

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ST. SEBASTIAN FORENSIC TEAM

29 middle school students traveled to Oconomowoc, WI Friday, March 25 to compete in the State Forensic Tournament on Saturday, March 26. Almost half of our team advanced to finals and several trophies and medals were awarded. One student, Erin Barrett, also received a perfect score (the highest number of points as well as the highest ranks) before entering the final round. This is a very difficult feat to accomplish at the state level.

Our award winners at State were as follows:

Emma Runnoe, Emma Pieper, and Erin Barrett received medals in finals.
Seb Pruhs, Maria Villa, Nona Pyant, and Emily Soleski received 3rd place trophies.
Susan Falk, Kylie Treacy, Daniel Mullen, Chris Steimle, Alanna McCauley, and Gen Desotelle received 2nd place trophies.
Sophia Altenburg and Colleen Marcoux each received 1st place trophies.

Thank you to all of our parent support and help with driving as well as listening to the students practice. Your willingness to participate in our program just makes it that much more successful and meaningful to our students. A very special thank you from our coaches, Kathy Kirkpatrick and Pat Russell to our volunteer judges. We need a judge for every 5 entries at every all day meet, so it is a huge time commitment on the part of our parents who judge. We could not offer this program to so many students if we didn't have so many willing parents to help. Our judges this year were Mary Ann Clermont, Ann Desotelle, Marian Falk, Lori Kopchinski, Laura Mullen, Melanie McCauley, Chris Marcoux, Lisa Peiper, Melinda Runnoe, Rob and Terese Shelledy, Becky Steimle, Katie Utschig, Sherri Walker, Patty Walsh, and Leah Zaffiro

Thank you to each student that was part of our team. It was your hard work and commitment to refining your program that brought us a 1st place, 2nd place, and 3rd place trophy at individual tournaments throughout the season. Our award winning 2011 team includes the following:

In Prose-- Matthew Shelledy, Victoria Lee, Charlotte Utschig with 1- 3rd place trophy, B.J Johnson, Erin Walsh, and Cheyene Roszina; Storytelling—Sophia Altenburg with 3-1st place and 2-2nd place trophies, Allie Lichucki, Colleen Marcoux with 2-1st place trophies, 1 medal, Kate Barrett, and Emily Zaffiro with 1 medal; Solo Humor Acting—Erin Barrett with 1-1st place trophy, Yasmine Sahid with 1-1st place, 1- 2nd place trophy, 1 medal, Margaret Walker, and Emma Pieper; Poetry—Susan Falk with 1-1st place trophy, 1 medal, Ryan Wendelberger, Julian Rheams, and Abigail Kopchinski; Impromptu Speaking—Seb Pruhs 1-3rd place trophy, 1 medal; Serious Solo Acting—Emma Runnoe with 1-1st place trophy; Demonstration—Kylie Treacy with one 1-1st place trophy, 1 medal, Julian Loera with 1-2nd place trophy, 1 medal; Informative Speaking –Will Mullen; Infomercial—Daniel Mullen and Chris Steimle with 4 1st place trophies, 1-3rd place trophy, Elizabeth Falk with 1-2nd and 1-3rd place trophy; Special

Events—Alanna McCauley and Gen Desotelle with 1-1st and 3-3rd place trophies; and Group Interpretation with Maria Villa, Nona Pyant, and Emily Soleski..

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ENTIRE TEAM—START THINKING OF WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO NEXT YEAR AND INVITE INCOMING 6TH GRADERS TO JOIN OUR FUN! FORENSICS IS THAT INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITY THAT EVERYONE CAN ENJOY!!