

# We Are Kennedy



## John F. Kennedy Catholic School Junior High Academic Offerings

**Speech and Debate (Grades 6-8)** New to JFK this year will be the development of Trumbull County's first Junior High School Speech and Debate program. Students will learn the skills of speech writing and public speaking while participating in an event of their interest. From aspiring actors to business professionals to elected officials, there are speech and debate events for everyone to participate in. Students will practice twice a week after school from September through February and will compete at regional tournaments on Saturdays throughout the season. An informational meeting for students will be held after school on August 29th. An informational meeting for parents will be held September 7, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Advisor - Mr. Catale

**Prep Bowl (Grades 6-8)** An academic competition of general knowledge in various categories, Prep Bowl will return this year. There is a 6th grade team and a 7th and 8th grade team. Students will compete at Regionals in the winter (January for 6th and February for 7th/8th) at Lordstown High School. Tryouts will be held in September. Practices will be held regularly after school with the team advisor from October through their regional competition. Advisor(s) - Mr. Zallow, Grade 6 Team; Mrs. Bartoe, Grades 7-8 Team

**Power of the Pen (Grades 7-8)** New to JFK this year will be a Power of the Pen team. POP is an academic writing competition that allows for students to be given a prompt and respond utilizing their own expression. An informational meeting for students will be held at the beginning of October. Practices will take place after school weekly until the regional competition in January. Advisor - Mr. Zallow

**MathCounts (Grades 7-8)** New to JFK this year will be a MathCounts team. MathCounts is an academic math competition with multiple challenges that test the math skills of team members. Teams begin competition regionally in February and may advance to the state and national levels. In order to determine team members and their alternates, a test of challenges is given to all those interested in December. High scorers will be invited to join the competition team. Advisor - Mr. Ragozzino

**English Festival (Grades 7-8)** An annual event, students who enjoy Language Arts are encouraged to be a part of the YSU English Festival. An initial meeting will be held in September. Students are given a list of 7 novels that they are required to read. The culmination of the program is participation in the YSU English Festival where students participate in a number of writing and author-driven workshops. The Festival is held annually in April. Advisor - Miss Lamanna

**Theatre (Grades 6-8)** Students are invited to develop their acting, singing, and dancing talents by participating in one of two annual theatre productions. There is a winter production and a spring production. Tryouts for the winter production are scheduled for November 1-2, 2017. Advisor - Mrs. Bofenkamp

**History Day (Grades 6-8)** - Embedded in the social studies curriculum, all students are required to participate in the annual History Day project. Students work throughout the year as individuals or in groups choosing a topic based on a yearly theme, researching primary and secondary sources, developing a thesis, and presenting their findings. The local History Day at JFK is held in late February. Students can advance from the local level to the regional (Early-April), state (Late-April), and national (June) levels. Advisor- Mr. Catale