

# Strictly Speaking

Ridge High School  
Forensic Team  
Newsletter

2002-2017 NJSDL STATE CHAMPIONS

NOVEMBER 20, 2017

Congratulations on the great work this past weekend!!  
Whether in *Peter & the Starcatcher*, at St. Joseph's University, or at Randolph,  
you all raised the bar! You should all be proud.

## ST. JOSEPH'S VILLIGER TOURNAMENT

### THE BELL AWARD - CUMULATIVE SWEEPSTAKES

1st Place Sweepstakes! This is the first time in Ridge history that we've won this tournament!

Lucy Wei, 2nd Place - *Programmed Oral Interpretation*

Kathy Wei, 2nd Place - *Declamation*

Sanil Torani, 2nd Place - *Congressional Debate*

Arnav Gupta, 3rd Place - *Congressional Debate*

Aashita Dixit, 4th Place - *Dramatic Performance*

Daphne Tang, Semifinalist - *Lincoln-Douglas Debate*

Lucy Wei, 4th Place - *Oral Interpretation*

AJ Pandey, 4th Place - *Informative Speaking*

Julien Wadhwa, 5th Place - *Original Oratory*

Adit Roy, 7th place - *Congressional Debate*

Raheel Abubakar, 8th Place - *Congressional Debate*

Brandon Lu & AR Ravisaraian, Quarterfinalist -  
*Public Forum*

Kruthik Ravishankar & Jawad Mamun, Quarterfinalist -  
*Public Forum*

Namita Kalghatgi & Tanvi Namjoshi, Quarterfinalist -  
*Policy Debate*

Mason Krohn, 12th Place - *Congressional Debate*

Kishan Gandham, 16th Place - *Congressional Debate*

Grace Zhu, 17th Place - *Congressional Debate*

Camille Furst, Semifinalist - *Dramatic Performance*

Aditi Shah, Semifinalist - *Oral interpretation*

James Gao, Semifinalist - *Extemporaneous Speaking*

Rayhan Murad, Semifinalist - *Extemporaneous Speaking*

Juliet Nolt & Divya Krishnan, Semifinalist -  
*Duo Interpretation*

Miah Vesotsky, Quarterfinalist - *Dramatic Performance*

Aditi Shah, Quarterfinalist - *Dramatic Performance*

Evan Li, Quarterfinalist - *Extemporaneous Speaking*



## **RANDOLPH HIGH SCHOOL**

### **3rd Place Team Sweepstakes!**

**Omar Bekdash, 1st Place** - *Extemporaneous Speaking*  
**John Tondora, 2nd Place** - *Improvitational Speaking*  
**Alex Smyth, 2nd Place** - *JV Lincoln Douglas Debate*  
**Gargi Koul, 2nd Place** - *Novice Lincoln Douglas Debate*  
**Anjini Mathur, 3rd Place** - *Oral Interpretation*  
**Charlize Chen, 3rd Place** - *Impromptu Speaking*  
**Nihal Kurki, 4th Place** - *Declamation*  
**Dion Peng, 4th Place** - *JV Lincoln Douglas Debate*  
**Kevin Tang, 4th Place** - *Varsity Lincoln Douglas Debate*  
**Caroline Lidz, 4th Place** - *Improvitational Speaking*  
**Vanshika Bhatia, 4th Place** - *Programmed Oral Interpretation*  
**Maxwell Su, 4th Place** - *Original Oratory*  
**Marko Cukar, 5th Place** - *Varsity Lincoln Douglas Debate*  
**Sonali Pai, 5th Place** - *Oral Interpretation*  
**Charlize Chen, 5th Place** - *Original Oratory*  
**Pasha Saidi, 5th Place** - *Novice Impromptu Speaking*  
**Daniel Zhang, 6th Place** - *Declamation*  
**Aman Singh, 6th Place** - *Lincoln Douglas Debate*  
**Rajvi Shah, 6th Place** - *Humorous Interpretation*  
**Varun Gongireddy, 6th Place** - *Original Oratory*  
**Nurah Kutty & Julie Wang, 6th Place** - *JV Public Forum*  
**Rajvi Shah, Semifinalist** - *Improvitational Speaking*  
**Arsh Mohite, Semifinalist** - *Impromptu Speaking*

## **THIS WEEK IN RF**

### **Monday - 11/20**

- Practice 3-5PM

### **Wednesday - 11/15**

- Practice is CANCELED

### **Monday - 11/27**

- HQ Meeting, 2:30 - 3:30PM  
followed by GMU/Princeton practice

### **Wednesday - 11/29**

- Practice 5:30 - 8:30PM

### **Friday - 12/1**

- Princeton will be dismissed at 6th Period  
with a noon departure
- GMU will leave at 3PM

## **FINAL REMINDER: GMU**

**Mrs. Fletcher and I will be doing the final approval of events at Monday's practice. Please bring any materials you have prepared thus far.**

### ***I want to wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday season!***

*This past weekend, I presented at the National Communication Association conference in Dallas, Texas.*

*While there, I conversed with many people who were astounded at the fact that we have over 100 members of our team. When they ask, "how do you do it?" I told them all about our forensics family.*

*How together, the students, parents, and coaches work together to make our team one of the absolute best in the nation. I constantly give thanks for being able to work with such amazing students each and every day of my career. No matter what tournament, what event, I know that you have dedicated yourself to be at your best each and every week. As we approach our 'big' season with our Princeton/GMU weekend, the Ridge Debates, and our January/February/March season, let's get ready to put it in full gear as we cruise forward.*

*But for now, enjoy time with family and friends. Allow yourself to recharge, reengage, and revitalize the energy of our team, our family.*

Mr. Yastremski

