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## Academic Events/Contests

### Future Problem Solving

Future problem solving is a year-long program where students in fifth through eighth grade, working in teams of four, learn and apply a six-step problem solving process and apply it to future situations in three practice topics they have researched. The program encourages students to carry out in-depth research, to think creatively and critically, to apply ethical thinking skills and to work as part of a team. Teams ranking high on the third research topic are invited to compete at the state competition. Teams winning the state competition move on to the international competition.

### National Geographic Bee

The national Geographic Bee, an educational program of the National Geographic Society, is a nationwide geography competition designed to encourage the study of geography. All students in fifth through eighth grade are asked a series of geography questions. Those students scoring the highest move on to future rounds until a school champion emerges. The school champion then takes a qualifying test to compete at the state level.

### Spelling Bee

The spelling bee consists of a competition for third and fourth grade and another fifth through eighth grades. All students are given a classroom-qualifying test, which determines the finalists for the oral spelling bee.

### Forensics Nights

Students in fifth through eighth grades are given the opportunity to develop their speaking ability through a variety of categories such as prose, storytelling, poetry, choral reading, and original compositions. Pieces are presented before judges, and students receive evaluations and ribbons.

### Forensics Club

Utilizing the same skills as Forensics Night, students in sixth through eighth grade compete against other schools.

### Science Fair

All students in third through eighth grade and those in kindergarten through second grade who choose to participate must demonstrate the five components of a science experiment. All projects will be scored, and receive the appropriate ribbon and comments from the evaluator.

### Knowledge Bowl

Through a written test given to all sixth grade through eighth grade students, one sixth, one

seventh, one eighth, and one at-large student will comprise the Knowledge Bowl team. The team will compete against the other Lutheran schools in Waukesha County, answering eighty multiple-choice questions and ten short answer questions. The team that answers the most questions correctly is the Knowledge Bowl Champion.