Dear Parents,

The forensics season is upon us! The coaches for this year are Mrs. Berndt, Ms. Hardee, Mrs. Krumhus, and Mrs. Noonan. Feel free to contact us via e-mail with any questions or concerns you have.

We will travel to nearby cities on Friday nights for regular season meets. Specific departure and arrival times for each meet will be given to your child at the practice prior to the meet and will be posted on the forensics website and Google classroom. Your child must sign up for at least three meets, and meet a minimum average point total, to qualify for State. Your child will be informed if he/she qualifies for State as soon as their point average is high enough.

While at the meets, treats, sodas, and lunches can be purchased, so your child should bring some money along or pack a dinner.

When the meet is finished, your child will call when we are on the bus with an estimated time as to when we will arrive at school. We ask that you please be prompt in meeting the bus.

Your child will be assigned a weekly (Tuesday or Wednesday) practice with a 10 to 15 minute time slot. A parent excuse must be turned in for any missed practices. This is the only one-to-one coaching your child receives during the season; therefore, your child should practice at home frequently. Three or more missed practices will result in your child being released from the team.

The accompanying permission form, an activity fee of $15 turned into Mrs. Noonan, room 208 (*checks made payable to Slinger Middle School*) and a signed activity code need to be completed and returned before signing up for a category (see dates below). If your child commits to one of the meets and then backs out after the commitment was made, we ask that you reimburse the school for the $5.00 meet entry fee.

Below is the list of dates for this season, which will be posted on the forensics website and Google Classroom. Please note that meets may be dropped/added due to registration complications.

2017-2018 Forensics Season Dates

Thurs, December 14th	**Category Sign-Up** *Returning Members 2:45-3:00, New Members 3-3:15*
Tues, December 19th	Piece Selection for appropriate categories 2:45-3:30
Wed, December 20th	**Written Piece Scaffolding** for appropriate categories 2:45 - 3:30 **Individual Conferences** (All **new** members)
Wed, January 3rd	New Members 1st Practice (sign up on Google form)
Week of January 9th/10th	Practices for all students begin
Fri, February 9th	MEET @ Silver Lake, Oconomowoc
Fri, February 16th **(non-school day)**	MEET @ Badger MS, West Bend
Fri, February 23rd	MEET @ Silverbrook, West Bend
Fri, March 2nd	MEET @ Central MS, Hartford
Wed, March 14th	"Hootie Meet" - SMS Parent Performance Night
Sat, March 24th	State Tournament, West Bend ***must qualify*

******STUDENTS- Join the **SMS 4N6** Google Classroom using the following code: mojjh4x