturday, March 1, 2025, 7:45 am to 6:30 pm | St. Mary's Hall

hosted by St. Mary's Hall and the San Antonio Classical Society

Permission Forms (see last page)

- Fill out and return permission forms to Mr. Chu or Mr. V **ASAP**.
- Let's get this done!

Tentative Schedule and Map are on pages 4-5

Parking Pass for St. Mary's Hall

- You must have [this parking pass](#) in your vehicle to be allowed into the campus.

Logistics

- If you have conflicts or other things going on, notify Mr. V and Mr. Chu ASAP!
- Everyone: Arrive at St. Mary's Hall by 7:45 am and gather in the dining hall/cafeateria. Officers and category leaders will distribute name tags and other items.
- Artists: register your Art pieces at the designated area in the dining hall..
 - When you register your art entry, make sure to fill out a scantron (this is used by judges to bubble in your score so it's officially in the system)
 - Your name cannot appear anywhere on your art piece (no signatures, etc.).
 - Submit a completed, [signed art card](#) - this gives you an opportunity to write about the meaning of the piece, the process of development, and anything else you'd like the judges to know.
- Ludi and Olympika: confirm your participation at the registration area in the dining hall.
- Mr. V and Mr. Chu will be very busy throughout the day and may not be easily available. Your officers and category leaders are your points of contact.
- Make sure you're on the Latin Club Remind (@hclatin25).

What to Bring and Wear

- A light backpack with wooden #2 pencils, your resources (if you want), water bottle
- Bring clothing to fit the weather - we're expecting 70s for the high and 50s for the low with some chance for rain.
- Unfortunately, our club shirts are delayed, so we can't wear them. However, to maintain the spirit of unity, we ask that you wear green, if you have it. If not, that's okay.
- Performers, your clothing should not identify your school.
- Keep track of your belongings. Don't leave things behind!

Food at Area

- OPTION #1: There will be food trucks available. Bring money if you'd like to partake.
- OPTION #2: Bring your own lunch.
- OPTION #3: If you're driving yourself, you can pick up food for your friends BUT you will have to go through the security checkpoint [with the parking pass](#). NO CARPOOLING.
N.B. Do NOT walk off campus during convention.

Ludi and Olympika:

- Currently, all Ludi, Olympika, and looney ludi events are scheduled to still happen.
- Due to weather, it is possible that outdoor events (ultimate frisbee, track and field) may be canceled.

Area ID number

- Every Area attendee receives a 6-digit ID number. You'll use this number when bubbling in scantrons.
- The first 3 digits is the school code (214 for HCHS); the last 3 digits are for each individual student and will be assigned to you soon.
- [Area ID codes list here](#)
- Try to memorize it, but it will be printed on your name tag at Area.

How Contests are held

- Academic contests:
 - Report to the testing room of your academic specialty or performance (see official program for rooms).
 - Those of you who are taking only the Pentathlon should look for the Pentathlon only room
 - Everyone will start the Pentathlon at the same time; it's a 30-minute general knowledge test. (N.B. [The pentathlon prep folder is here.](#))
 - Level 1 students: use contest code 98 for pentathlon
 - Levels 2, 3, 4, Vet students: use contest code 99 for pentathlon
 - After Pentathlon is done, you'll receive and take your main academic test - 60-minute time limit (N.B. For some of you, the Pentathlon is your only academic test)
 - You should fill out a scantron for Pentathlon and another one for your academic test
 - Take your time, answer every question.
 - **Show academic integrity** - don't give the proctor any reason to suspect you (i.e. don't be sus)
 - The Decathlon test happens in a different space later in the morning. DO NOT take Decathlon unless we've already spoken to you about it.
 - If you feel that there was an error or inaccuracy with the academic test or Pentathlon, you may report it at the challenge area. You'll need to use your resources to make the challenge.
- Performance contests (DI, LO, sight rec):
 - After Pentathlon, report to your holding room (see official program for rooms) to sign in and wait to be called.
 - Follow the instructions of the holding room proctors; they may ask you to verify your information, fill out a scantron, etc.
 - Afterwards, you will be called to deliver your performance in the judging room.
 - Expect 1 judge for your performance contest.
 - Don't wear anything to identify your school - dress comfortably for performance success!

How the Competition Works

- Everyone competing in your contest takes the same exam, but you're placed and scored with others **in your level.**
- You may earn individual awards if you placed in the top five in your category, and top five places also contribute points to our overall team sweepstakes score. Pentathlon awards (summa, maxima, magna, and cum laude) also contribute to the overall team score.
- N.B. HCHS students who place in 1st-5th place in a contest will also earn extra credit points on a test: (+10 for first place, 8 for second place, 6, 4, 2)

Your Character during Convention

- How we conduct ourselves and celebrate achievements really matter: show respect to everyone around you and cheer for each other, but do not mock, disrespect, or boo others.
- We are guests at St. Mary's Hall- do your part to keep the campus clean and in good condition. In other words, pick up trash and don't go to areas you're not supposed to be in.

The Whole Day is an Event

- After the academic and performance contests are done in the morning, the rest of the day opens up with many activities, games, and things for you to participate in or watch.
- The day culminates with the closing awards ceremony, where we get to celebrate your individual and collective achievements.
- Whether or not you participate in these things, plan to spend the day together with your club members. Make some great convention memories!
- N.B. We totally understand, however, If you have other events or things to do that day, Just notify either of us before you leave.

The Meeting after Area (Wednesday, March 5)

- The Wednesday after Area, we will share with you all the results and data from the convention, including specific scores, feedback, etc.
- **We'll also discuss State convention events you can sign up for.**

State information begins on page 6.

2025 Area B Convention Tentative Schedule

See Map for Locations

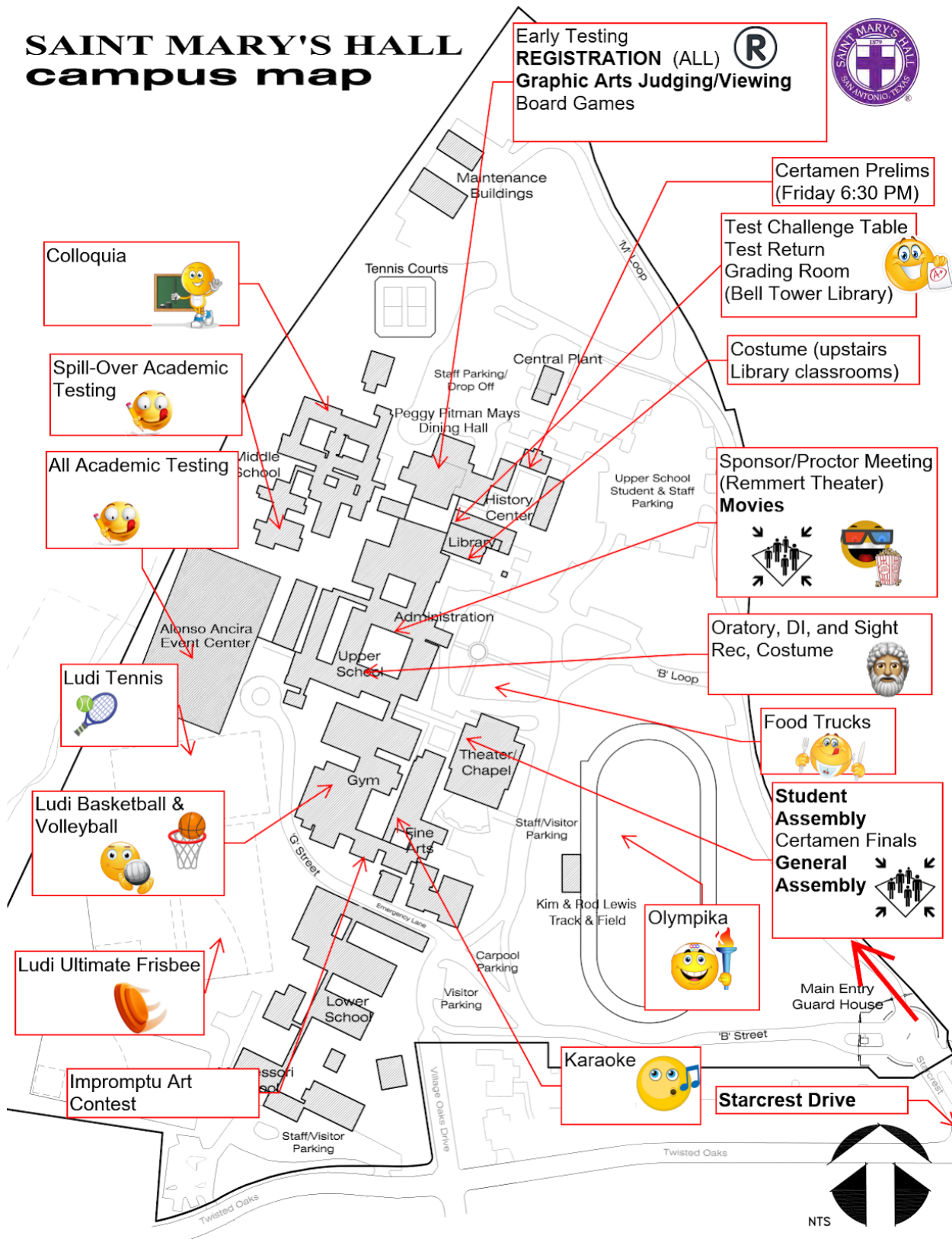
Friday, February 28th

6:30-8:30 P.M. *Certamen* Preliminaries History Classrooms

Saturday, March 1st

6:15-7:30 A.M.	Early Academic Testing (for approved attendees only)	Dining Hall
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Service Project Donations	Dining Hall
8:00-8:30 A.M.	Registration	Dining Hall
	Art Registration	Dining Hall
	<i>Ludi</i> and <i>Olympika</i> Registration	Dining Hall
8:30-8:55 A.M.	Opening Student Assembly	Theater Chapel
	Greetings and Announcements	
	Welcome	
	Spirit Rally / Roll Call	
	Award of Spirit Prize	
8:30-8:45 A.M.	Mandatory Proctor/Sponsor Meeting	Remmert Theater
9:00-10:30 A.M.	Pentathlon, Academic Contests	Ancira Event Center
9:15-10:45 A.M.	Art Judging	Dining Hall
10:45-11:45 A.M.	Costume Contest	Library (see map)
10:45-11:45 A.M.	Decathlon	Ancira Event Center
10:45-12:15 P.M.	<i>Ludi Olympika</i> (weather permitting)	Lewis Field
10:45-12:45 P.M.	<i>Ludi</i> Volleyball	Napier Gym
10:45-12:45 P.M.	<i>Ludi</i> Tennis/Pickle Ball	Tennis Courts
10:45 – 12:15 P.M.	Karaoke and Looney <i>Ludi</i>	Black Box, Art Rooms
10:45 – 12:15 P.M.	Movies (AM)	Remmert Theater
12:00-2:00 P.M.	Lunch: Purchase food from food trucks	Upper School Circle
1:00 – 2:00 P.M.	Impromptu Art	Art Room
1:45-3:45 P.M.	<i>Ludi</i> Basketball	Napier or Boone Gym
1:45-3:45 P.M.	<i>Ludi</i> Ultimate Frisbee	Field 2
1:45-3:45 P.M.	Movie (PM)	Remmert Theater
1:45-3:45 P.M.	Karaoke and Looney <i>Ludi</i>	Black Box, Art Rooms
2:15-4:15 P.M.	Art Viewing	Dining Hall
2:15-4:15 P.M.	<i>Certamen</i> Finals	Theater Chapel
5:00-6:30 P.M.	Closing General Assembly / Awards Ceremony	Theater Chapel
	Nomination and Election of 2025-2026 Area B Chairperson	
	Awards (<i>Ludi</i> , <i>Olympika</i> , Pentathlon, Classical Civilizations, Academics)	
	High Point Trophy Recognitions	
	Doris L. Kays Roman History Award	
	Area B Latin Student of the Year & India Newton Scholarship Award	
	Sweepstakes Awards followed by Farewell	

SAINT MARY'S HALL campus map



2025 Area B Convention Permission Form

Each student attending the Area B Convention must have a completed permission slip in order to participate.

I give permission for my child, _____, to participate in all activities of the 2025 TSJCL Area B Convention. I absolve the San Antonio Classical Society, Area B of the Texas State Junior Classical League, the Area B Chairpersons, Area B Sponsors, Saint Mary's Hall School from all responsibility for any injury.

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME (*Please print*): _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN PHONE NUMBER IN CASE OF EMERGENCY: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: ____/____/____

I will participate with honor and integrity and comply with all the rules and expectations of the San Antonio Classical Society, Texas State Junior Classical League, and the Northside Independent School District.

STUDENT'S NAME (*Please print*): _____

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: ____/____/____

SPONSORS: PLEASE MAKE COPIES OF THIS FORM TO GIVE TO EACH STUDENT.

COLLECT THE PERMISSION SLIPS FROM YOUR STUDENTS PRIOR TO THE CONVENTION AND TURN THEM IN FOR YOUR SCHOOL AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE ON THE DAY OF CONVENTION.

From AREA to STATE

- Students who place highest at Area in their level in their category from HCHS will be the one to take the test or perform at State.
- If you get beat at Area, you may be able to take a different test, perform a passage, or participate in a Classical civ contest if they are openings.
- **All club members can go to State - there is no “qualification” to attend State. What you do at State, though, will depend on how well you do at Area.**

Action Items for State:

- TALK with your family about State plans
- Decide if you WANT to go
- Check your calendar thoroughly and figure out if you CAN go
- Talk with families about COSTS
- **If you're going to State...**
 - Fill out the [State 2025 Registration Google form](#) AND make the State payment, \$140 (cash or check) by **Friday, March 7** before we leave for spring break.
 - If you cannot pay by March 7, and you're committed to going, your family can sign a “Promise to Pay” contract committing to paying later.
 - Doing these two things ensures that you're committed to going AND that you'll be registered.
 - If you need to make any changes to your registration after March 7, email john.chu@nisd.net by **March 14**.