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The Ridge Forensics Team has been awarded the New Jersey Speech and Debate League Team Championship for fifteen consecutive years. Our students excel at the regional and national level with appearances in the final rounds at the National Speech and Debate League Championships, the National Catholic Forensic League Championships, the Tournament of Champions, Harvard, Yale, Princeton, UPenn, and George Mason invitationals.

Ridge Forensics

Ridge High School, 268 S. Finley Avenue
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

RIDGE FORENSICS Summer Speech and Debate Institute

A one-week institute focusing on speaking, listening, critical thinking, and leadership for students entering grades 7, 8, and 9.





Institute Staff

David Yastremski—Mr. Yastremski began the Ridge Forensics program in the fall of 1997 and has led the team to state and national recognition. Mr. Yastremski has served as a Language Arts teacher at Ridge High School since 1996. He is a National Board Certified Teacher and a triple diamond coach with the National Speech and Debate Association.

Danielle Presuto—Ms. Presuto serves as the Assistant Director of the Ridge Forensics program. Ms. Presuto started her teaching and coaching career at Ridge in 2013 in the Language Arts department.

Stephanie Fletcher—Mrs. Fletcher had been a professional actress after graduating with a BA in theatre. While receiving her M.Ed. She started coaching the Ridge Forensics team in late 90s. She returned in 2011 and just received her first diamond award from the National Speech and Debate Association.

The Ridge Forensics Team Students will work with members of the reigning state championship Ridge Forensics team including state and national tournament finalists.

The Institute

When: July 25th—29th, 2016 9:00am—3:00pm

Where: Ridge High School Cost: \$225.00

Open to students entering grades 7 through 9 for the 16-17 school year. Students do not need to participate in competitive forensics to join this workshop. The skills will help students in all aspects of their personal confidence and communication style!

Workshop Sessions

- Speaking and Listening—Introduction
- Teamwork and Leadership
- Discovering your Voice
- Critical Thinking and Argumentation
- Research 101
- Improvisation

All students will have an opportunity to experience a forensics tournament simulation including a Friday showcase which will be open to parents, family, and friends!



Registration Form: Form & Payment due by July 15th, 2016.

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Parent Name(s): _____ Parent Phone(s): _____

Student Email: _____ Parent Email: _____

Student's School: _____ Grade for 16-17 School Year: _____

(Must be grade 7, 8, or 9)

Is the student interested in competitive forensics competition? Yes No Unsure

Students are expected to attend the each day of the institute and are responsible for bringing their own lunch. Registration fees include all materials and resources to fully participate in the institute. Registration Fee is \$225.00 per student. Please send a check made payable to "RHS Student Activities" to Ridge High School, Attention: David Yastremski, 268 South Finley Avenue, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920. Upon receipt of registration and receipt, we will mail a packet of additional information including emergency forms, schedule information, and other relevant information. Speakers at the Friday showcase will be chosen by the Institute Staff.

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