

The Ridge Speech & Debate Team
The New Jersey State Championship Team
Ridge High School
268 South Finley Avenue
Basking Ridge, New Jersey 07920

To: Speech/Drama/Forensic Coaches & Principals

The Ridge High School Speech and Debate Team is proud to announce our inaugural Speech Festival for Middle School students to be held on Friday, May 19th, in Basking Ridge. We plan to offer a very educational and rewarding event for all middle school students.

Pending entry numbers, we will offer three rounds (2 preliminary and one final) of competition in a variety of speech events, including both prepared and limited-prepared.

Prepared Events

Prose Reading

Poetry Reading

Declamation

Impromptu Speaking

Improvisational Acting

Parliamentary Debate

Public Forum Debate (using the April 2017

NSDA Topic (Electoral College)

Tournament Highlights:

- *Awards to the top six students in each event!*
- *Certificates for all participating students!*
- *All judges will be members of the New Jersey State Champion Ridge Forensics Team, including several state champions and finalists!*
- *Students may enter in **one or two** events. Parliamentary & Public Forum debaters may not double- enter.*
- *Student, coaches, and parents will have an opportunity to see several of our state champion performances during the dinner break!*

Registration/Tournament Information:

- *\$10 per student. \$20 per debate team. Pizza/Drinks and other concessions will be available for purchase. Checks/Purchase Orders should be made payable to RHS Student Activities.*
- *Registration will begin at 3:00pm with opening announcements at 4:00pm.*
- *We hope to have awards completed by 8:00pm.*

Full tournament information, rules, and other details may be found by accessing:
www.ridgeforensics.com

We hope to see you and your students in April. If you have any questions, please send them to Danielle Presuto @ DPresuto@Bernardsboecom for more information.