

September 2014

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child listened to a presentation on the workings of the Forensic program at Holy Trinity. This program is open to students in grades 6-8. It is comprised of 3 regular meets during the school year (one in November, one in January, and one in February), a finals tournament, and an all-star tournament (both take place in March). We do not have the exact dates of the meets yet, but I will send them out as soon as we do.

I hope you and your child will consider this opportunity. Forensics is an academic club that increases students' ability to speak effectively in front of their peers and an adult judge. It also affords them the opportunity to experience different types of literary pieces such as prose, poetry, drama, declamation, and impromptu speaking.

Your child will not be required to attend every meet. There are fourteen positions on a team for each competition. Your child can choose the meet he/she would like to compete in. However, once your child commits to a meet, we ask that your child honor that commitment.

Practice will be after school on **Tuesdays** from **3:00pm-4:00pm**. Students who are not picked up by 4:10pm will be sent to the Extended Day Program. The more practice the students get the more comfortable they become with their readings so students should also practice at home. Our first practice will be **Tuesday, September 16**.

On the meet dates, which are on Saturdays, students should arrive at the school which is hosting that competition by 8:30am. The meet usually ends around 12:30pm. A schedule of competition dates will be sent home as soon as the dates have been finalized. Our first meet will be in November.

In order to be able to send 14 students to a meet, we will also need parents to volunteer as judges. You will receive training and also have the opportunity to shadow another judge. Please consider volunteering to ensure we can send a full team to each meet. To volunteer, just note it on the attached form.

If your child is interested, please fill out the attached form and return to Ms. Codori. On the form, please list your email address as all future notices about dates and scheduling will be sent through email. If you have any questions or need additional information, feel free to call the school (412-787-2656) or email me at [acodori@holytrinityrobinson.org](mailto:acodori@holytrinityrobinson.org).

I am looking forward to working with your child and having a fun Forensic season!

Sincerely,

Ms. Codori

## Forensics Team Sign Up Form

*Please return to the school as soon as possible.*

My child is interested in Forensics.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Has your child participated in Forensics before? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what category? (Circle all that apply)

PROSE      POETRY      DRAMA      DECLAMATION      IMPROMPTU

MULTIPLE READING

Parents, please consider helping as a judge.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I am interested in training as a judge.