

JANUARY

ZOOMING WITH THE DC'S

*What goes through
your head when your
team tells you they
want to use glitter....*



PAPERWORK – the bane of every TM's existence...

RETURN YOUR CONTRACTS TO CENTRAL OFFICE!

Keep white copy & put blue ½ sheet into a safe place.

SINCLAIR WAIVERS – OVERDUE.

**SIGN UP FOR PICTURE DAY / INSTANT CHALLENGE
ROUND ROBIN!**

DID YOUR TEAM COME UP WITH A NAME AFTER YOU COMPLETED YOUR REGISTRATION?

The screenshot shows the Destination Imagination Resources website dashboard. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the logo and the word "RESOURCES" in large blue letters. To the right of the logo, there are links for "help", "store", "events", and "about". Below the logo, there is a "Program Year:" dropdown menu set to "2022". A blue navigation bar contains links for "My Account", "Teams", "Documents", "Tournaments", and "Affiliates". Below this is a "Dashboard" section with two tabs: "Coordinator" (selected) and "Team Manager". The user's name and email, "Michelle Oxrider - michelle@oxrider.com", are displayed. The dashboard is divided into three main columns: "Yearly Tasks", "Helpful Links", and "Affiliate Contacts". The "Yearly Tasks" column has three buttons: "Code of Conduct" (highlighted in green), "Purchase Teams", and "Confirm Account Information". The "Helpful Links" column has five buttons: "My Teams", "Documents", "My Tournaments", "Free Resource Library", and "Donate to DI". The "Affiliate Contacts" column is currently empty. At the bottom, there is a section for "Affiliate Events".

You can still add it to your team number! Just log in to your DI Resources Dashboard, click “My Teams”, add & SAVE!!

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY... *M O N E Y!!*

DON'T BE SHY – ask your team parents for supply fees if you haven't already!

COMPETITIVE TEAMS – KEEP YOUR RECEIPTS.

Competitive Teams – remember your team need to fill out the Expense Report for Tournament!

The clock is
ticking...
**LESS THAN
TWO
MONTHS to
Dress
Rehearsal!**



Team needs ready by Sunday,
March 6th – Dress Rehearsal.



They should now have a **STORY**
with a beginning, middle, & end...
and close to a typed script so
they can start memorizing!



They should be **BUILDING PROPS,**
CREATING BACKGROUNDS, &
DESIGNING COSTUMES.

Instant Challenge – NO ONE WAY IS THE RIGHT WAY!

- ▶ Interference, schmenterference. **YOU CAN TEACH INSTANT CHALLENGE!!**
- ▶ ROLES.
- ▶ Prep ideas – characters, setting.
- ▶ Divide & conquer!
- ▶ DO NOT TOUCH MATERIALS!!!
- ▶ Exploring Material Properties

IC ROLES

TIME KEEPER

Helps team keep on task in terms of time limits

ASSEMBLERS / BUILDERS

Responsible for physical construction of solution

MATERIALS PERSON

Responsible for prepping materials for Assemblers (ripping, arranging, etc...)

PAPER / RULES PERSON

Makes sure team is following challenge details by referring back to challenge constantly throughout the solving of the challenge

STORY CREATORS – SONG CREATORS

Responsible for creating the skit / story / songs for performances

FLOATER

Helps out where & when needed

BREAK IT DOWN...

What do we have to do? (Reach, move, build, perform, etc...)

What should we do first?

Should we divide the tasks to be more productive? (Some assemble while others work on skit / song / dance)

What rules must you absolutely remember? (Lines you can or can't cross, materials that can't be part of the solution, items that have to be used, etc...)

What parts get the most points? (Check for height, weight held, how many, distance, creative use of materials)

**IF IT DOESN'T SAY YOU CAN'T,
THEN YOU CAN.**

PREPARE
TEAM FOR
THREE
CHALLENGES

Instant Challenge – Only team members and ONE Team Manager. NO AUDIENCE.

Central Challenge – The team’s play performance. All competitive teams should have their scripts memorized.

“Appraiser Challenge” – After performance, Appraisers will approach team members & ask them questions.

Save the
Date!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Appraiser Training

SINCLAIR CC

8a-10a – General Overview
of Appraising (TM's
welcome)

10a-12 Noon – Break-out
Session for Team Managers
– “What To Expect At
Tournament”

ENGINEERING TEAMS

Do you want to test your structure?

The Centerville DI structure tester with ramp & weights is stored here – contact Harry or Michelle to schedule a time to visit it with your team!



Q & A

Tournament Options



In Person, Masked & Socially Distant.



“Low Contact”. Teams will have Instant & Central Challenges scheduled closely together timewise. Team & Team Manager/s will be welcomed into the Challenge Sites – but audience members (aka friends & family) WILL NOT.



We follow Centerville City Schools health & safety mandates and school status.



We will follow Sinclair CC health & safety mandates.

- Arrive early to pick-up your teams' district shirts. If someone on your team ordered extra shirt/s, these will also be in your packet.
- Make sure your parents know to arrive 10 minutes before your scheduled photo time so your team does not hold up the rest of the schedule!
- **Kids are expected to wear their YELLOW & BLACK DISTRICT SHIRT in the team picture.** (Just have them pull it on over top of whatever t-shirt they have on.)
- If you are "Picture Only", do not have parents drop team members off – pictures will only take a few minutes once all team members are present.

PICTURE DAY
Cline
Auditorium

Centerville
Pins should be
available that
day for
purchase!

INSTANT CHALLENGE ROUND ROBIN

- NO PIZZA LUNCH or GOODY TABLE THIS YEAR – make sure team members eat beforehand!
- Arrive by 12:45 so you have time to set up your IC station & pick up your team shirts! MAKE SURE YOUR TEAM KNOWS TO BE ON TIME!
- Please have a parent volunteer to run your station so you can “travel” with your team.
- You will need to make up to SIX of the SAME IC. You will be advised by Wednesday, 02/02 the final NUMBER & TYPE (task or performance) of IC to prepare.
- Your team will complete up to five IC's that day, with the (6th) station being their team photograph.

“TIRED OF IT” DOLDRUMS...

- They spend all their time goofing off.
 - *“Is this a productive use of your time?”*
 - *Point out remaining time. “Did you get anything done tonight? You only have 8 more meetings until Dress Rehearsal.”*
 - *Sounds counterproductive, but do something “fun” as a team. Watch a short cartoon that relates to your challenge or have a SEPARATE meeting that is a “Game Day”.*
- They can’t figure out how to move forward.
 - *Question them!*
 - *Ask them to draw out what they want it to look like/do.*
 - *“Google is your friend.” (And Pinterest!)*
 - *Treat it like an IC – give them 5 minutes to come up with a solution!*
- Kids are not making meetings.
 - *Kindergarten rules rule: “You get what you get & you don’t throw a fit.” Don’t wait for a majority vote – teamwork also means knowing when to “divide & conquer”!*
- They are NEVER gonna get DONE!
 - *They might not. Remind them that is on them.*
 - *Add another meeting to your week...?*
 - *Tack on another 30 minutes to your meeting...?*
 - *Be honest. Tell them you are worried.*
 - *Get stuff done – drop # or frequency of IC practice.*
 - *Have them prioritize – what HAS to get done versus what they WANT to get done.*
- Your (internal) mantra should be: “2 more months!”