

# Christian School Finals Competition

## Newsletter

*November 2010*



### **Happy Thanksgiving**

**Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name. Psalm 100:4**

Thanksgiving is a time of reflection, a time for meditating on the things for which we are grateful. For God's people, this is easy as we have new reasons each day to give thanks. However, it is uplifting to know that on one special day, people all across the nation will pause to list the things for which they are thankful, and today we would like to do the same.

We are thankful for:

- God and His wonderful redemptive plan of salvation
- God's gift of His son Jesus through whom we have eternal life
- Our families who support and surround us with unquestioning love
- Friends who accept and love us just as we are
- America, a land of much bounty and many freedoms
- The freedom to worship God without restraint
- Our places of employment which provide opportunities to serve God and serve others
- Our churches and pastors

Our list could go on and on, but it would not be complete without YOU! We are so grateful for each of you. We look forward to and treasure the time each spring that we get to spend exclusively with you. We thank God for each of you and pray that He continue to daily load you with benefits (Psalm 68:19). Happy Thanksgiving from the CSFC staff to each of you!



### **CSFC Event Highlight – Academic Bowl - 150**

When you want to relax and just enjoy yourself, what is it that you do? What is that one specific activity that you look forward to doing whenever you get the chance? For some it's anything physical such as golf, running, hiking or mountain climbing. Others look forward to something more serene such as traveling or getting together with friends over coffee. As you can see, our leisure pursuits span a wide variety of interests. Now, try to guess which pastime continually

stands out year after year in terms of popularity and prevalence? The answer, which may surprise many, is

reading. Reading is considered an enjoyable activity with the added benefits of enriching and inspiring its participants. Reading also provides new information and thus expands an individual's knowledge base.

For those who love reading, learning and amassing a variety of random facts, the Academic Bowl at Christian School Finals Competition (CSFC) plays to your strengths. Fast paced and highly competitive, the Academic Bowl provides a venue to demonstrate knowledge in history, literature, mathematics, science, current events and the arts in a tournament setting. Each year the Academic Bowl at CSFC attracts a growing number of participants.

Dr. Cal Easterling, a veteran Competition Academic Bowl Quizmaster, recommends this event for all schools. Similar to a sports workout, he believes Academic Bowl competitions provide motivation for continual learning. Read more [Academic Bowl article online](#).

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**New Website:** The CSFC website will have a new look. We are eager to have you take a look at <http://competition.oru.edu> and let us know what you think. We believe you will like our updated look as well as find our site easier to navigate and locate the information you need.

**Handbook:** Look for the online version of the 2011 CSFC Handbook with the premiere of our new website. The password for the 2011 CSFC Handbook will be **iServe2011**.

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**Government Challenge – 145:** At CSFC 2011 the Government Challenge will focus on the founding documents of the United States, the Declaration of Independence, The Constitution and The Bill of Rights. This month it is appropriate to take a look at another important U.S. document, Abraham Lincoln's Thanksgiving Proclamation. Recognizing the enormous bounty of the United States and wanting to guard against forgetting the source of that bounty, on October 3, 1863 – in the midst of the U.S. Civil War – President Lincoln issued the [Thanksgiving Proclamation](#). We encourage you to take a few minutes to read over President Lincoln's Proclamation and join us in remembering and thanking God for all of His many blessings.

You will also find a great source of reference information for the 2011 CSFC Government Challenge at [www.wallbuilders.com](http://www.wallbuilders.com).

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#### **Announcements:**

- We invite you to follow Christian School Finals Competition on [Twitter](#) and become our friend on [Facebook](#).
- International schools - the *Request for Participation* form is due February 1, 2011, however, it can be submitted **any time prior to that date**. We encourage you to submit it early. If you need to make changes after it is submitted, we can easily do that for you. Click to download the [Request For Participation](#) form now.
- An early registration discount is available to schools that are completely registered by March 1, 2011. Schools registered by March 1, 2011 will receive a discount of \$250 per school, which will be subtracted from the total deposit due.

- Remember the next Christian School Finals Competition is May 22-27, 2011. We are planning for your arrival with great anticipation!
  - The Tentative Schedule of Events is available online for your convenience in preliminary planning.
  - Select pictures from Competition 2010 are available for viewing and purchase on the Kodak Picture Gallery at the [2010 Competition Photo Gallery](#).
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