

**Elective
PJAS/PRSEF**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Student in grades seven and eight are offered one of four competition options. Your child has chosen to participate in **Pennsylvania Academy of Science and Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair** as his/her elective.

PJAS is an academic program designed to promote the scientific experimentation. By knowing scientific process and becoming an expert on a topic, participants choose a topic to research, create an experiment, collect data, analyze it, and draw conclusions. The information is presented in a speech with overhead visuals. The PJAS Region VII competition will be held in February. Winners will go onto the State competition in May. Students are required to spend time after school for project work. Saturday sessions are also required. Additional information about PJAS may be found at pjasregion7.com.

PRSEF is held in March at Heinz Field. Students take their PJAS project and make a presentation board that is displayed and judged. Students are required to spend time after school for project work. Saturday sessions are also required. Additional information about PRSEF may be found www.scitechfestival.com/mainsf.asp. We hope that your child has a positive experience in this program.

Mrs. Kestner

PJAS/PRSEF

Name _____ Grade _____ Homeroom _____

I and my child understand that as a participant in **PJAS/PRSEF** there are obligations in selecting this competition activity. I will encourage my child to be committed and focused on his/her project. I understand that this project requires extensive research that will be done at school and at home. I will see that my child attends extra after school sessions for research, to create his/her project, and for preparation as needed.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____