

Southwestern Pennsylvania Forensic League

SPFL is a public speaking competition team. The students select an area in which they compete. The areas include prose, drama, poetry, declamation, multiple reading, extemporaneous, and impromptu. After selecting a category, a reading must be selected for the first five areas. This reading is practiced at school and at home. It is critiqued at school. Extemporaneous category requires that the participant research three topics and gathers materials that can be used in a speech. The speech is created during the competition and not before! Impromptu category requires that the participant invent a situation to act out in word and action without any more than 15 minutes of preparation!

Generally the club meets once a month after school. There is an additional meeting, organization meeting, in September. Committing to this team means practicing at home, coming to meetings, and participating in at least one tournament. Tournaments are held on Saturdays. They are usually in the Pittsburgh area. Parent volunteer drivers are needed to transport team members. Parents can also be trained as judges and can help during the monthly meetings. Information for each tournament is sent to the team members' parents via email.

The meeting dates will be listed on our online **Activity Calendar** at www.mqaschool.org. Students will be dismissed to the parking lot at Freeport Road. If you are unable to collect your child at 4:00, your son/daughter will report to Extended Day. A fee of \$10.00 will be charged for the service.

Name: _____ Grade: ____ Homeroom: _____

I understand I am responsible for arranging to pick my child up at 4:00 on meeting days listed on the school's Activity Calendar. I understand my child will not call home to remind me of the club's meeting. While I give permission for my child to participate in meetings and at least one tournament, my child and I understand that it is his/her responsibility to report to the meetings. Attendance is taken, but parents are not called for those students who do not stay for meetings. *If Mrs. Collett has to cancel due to unforeseen circumstances, my child will call home to notify me of the change.*

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____