

# STRICTLY SPEAKING

## OCTOBER 21, 2018

Congratulations to the entire team for a great first local tournament of the year.



Special applause for our finalists!

Aadhavaarasan Raviarasan  
and Albert Wen

CHAMPION

Varsity Public Forum Debate (PF)

James Gao

CHAMPION

Varsity Extemporaneous Speaking (EXT)

Kathy Wei

CHAMPION

Varsity Oral Interpretation (OI)

Kevin Tang

CHAMPION

Varsity Lincoln Douglas Debate (LD)

Andrea Zhang and Udheesh  
Gaddipati

2

Varsity Public Forum Debate (PF)

Caroline Lidz

2

Varsity Original Oratory (OO)

Daniel Zhang

2

Varsity Declamation (DEC)

Grace Zhu

2

Varsity Congress (SC)

<u>Jerry Yang</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Varsity Lincoln Douglas Debate (LD)</u>
<u>Rohan Jinturkar</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Varsity Extemporaneous Speaking (EXT)</u>
<u>Siddarth Sasane</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Varsity Dramatic Performance (DP)</u>
<u>Sonali Pai</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Varsity Oral Interpretation (OI)</u>
<u>Charlize Chen</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Varsity Original Oratory (OO)</u>
<u>Kishan Gandham</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Varsity Congress (SC)</u>
Emma Reilly and Miah Vesotsky	<u>3</u>	<u>Varsity Duo Interpretation (DUO)</u>
<u>Nikayla Karda-Marok</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Varsity Declamation (DEC)</u>
<u>Sathya Gopinath</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Varsity Oral Interpretation (OI)</u>
Divya Krishnan and Rajvi Shah	<u>4</u>	<u>Varsity Duo Interpretation (DUO)</u>
<u>Humphrey Chen</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>Varsity Declamation (DEC)</u>
<u>Max Su</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>Varsity Original Oratory (OO)</u>
<u>Raheel AbubaGkar</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>Varsity Congress (SC)</u>
<u>John Tondora</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Varsity Dramatic Performance (DP)</u>
<u>Aditi Sharma</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>Varsity Extemporaneous Speaking (EXT)</u>
<u>Injae Lee</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>Varsity Congress (SC)</u>
<u>Khushi Kumar</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>Varsity Dramatic Performance (DP)</u>
<u>Neha Razak</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>Varsity Oral Interpretation (OI)</u>
Laasya Gaddipati and Prapti Roy	<u>6</u>	<u>Varsity Duo Interpretation (DUO)</u>

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UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

10/27 - Phillipsburg HS - NJSDL - Buses leave Ridge at 7:30am SHARP. Please arrive for check-in at 7:20am.

11/3 - William Tennent HS - Pennsylvania - Buses leave Ridge at 7:00AM SHARP!

11/10 - Ridge HS - CFL - Report by 7:30am for room checks.

11/17 - Randolph HS - NJSDL - Buses leave Ridge at 7:30am SHARP. Please arrive for check-in at 7:30am.

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UPCOMING TRAVEL TOURNAMENTS:

**PREREGISTER HERE!!!! THIS HELPS ME PLAN HOTEL ROOMS, BUSES, ETC.**

11/9 AND 10 - [SCARSDALE HS - Varsity PF or LD only. \(Forms due on THIS WEDNESDAY at 5:00pm\).](#)

11/30 - 12/2 - [PRINCETON UNIVERSITY. Forms due 10/31 at 4:30-5:30](#)

11/30 - 12/3 - [GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY. Forms due 10/31 at 4:30-5:30.](#)

11/30 - 12/2 - [MAMARONECK HIGH SCHOOL \(CX only\) - Forms due 10/31 at 4:30-5:30](#)

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FUNDRAISER DUE 10/30

Remember, for all returning members who did not sell giftwrap or participate in a full week of the Summer Institute, the fall donation fundraiser is due 10/30. You can encourage donations at <https://ridge-high-nj.ed.co/ridge-forensics-team>. Or you can drop a check in Mrs. Retzko's grey box (outside the choir room).

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CHAPERONES WANTED.

As mentioned at the parent meeting, parents can fulfill their annual obligation by chaperoning/judging at one of our travel weekends. If you are interested in chaperoning, please complete [this form](#) to indicate your interest. If you are uncomfortable judging, we do have a few tournaments where we bring an additional parent to assist with check-ins due to the large amount of students attending (GMU, Harvard, Princeton, Penn); however, that availability is minimal. Deadline for requests 10/31/2018.

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JUDGE TRAINING

We will have our annual judge training on Wednesday, October 24th, at 6:00-8:30pm in the Ridge Cafeteria. If you would like to learn about judging, or brush up your skills, this is a perfect opportunity to get information on how to be an effective judge. Again, parents, siblings, grandparents, neighbors are all welcome to attend!

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I'm very excited at how well our team performed this weekend; but, I'm even more excited to see the energy and focus of our new members of the team. As you can see in the photo, Ridge Forensics will be truly a force this year! We've started strong -- but we can't take anything for granted. As I review this weekend's ballots, I see some memory slips, I see a lack of follow-through (dropping arguments, etc.). We need to ensure we're at our best even when we believe we're at a small event, nothing too hard. Some of you got a bit of a wake up call this weekend. But, it's early -- and we have a lot to accomplish this year. Let's make this year the biggest, the best, and the most successful year for Ridge Forensics. I know you all have it in you -- but it takes commitment, focus, and hard work. Are you ready???

Have a great week everyone!

Mr. Yastremski