

# Leadership and International Relations COMMUNICATIONS

With Mrs. Kristen Spratley

## Course Description

This course will develop and enhance students' ability to speak effectively and listen critically. Students will learn more about communication and how it affects human interaction by participating in individual and group learning activities. Students will learn to write and deliver a variety of speeches and learn to critique themselves and others.

## Curriculum Highlights

- Vocal Responsiveness Exercises
- Advertising and marketing an event/program
- Verisimilitude Speech
- Motivational Speech
- Policy Debate
- Business Communication: Interview
- Intercultural Communication
- Declamation Speech

## Teacher

Kristen Spratley has taught at James River High School for the past 7 years and is currently a marketing teacher and DECA advisor. Mrs. Spratley is a native of Chesterfield, Virginia and a James River High School graduate. In her current position, she is able to excel and impart her strengths as an excellent communicator combined with her love of sports and leadership. Mrs. Spratley strongly believes preparation is the key to success and she has prepared herself well earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communication with a Cognate in Marketing and Event Planning from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and a Masters of Science Degree in Recreation, Parks and Sports Leadership from Virginia Commonwealth University. Mrs. Spratley firmly believes that some things are taught and some things are caught. She desires to teach students to speak effectively, but wants students to catch those traits that truly embody a leader in which their behavior, character, work ethic and mindset are worthy of duplication and that they seek to continuously improve themselves while remaining mindful of others.

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