

**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. This elective is an extra-curricular activity and no class time is provided during the school day for this elective. This elective meets after school and on Saturdays. Times available for the students to stay after school can be found on the Activities Calendar on the MQA web site. For this elective, each student is expected to coordinate his/her after school sessions with Mrs. Kestner and come to all Saturday sessions.

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](http://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](http://www.scitechfestival.com/mainsf.asp). We hope that your child has a positive experience in this program.

The meeting dates will be listed on our online **Activity Calendar** at [www.mqaschool.org](http://www.mqaschool.org). Students are dismissed to the parking lot on Freeport Road. If you are unable to collect your child at 4:30, your son/daughter will report to Extended Day. A fee of \$10.00 will be charged for the service.

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 after school and at home. I will see that my child attends the required after school sessions and Saturday sessions for research, to create his/her project, and for preparation as needed.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

