

March 26, 2010

The Science Olympiad Team from Parker Junior High School in Flossmoor School District 161 took part in the Illinois Science Olympiad Regional Tournament held at Benedictine University on Saturday, March 20.

Eleven schools competed in B division (junior high level), at the event. The Parker Junior High School Science Olympiad Team came in 7th place, and its members also won individual awards.

Varsity Team members Marcus Mangel (seventh grade) and Victor Rounds (eighth grade) were awarded First place for "Battery Buggy." Nina Sweeney (eighth grade) and Emma Hanzelin (eighth grade) received First place for "Can't Judge A Powder," and a Second place award for "Science Crime Busters."

Third place was awarded to Emma Hanzelin and Jonah Ongman (eighth grade) for "Trajectory," and also to Jonah Ongman and Leigh Reid (eighth grade) for "Write It Do It." Leigh Reid also took part in the presentation of "Elevated Bridge" and received a fourth place medal.

The Junior Varsity team members, all sixth grade students, were also awarded medals. Jessica Barry received Second place for "Meteorology," as did Julia Schwieterman and Mbella Beseka for "Solar System."

The Science Olympiad coaches are: Phil DiCicco, Melissa Dunigan, Tim Germeraad, Suzanne Hayden, Amy Lauer, Mariann Mangun, Lisa Morrow, Kara Sitton, Darryl Thompson, and Eric Youngquist.