

# Christ the King School

## Forensics Team 2009-2010

### CSI – Cougars Speaking with Inspiration

Dear Parents and Students,

The Forensics Team at Christ the King School will, once again, be a reality this year. The team is open to students in grades 6, 7, and 8. The exposure to and ultimate competition of public speaking promotes personal and academic skills needed for the future success of participating students. By challenging themselves, leadership potential is developed, and the challenge to others to excel is infectious.

We have identified eight forensic categories to employ – declamation, humorous drama, serious drama, impromptu, multiple reading, poetry, prose, original work reading. Students will explore which category best utilizes their talents, select a work which interests them, practice presenting their selection, and compete within their group. The students also have the opportunity to present their selections during a competition with area Catholic students. The number of schools participating this year has tripled – the league is certainly maturing. A District Catholic School Forensics Tournament has been scheduled for Saturday, March 27, 2010, and will be held at Christ the King. A membership fee of \$15.00 will be due by Monday, November 30th. This fee covers the registration fee and folder for the tournament.

For your planning purposes, the Forensics Team will meet two weeks out of each month for the months of November and December on Mondays and Tuesdays (dates of meetings will be given out at our orientation meeting on Monday, November 2, 2009. After Christmas Break, the divisional teams will meet either on Monday or Tuesday from 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Student schedules will be decided by the first of December. As with most everything, adult help is solicited to work with the Team. We could not have accomplished what we did last year without the time and interest of our parents – thank-you to all who helped! Prior formal public speaking experience is not required, just the desire to help, have fun, and share our students' growth.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions. Please contact me from through the school office at 625-4951 or via email [banthony@ctkparish.org](mailto:banthony@ctkparish.org). If you and/or your student are interested in participating, please fill out the attached form and return it to Mrs. Anthony no later than Friday, October 30, 2009.

Thank-you, in advance, and God bless,

Rebecca Anthony, District Forensics Coordinator

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*"What sets apart high-performance teams, however, is the degree of commitment, particularly how deeply committed the members are to one another."*

*Jon R. Katzenbach & Douglas K. Smith*

FORENSICS TEAM PERMISSION and/or HELP SLIP

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read the information, and I give my student, \_\_\_\_\_, permission to join the Forensics Team. I understand that a membership fee of \$15.00 is due no later than Friday, October 30, 2009.

\_\_\_\_\_ I can and would like to help. I can be reached at \_\_\_\_\_ (phone or email, whichever is easier).

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

**Forensics Team**

**STUDENT INFORMATION FORM**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GRADE/HOMEROOM:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AREA(s) OF INTEREST: (circle all those that interest you)**

Declamations

Drama Humorous

Drama Serious

Original Readings

Impromptu

Multiple Reading

Prose

Poetry

**WERE YOU MEMBER OF THE FORENSICS TEAM LAST YEAR?** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOME ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**PHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**As a member of the Forensics Team I understand that my dedication to the team is imperative. I will try my best to make every meeting and be prepared for each meeting with my selected readings.**

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**(Student Signature)**

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**(Date)**