

WHO? Forensics Students and Families

WHAT? Our first Forensics meet is this next FRIDAY, Feb. 3, 2012.

WHERE? Silverbrook Middle School in West Bend

WHY? Because the kids have worked hard and are ready to compete!

WHEN? Our bus will leave Erin School at 2:45 and we will return back to school sometime around 9pm. When we return depends upon how quickly the hosting school gets the results calculated, therefore our return time may differ. You may want your child to bring a cell phone in order for them to call you when we get close to home. If they do not have a phone, they will be able to call from school.

- It is important for your child to know, if they DO BRING A CELL PHONE, this phone is to be used to call home ONLY. It MUST be turned OFF during all performances. If a cell phone rings or beeps or even vibrates during a performance, the holder of the phone is immediately disqualified from the tournament. (tournament rules.)

DRESS? It is important students “dress to impress” at the meet. Boys should wear nice slacks and a nice shirt with a collar. Ties are not required, but may be worn if desired. Girls should wear nice slacks or skirt with nice shirt, or a dress. NO JEANS, please. Dress code requirements of Erin School apply to clothing worn to forensics meets. (i.e. dresses or skirts may NOT BE SHORTER than the length of the fingertips when arms are held at the sides.) When students are done performing, they may change into their regular clothes, hopefully including our forensics t-shirt.

- Students should wear their regular clothes to school on Friday. During lunch recess, Forensics students will be allowed to use the bathrooms to change into their Forensics attire. When released from class at 2:35, students should ALREADY be in their Forensics clothing. The ten minutes until bus time is used to gather homework and any scripts, props, costumes etc... needed for their performance. When ready to go, students should first meet in room 154 for a brief meeting, then we will go to the bus.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE MEET? When we arrive, we will be in pause-mode a few minutes until the coaches complete our registration and receive any paperwork. Students will already have received their room assignments on the bus ride to the meet. Once registration is complete, we will move into the gym where Erin School will “claim” a corner to deposit our things. STUDENTS SHOULD NOT LEAVE ANY VALUABLES BEHIND IN THE GYM. STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING TRACK OF THEIR OWN PROPERTY. Students will then have a short time to prepare before being released to their performances. When released, students travel to

their assigned rooms and wait in the room until the judge calls their assigned number. Once the number is called, students go to the front of the room and perform their piece.

- At some point, students will be released to dinner. Dinner is for sale at the meets, therefore, the students should each have their own money in order to buy food. Usually, \$5-6 is sufficient. Students may also choose to bring their own dinner.
- After dinner, the students are called to their Round 2 performances.
- Once performances and dinner are finished, students are to remain in the gym where music is played and opportunities arise for socializing until awards are ready. When awards are ready, Erin kids will gather at the Erin corner (all in our forensics tees) and gratefully and graciously accept our plethora of awards.
- Once awards are done, we will gather our things and ride the bus home. On the bus-ride home, the coaches will hand out the judge evaluations to the students for the students to see how they did. These evaluations will go back to the coaches before getting back to Erin School.
- Once back at school, parents should promptly pick up their kids and drop off any unwanted chocolate.

MEET PICK-UP? Parents who wish to pick up their children from the meet and take them home are allowed to do so. It is imperative that these parents **SIGN THEIR CHILDREN OUT** on Ms. DeRosa's sign-out sheet. **ONLY** parents are allowed to pick up their children from meets unless a pre-approved note from school, signed by the administration, has been given to Ms. DeRosa in advance. This includes taking friends home. If you don't sign your child out, but still take them with you, we will think they are missing and in a crazed panic, send out the SWAT team to find them.

BEHAVIOR? At all times, from bus rides to performances to dinner to gym-party to awards, Erin students are expected to have appropriate and controlled behavior demonstrative of what is expected of them at Erin School. Any behavior not representative of the school will have similar consequences as if the behavior had occurred on Erin School property. Students are to remain in the host school at all times during a meet.

CONTACT? Parents may contact Ms. DeRosa during the meets on her cell phone. (262)-224-6262. If I don't pick up, I am likely judging an event and will return your call as soon as possible.

***Thank you for supporting your children in Forensics!
They are doing a fantastic job!***

Sincerely,
Cheryl Johrendt
Rachel DeRosa