

## 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!

The club meets once a month after school and meeting dates will be listed on our online Activities Calendar at [www.mqaschool.org](http://www.mqaschool.org) and on PowerSchool's Daily School Bulletin. 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.

Parents, if you are unable to collect your child at the end of the club meeting, your son/daughter will report to Extended Day. A nominal fee will be charged for late pickup with a \$10.00 fee charged for a full day's service. Mrs. Collett is the advisor.

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 and PowerSchool's Daily Bulletin. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents, the SPFL requires that a team have three judges. If any parent is willing to be trained as a judge, please contact Mrs. Collett via email.

Also, parent volunteer drivers are needed to transport the team to the tournaments. If you are able to drive, please complete a Volunteer Driver Form and let us know the number of students you can transport in your vehicle. Thank you for this help!