HMS Forensics 2019

The forensics season is now underway. This season we will participate in three competitions (listed below):

Monday, October 21 @ Little Chute Middle School

Monday, October 28 @ Freedom Middle School

Monday, November 4 @ Greenville Middle School

Competition Info:

* We will be traveling by bus to and from the away competitions, leaving school a little bit early (there will be no return bus to HMS from GMS on 11/4/19).
* If it is a necessity, parents may take their child home directly from Little Chute or Freedom; however, a Travel Release Form must be completed and signed by Mrs. Luft or Mr. Deli. (This form can be found on the high school webpage and will be made available on Mrs. Lynaugh’s webpage.) This form must be on file in the HMS office prior to departure from HMS the day of the competition.
* Competitions begin promptly at 4:00
* Each student will perform his/her piece for two different judges in two rounds of competition, with a short break between rounds
* Students should dress nicely for competitions (no jeans)
* Bring a snack and something to drink between rounds
* Parents and family members are welcome to attend (this may not be suitable for young children as performances are held in classrooms and require a quiet atmosphere)
* Return time to HMS from away meets is approximately 6:30-6:45. (\*Students will call home when we are close to HMS)

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Lynaugh or Mrs. McMorrow at 779-7922 or email [tanyalynaugh@hasd.org](mailto:tanyalynaugh@hasd.org) or saramcmorrow@hasd.org.

**FORENSICS FYI**

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| **WHAT**: Forensics is a unique extra-curricular opportunity in which students practice public speaking skills through the interpretation of poems, stories, plays, and speeches. | |
| **WHO**: 5-8 grade students (Students involved in another team or club are also able to get involved in forensics). | |
| **WHEN/WHERE**: Practices will be held Monday-Thursday from 3:15-4:15 in Mrs. McMorrow’s room. Friday practices are optional. Students are also encouraged to practice at home. | |
| **HOW**: Students will first decide if they will be competing individually or with a partner or group. Next, Coaches McMorrow and Lynaugh will assist students in selecting a category and a piece. | |
| **Individual Categories Include**   * Poetry * Prose (reading a short story or excerpt from a novel) * 4-minute Information Speech * 8-minute Persuasive Speech * Storytelling (telling a story from memory) * Non-Original Speech (reciting a speech previously given by another individual) * Solo Acting (memorized one-person short play) | **Partner or Group Categories Include**   * Demonstration Speech (1 or 2 in a group) * Readers Theater (2+ in a group) * News Reporting (2-4 in a group) * Play Acting (memorized skit with two+ in a group) |
| **QUESTIONS**: If you have any questions about forensics, please contact Mrs. Lynaugh ([tanyalynaugh@hasd.org](mailto:tanyalynaugh@hasd.org)) or Mrs. McMorrow ([saramcmorrow@hasd.org](mailto:saramcmorrow@hasd.org)) or call school (779-7922 ext. 23117). | |