

Welcome to Knowledge Bowl!

Dear Knowledge Bowl Student and/or Parent/Guardian:

Thank you for expressing an interest in or supporting your student's interest in Knowledge Bowl. With your help, Skyridge is looking forward to continuing its tradition of excellence in this activity.

Knowledge Bowl is like a team Jeopardy competition. A school's Knowledge Bowl team is made up of a total of 3 or more smaller teams consisting of 4 - 6 team members. Our school's teams compete against other teams from neighboring schools to see who can answer the most trivia questions in math, science, history, English, and social studies. During each competition, teams compete in a written round (45 multiple-choice questions) and two oral rounds (45 questions each). The winning team is based on the total number of questions answered correctly in all three rounds.

This year the season will run from mid February through to almost the end of March. All practices will be held at Skyridge in room 224. There will be a silent study hall in this room from 230-300. Practices typically run from 3:00 to *approximately* 4:00. We practice Monday through Thursday until the meets begin in late February. Once we reach that point, practices will be held only on Mondays and Wednesdays. *Please note that there is no practice scheduled on any of the Fridays during the season. Picture day on Wednesday, March 2nd, will result in a short practice day. Students will be released after the team and individual photos are taken. Please note that there is no practice on Thursday, February 10th.*

As for competition, meets usually begin about 3:15-3:30. Home meets usually end between 5:00 and 5:30 P.M. On away meets, students should expect to be done with competition by about 5:00, returning to Skyridge *around* 5:30 P.M., give or take 15-30 minutes or so on either side. Our final meet of the year, a multi school tournament, always lasts longer than regular meets. Students should expect to be involved in this meet until 5:00 or even 6:00 P.M that day. If we are late in arriving back to Skyridge from any away meet due to unforeseeable circumstances, students will have access to my cell phone to make calls. Please discuss your expectations with your student about the level of communication you want from them in such cases. I'll do my part on this end to encourage them to live up to that.

Most students have been notified already by Mrs. Button about their eligibility status and any remaining forms needed, but for your information and clarification, here are the requirements students must meet to be eligible:

1. Students must fulfill all the requirements necessary to participate in athletics, except for the physical. This includes the participation permission form and the emergency medical form.
2. Since this is a school function, students are required to purchase an ASB card prior to the first meet.
3. Participating students must be either 6th, 7th or 8th grade students.
4. Students must attend practices unless they have a *prearranged* excuse. Please notify Mr. Greene in advance of an absence if at all possible.
5. Students must commit to making it to the practices on a regular basis and, most importantly, attend each meet. The team is counting on your consistent participation.

If you have any comments or questions about Knowledge Bowl, please don't hesitate to contact me at school via phone or email. Thanks again for your support and interest.

Sincerely,

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Parent support at meets is highly encouraged and welcome. If you'd be interested in possibly helping as a reader, timer, or with set up of refreshments at home meets, please contact me. Your support is greatly appreciated. For driving directions to away meets, please contact the Skyridge Athletics Office.

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To receive updates about happenings for Skyridge Knowledge Bowl, please include your email address to be added to our team's email list:

Parent Email 1: _____

Parent Email 2: _____

Student Email: _____