

Dear Science Fair Judges:

Thank you for volunteering to come and judge the St. Isidore Catholic School Science Fair on Tuesday afternoon, January 27, 2009 after 2 pm. I have enclosed guidelines from the California State Science Fair and our judging rubric. I hope that these items will be helpful in making decisions about the projects.

You will see that the student's work has been aligned with the Sacramento Regional Science and Engineering Fair ([www.srsefair.org](http://www.srsefair.org)) which is a feeder fair into the California State Science Fair ([www.usc.edu/CSSF/](http://www.usc.edu/CSSF/)). Two of our students entered the Sacramento Fair in 2008 where we learned a great deal about regional standards. I have largely aligned our fair with regional standards to help our students enter the bigger fairs and sharpen their skills overall.

One alignment we have not made, however, is that there is no oral component to the judging. We simply do not have the staffing to coordinate all of the students and judges for interviews. Be assured, though, the students must give an oral presentation to their classmates as a part of their grade. Also, there is only one report per project for you to review for the judging component. However, each St. Isidore student must submit their own original report for their grade.

Thank you again for your time. I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, January 27, 2009.

Sincerely,

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