

# QUIZ BOWL: THE HOMEROOM??

Did you hear about the homeroom that gives homework? Nonsense? Well, in Quiz Bowl homeroom it is serious business! The homeroom consists of the TV-3 Challenge and Rutgers Bowl teams, and "Battle of the Minds" participants. Membership is open to all students, but the majority tend to be Juniors and Seniors. In the brief 10 minutes that the students attend homeroom, just about everything is secondary to their ability to respond quickly to a barrage of questions fired by math teacher and advisor Mr. Jeff Spring.

What is Quiz Bowl? It's an "academic question and answer show," replies Mr. Spring, and originated 7 years ago when an SGA student received a letter from the Suburban Cablevision TV-3 Challenge concerning whether or not the SPFH student body would be interested in participating.

The TV-3 Challenge and Rutgers Bowl teams prepare for their competitions by meeting once each week between September and June, practicing with electronic buzzers against the clock. The team members also spend practical time watching "Jeopardy" and other television game shows. Being part of the Quiz Bowl homeroom does not mean being automatically outstanding or brilliant as a student. It's "general knowledge, and not trivia, which is emphasized," according to Mr. Spring. "It's open to everyone."



This year's Rutgers Bowl team — Captain Jeff Bronikowski, Steve Edwards, Brendan Meyer, Neil Schulman, and Alternate Harrison Finney — has been especially successful. They advanced to the semi-final round against Governor Livingston of Berkeley Heights after defeating Jonathan Dayton of Springfield, 390-295. A victory in the finals would result in a \$1,000 award to each team member.

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