Good Afternoon teams,

This week is an exciting week for all of us, I hope, and we are especially hyped up to see all of your teams compete this coming Saturday! It seems like the months passed by so quickly.

Because the big day is so close, we would like to communicate some information with all of the teams, some of which is standard practice versus some new changes we have made to how the tournament will be run:

* **Online communication with partners on events outside of the in-built chat is now permitted, however, we recommend this be set up prior to the time block on a separate device so it does not interfere with outside-browser time**. We will still be using the time outside browser to identify misconduct during our invitational, with a few exceptions outlined below. Therefore, make sure to communicate this information with your students so they are prepared during competition day.
* **Online binders are allowed, but online cheat sheets MUST be printed out.** There are also a few events that require supporting documents. Below is a breakdown of some events:
  + **Astronomy:** Online Binder OK, time outside browser not counted
  + **Chemistry Lab:** Answer sheet is separate
  + **Codebusters:** First question is timed
  + **Detector Building:** Online Binder OK, time outside browser not counted
  + **Experimental Design:** Students must attach their diagrams to a Google Form provided by the ES and submit this within 15 minutes after the time block ends. Make sure your students check the Introduction section during the event for more info on this!
  + **Forensics:** Supporting document, time outside browser not counted
  + **Fossils:** Online Binder OK, time outside browser not counted
  + **Machines:** Two questions require external submission, students must send an email to the ES within 10 minutes after the time block ends. Make sure your students check the Introduction section during the event for more info on this! Also, students should have at least 2 pieces of scratch paper ready prior to taking the exam.
  + **Ornithology:** Online Binder OK, time outside browser not counted
  + **Protein Modeling:** There will be a link provided for the Jmol exploration, time outside browser not counted
* **For ALL events:** partners can see each other’s progress during the test, but your progress for short answer questions will only save AFTER you click out of the answer box. This is especially important for longer answers (like for the final analysis in Forensics). If one student is working on a long answer and they haven’t clicked out of the answer box yet, their partner will still see that it is blank. If the partner then clicks into that box, the student will lose their progress. *So please emphasize to your students the importance of communicating who is working on which questions.*
* **Awards will be at 5 pm PST, not 6.** There was a mistype in a previous email, so we wanted to confirm that the time listed on our Weebly website is correct. The link to the YouTube premiere will be posted under "Tournament Information" a few hours before the event.
* Once again, no forms are required to be filled out for our tournament.
* Please make sure to review with your students that any academic misconduct that occurs during our invitational will not be taken lightly and we will enact measures accordingly. We want every team at our competition to have a fair, equal shot at each event.
* If you have any issues/emergencies during the tournament, do not hesitate to **reach out to us at this email, miralomainvitational@gmail.com**. Alternatively, **you can also text us at (916)-298-6656** if you are looking for a quick response. If you text, please include the name of your team first.
* Finally, if you would like to change your team name as it appears on Scilympiad, please email us ASAP and we will do so. Funny team names are encouraged! We have plenty of them so far :)

Unless something else comes up, this will probably be one of our last emails to you before this weekend. Therefore, we hope everyone has a fantastic and restful week, and let your students know to relax! As former competitors ourselves, we know that competitions like these can really bog you down both physically and mentally and we want to send all our love and support their way!

Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Have a wonderful rest of your day,

Lynn Yang, Camille Zhang, and Bhavna Trehan (Tournament Directors)