

Parents, students, and coaches! Come join Picket Fence Academy and New Learning Grove Academy at the first annual Picket Fence Lower School Tournament.

ENTRIES

This tournament is open to all students from Grades 2-8. The tournament will offer entry in two events: Impromptu Speaking and Persuasive Speaking. These events will be split into three divisions: Grades 2-3, 4-5, and 6-8.

Persuasive Speaking

Students must pre-write and memorize a speech intent on alerting the audience to a threatening situation, or strengthen devotion to a cause, or eulogize a person. Humor and satire are allowed. Contestants may choose to offer solutions, but is not required. Students should not use props, and notes should be used sparingly (only in the grade 2-3 division). The speech should be 4-6 minutes long.

Suggested Topics

Grades 2-3: Phones while driving should be banned
Teenagers should have more freedom than younger kids
Are sports and school equally important?
Do kids have too much screen time?

Grades 4-5: What doesn't kill you makes you stronger
Unhealthy junk foods should be heavily taxed
Is selfishness a good thing?

Impromptu Speaking

Students choose one of three topics given. They may take notes during the prep time, but may not bring them up with them. The topics will consist of quotes for the first round, action verbs for the second round, feelings for the third round, and concrete nouns for the final round. The speeches should have a clear structure and thesis. There will be a 3 minute prep period and a 4-minute speech.

FEES

Registration will be \$20 per student per entry. Double entry is permitted. For example, if one student is competing in both Impromptu and Persuasive, they must pay \$40. There is no school fee, and judges will be high school speech and debaters. Food will be available on the day of the tournament for an additional price.

The tournament will be held on April 29 from 12 PM to 7 PM. Registration opens on March 11 and closes on April 22nd at 5 PM. Drops must be made by April 23 at 5 PM, otherwise your school will be charged a \$10 nuisance fee per drop. Fees will be due during registration. Please make checks payable to 'Rani Mastey'.

SCHEDULE

Registration	10:30-12 PM
Round 1	12:30-1:30 PM
Round 2	1:45-2:45 PM
Round 3	3:00-4:00 PM
Finals	4:30-5:30 PM
Awards	6:00-6:30 PM

If you have any questions or concerns, please email pfenceacademy@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you and your students there.

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