*MRS. YIAKOS- COMMUNICATIONS (YEAR B)*

***TEACHER INFO:***

*Welcome to another exciting school year! My name is Mrs. Yiakos and I am the Communications teacher. I would like to welcome you back to Summit Hill Junior High School. Public Speaking is a valuable skill that will be practiced and utilized throughout the course of one’s lifetime, whether it is in a business or personal setting. It is a vital ability required for success in today’s world. The following information is a guide to my class goals, objectives, and expectations.*

***MY PHILOSPHY:***

*-I want to create a safe and secure environment, build confidence, build trust, motivate and*

 *challenge students by engaging them in stimulating activities and group activities.*

***GOALS:***

*1.Prepare, develop, and present speeches for different purposes and of diverse types.*

*2. Evaluate peer and professional speeches, as well as reflect on and make improvements to*

 *speeches.*

*3. Participate as an active, conscientious and courteous member of the class community.*

***EXPECTATIONS:***

*All students will:*

*1. Be expected and required to actively engage and participate in daily writing activities, as*

 *well as other activities.*

*2. Be on time and prepared with all of their materials for class.*

*3. Communicate with everyone with courtesy, dignity, and pride.*

*4. Be responsible for turning in assignments and presenting speeches on*

 *time.*

***PROJECTS:***

*-Radio commercial, narrative speech, rants, listening skills, voice/gesture skills, sales pitch presentations, evaluation of peers’ speeches, storybook speeches, social ritual speech(wedding toast)*

***GRADING:***

*- Grades are available to parents and students on-line at any time. Please review and*

 *discuss the grades on a regular basis. Please contact me if you have any questions*

 *regarding grades. Also, please see my teacher page for more of a clarification of redo’s.*

***QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS****: You may contact me @ (815) 469-4330 EXT 5122 or you may email me at* *tyiakos@summithill.org*

*“All the great speakers were bad speakers at first” – Ralph Waldo Emerson*