

Central Hudson Region **REFLECTIONS JUDGING** -“Beauty Is ...”

November 20th and 21st 2009 at Monroe-Woodbury HS

I. Local Unit Reflections Program

All Central Hudson Region units were mailed Reflections packets from the New York State PTA. Reflections forms and rules were included in the packet, but can also be found on the on the NY State PTA website at www.nyspta.org. *Also, please check this website for updates to rules Dance Choreography and Musical Composition.*

TO DO

Keep informed - email reflectionspta@gmail.com: We would like to keep all Reflections' Chairs/PTA Presidents up-to-date. If you received this flier through someone else, please send us a message at reflectionspta@gmail.com and we'll add you to our mailing list. You'll receive any updates to this flier, and a list of Reflections winners within a few days of the Central Hudson judging.

Hold your local program and judging. Be sure to finish local judging prior to the Central Hudson Region November judging. Feel free to contact us by email or phone (see *Resources* below) if you have any questions.

II. Central Hudson Region Judging — November 20th and 21st

(Snow Date: December 18th and 19th). After holding your local judging, each PTA unit in good standing is welcome to submit student's works to the Central Hudson Region judging.

Each unit may submit three entries for each of the six arts category—dance choreography, film production, literature, music, photography and visual arts, as well as three in the Special Education category, for possible total of 21 entries. Entries must be dropped off at Monroe-Woodbury High School on Friday, November 20th and then picked up the next afternoon, Saturday, November 21st. See “TO DO” below for details.

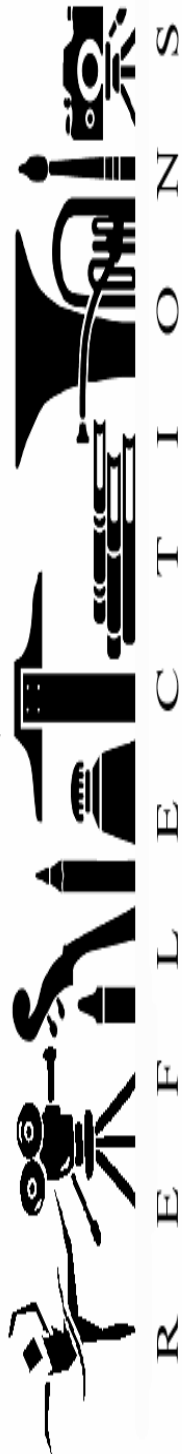
TO DO

Mark Your Calendar: Central Hudson Region entry drop off is Friday, November 20th between 5:00 and 7:30 pm at Monroe-Woodbury High School. No entries will be accepted after this time. Directions to the High School are below. Music, Literature, Photography and Visual Arts works will be judged Saturday by professionals in these arts areas. *Please Note: Dance Choreography and Film Production entries will be collected on November 20th and then reviewed to assure they can be played and viewed. Several days later, judges will be mailed a copy of all entries.* Therefore, please keep a copy of the disc. These entries will not be returned unless requested.

Insure that your unit is in good standing: The bottom of the *National PTA Reflections Program Official Entry Form* includes a section “To be completed by Local PTA” that requests information on your unit's code, ID number, insurance payment date, membership dues payment date, and Bylaws Adoption /expiration date. The payment and bylaws information determines if a unit is in “good standing” and therefore eligible to submit entries. Please ask your unit President for this information to insure all works from your unit will be accepted by Central Hudson Region for judging.

Prepare Entries for Central Hudson Region Judging: Check that all entries follow the rules specific to that category. See student rules at the end of this flier, and the Reflections link at www.nyspta.org for the most up-to-date information (go to News Briefs, then Reflections Packet and then Check-list)

Check that the Entry Form is completely filled out and signed by both the student and parent/guardian. This includes the shaded area in the middle of the form. An original *National PTA Reflections Program Official Entry Form* and *an additional copy of the form* must accompany each piece. Tape a plastic sleeve (page protector) to the back of the work and insert original form and copy in the sleeve. *Remember no names can appear on the front of the work*). See individual categories for details on packaging and entry form.



View all discs. We ask that all DVDs submitted for Dance Choreography and Film Production be viewed prior to submitting them for judging. Even if there are only two or three entries in these categories, please insure they can be viewed and judged at the Central Hudson level. In the past, we have found that some works have not been saved in a playable format. We urge you to check that they are saved as a file and can be viewed on a computer (Windows operating system).

Fill out Local PTA Participation Form A and submit with your unit's entries (form is in State packet and on the State website).

Package entries: It is recommended that all entries from your unit are packaged in a large art portfolio with the school district and unit name clearly marked on the outside. This will help make transporting and pick-up easier, as well as protect students' works.

Drop off Entries for Judging: Friday, November 20th between 5:00 and 7:30 pm at Monroe-Woodbury High School cafeteria (enter through the front doors, go down main staircase and enter cafeteria at bottom of stairs on your right). Note: there is another event scheduled in the HS gym that evening. There is additional parking in the back, and around the side of the building. At drop-off a Central Hudson Region representative will sit with you and review all entries and forms to insure they are complete. Please note: No entries will be accepted after Friday, November 20th.

The top three works in each grade/age level, in each category, will go on to New York State judging in January. Entries (in Music, Literature, Photography and Visual Arts). Winning entries will be retained by Central Hudson for State judging

Pick-up Entries: Between 1:30 and 2:30 pm, Saturday, November 21st. When judging is complete, each unit must pick-up their entries at Monroe-Woodbury High School. Any entries that have been selected for State judging will be kept by Central Hudson. Unit Presidents and Reflections Chairs will be emailed the names of students who have been chosen for State Judging as soon as they are available.

III. What's Next

The top three entries in each category, at each age/grade level that are selected by the Central Hudson Region will go on to State judging in January. Students who are selected at the State judging will be notified by mail (sent to the home address provided on their form). Central Hudson winners and Reflections' chairs will also be invited to an Awards Celebration in the spring at Suffern High School where they will be recognized for their accomplishments. A list of awards and recognitions will be posted on the State and National web sites as they become available.

Questions and Resources

Reflections Program Coordinator - Mary Frascione (845-357-5717)
Reflections Program Manager - Mary Ann Stevenson (845-325-9804)
November 20th and 21st please call 845-325-9804

New York State PTA website: www.nyspta.org
Central Hudson Region website: www.centralhudsonpta.org
National PTA site: www.pta.org

DIRECTIONS TO MONROE-WOODBURY HIGH SCHOOL

155 Dunderberg Road Central Valley, New York, 10917

Take the New York State Thruway to exit 16 (Harriman - Woodbury Commons). Stay to the right, go through the toll area. Take the first exit (131) and after exiting stay in the center lane. Go straight through the light (Woodbury Common is on your right) crossing Rt. 32. You will be on County Route 64 (Nininger Road). In approximately 1/2 mile turn right on Dunderberg Road (there is a road sign with arrow for MW Senior High School and Middle School). Follow Dunderberg Road to the High School (the second school on the right, past the Middle School). Enter the High School through the front doors and go down the stairs. Cafeteria is off the lobby at the bottom of the stairs.