Power of the Pen
2015

Informational Meeting
Monday, October 27th 2:05 - 2:45

7th & 8th Grade Team Writing Try Outs
Monday, November 3rd – 2:05 - 2:45
Bring a PEN, an OPEN MIND, and a SMILE

Qualified Tournament Team Writers will be announced Nov. 10th
First weekly team meetings will begin Monday, Nov 24 at 2:05- 3:15

WHAT: Power of the Pen is an excellent experience for students to awaken and strengthen their creative voice as well as prepare them for state mandated testing. There will be more than 500 schools from over 80 counties participating in one or more tournaments. Power of the Pen helps students to gain a confident writing voice via creative expression using the elements of good writing verses expository writing focusing on mechanics. Since creativity cannot be “taught,” it is our hope to inspire and nurture creativity which enables students to take pride in their work, improve mechanics, and develop a love for language.

WHEN: Power of the Pen Teams will meet after school every Monday (and Wednesday starting in January) to practice and to discuss writing prompts, generate ideas, and share written work. *It is important that ALL Power of the Pen members attend the practice sessions since alternates may be moved up to be into a competing slot on the team.

HOW: The TEAM will consist of six writers and two alternates per grade level (7th and 8th only). We will practice weekly to prepare for competition(s). The following are the scheduled tournament dates for this year:

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<td>REGIONAL</td>
<td>Saturday, Feb. 21st</td>
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<td>May 21st &amp; 22nd</td>
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*** The WHOLE TEAM will participate at District…therefore you need to be available to complete at the first tournament in order to be considered for the team.

***Then, those who qualify will then advance to the Regional, and finally, those who qualify there will then advance to State.

*** Students may also sign up to be “runners” at the Regional tournament if they did not qualify to compete - volunteering for Power of the Pen is lots of fun!!!

PAY TO PARTICIPATE: The Twinsburg Pay to Participate cost for Power of the Pen is $60.00; this fee is required of all qualified team writers and any additional student(s) who want to be support members of the team as alternates and/or practice writers.