

## 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 week after school and meeting dates will be listed on our online Activities Calendar at [www.mqaschool.org](http://www.mqaschool.org). 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. Parents transport team members. Parents can also be trained as judges and can help during the weekly meetings with clearances in order.

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. Students are dismissed at the main entrance on Elmtree Road. Mrs. Collett is the advisor.

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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, the calendar will be updated, an email sent to the group, and if needed, my child can call home to notify me of the change.*

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_