

# QUIZ BOWL

## 2018-2019

Hello, and welcome to Fairview's Quiz Bowl team! I'm Mrs. Johnson, I've been coaching the Quiz Bowl team for one and a quarter of a year. Fairview's Quiz Bowl team is a competitive academic team. We compete in NAQT—National Academic Quiz Tournament — sponsored events throughout Florida during the school year.

Teams of 4-6 students are selected by Mrs. Johnson to participate in the competitions, which take place on Saturdays. Team selection is based on each individual student's skillset, their commitment to practice, grades in their courses at FMS, citizenship and their demonstration of teamwork skills during practices.

All competing students are **required** to have the current FMS Quiz Bowl team t-shirt. This t-shirt costs \$10.00 and must be ordered by September 14, 2018.

Due to limited spots on competition teams, sixth graders do not often get to attend off campus competitions during their sixth grade year, unless he or she demonstrates a significant skillset that proves they are a better fit on a team than a seventh or eighth grade student. Due to the limited competition availability for sixth grade students, I will host a 6th grade student tournament at Fairview after school one day during the school year where our 6th graders can compete against each other on teams they form amongst themselves.

We also host a Teachers v. Students tournament in the Spring where students are again able to form their own teams and compete against the FMS teachers at Fairview on one evening after school. Please see the back of this form for those dates.

The first six weeks of Quiz Bowl practices are a "try-out period" for all students. After week 6 of practice, some students will be cut from the Quiz bowl team. Those students will still have the opportunity to participate in the 6th grade only competition and the teachers vs. students competition if they want to, but they will not be able to attend practices throughout the school year.

Practices will always be held on Wednesdays from 4:00—5:30 PM in Mrs. Johnson's classroom. These practices will include stations where students will be studying packets, studying from the NAQT site or practicing on buzzers. Each week, students will receive homework that they will be tested on in practice the following week. The students' test scores from those assignments will contribute toward their ability to compete on a team during a NAQT tournament.

Students are not permitted to use their phones or play games during practice. Quiz bowl practices are for bettering our team in order to give us the skills needed to win at competitions. A student who is not taking practice seriously may be asked to leave practice and not to return to the Quiz Bowl team's practices.

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The current schedule of events is listed below. Tournaments listed with TBA will be updated when the sponsor of that tournament releases the date to the NAQT website.

<i>Tournament</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Date</i>
Egghead Invitational	Fairview Middle School Tallahassee, FL	October 27, 2018
Lewis Falcon Invitational	Addie R. Lewis School Valparaiso, FL	TBA [Typically in November]
6th Grade Fairview Tournament	Fairview Middle School Tallahassee, FL	November 14, 2018 4-6 PM
Aggie MS Challenge	J.M. Tate High School Cantonment FL	January 25-26, 2019
Marianna Bulldog Invitational	Marianna High School Marianna, FL	TBA [Typically in February]
Teachers v. Students Quiz Bowl Tournament	Fairview Middle School Tallahassee, FL	March 13, 2018 4-6 PM
NAQT Middle School National Championship Tournament	Hyatt Regency O'Hare Rosemont, IL	May 10-12, 2019

## Parent Volunteers Needed!

This year I began working on my Master's Degree. As a result, I do not have as much time to dedicate outside of school as I have in previous years to Quiz Bowl and Quiz Bowl fundraisers. I am looking for parents who would like to volunteer to learn to be a stand in coach if there is ever a weekend tournament that I cannot attend as coach — I do not want to prevent our students from competing if I am unable to attend do to my busy schedule.

Also, I am no longer able to supervise weekend fundraisers at Publix. These were our biggest fundraisers last year, bringing in close to \$1,000 per weekend to help offset the expenses of our out of town tournaments. If a parent or group of parents would like to volunteer to supervise a Publix sidewalk fundraiser this year for the Quiz Bowl team, please let me know and I'll be happy to set up the fundraiser.

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Please return this form to Mrs. Johnson at the next Quiz Bowl practice.

I understand what is expected of me, the student, during Quiz Bowl practice. I am aware that this is a competition team and not just a club to participate in without effort. I plan to study as needed, stay focused during practice and to take my duties as a Quiz Bowl member seriously.

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Student's Name Printed

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Date

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Student's Name Signed

**Parents & Guardians, please be aware that your student must be picked up from practice on time in front of Fairview's office. If your student is picked up any later than 5:45, he or she will not be allowed to attend practice anymore.**

By signing below, I, the parent or guardian, acknowledge that I understand the expectations of my child during Quiz Bowl practices and outside of the practices. I also am aware of the need to pick up my student from practice on time and that he or she may be asked not to return to practice if not picked up on time.

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Parent/Guardian's Name Printed

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Date

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Parent/Guardian's Name Signed