

MOCK TRIAL (continued)

The camper had contracted Lyme disease through a tick-bite during a camp session whereby treatment was not given immediately and the parents had claimed that Camp Housatonic had failed to contact the child's parents and diagnose the symptoms the camper had as Lyme disease which ultimately progressed into a more serious condition because of such negligence. Students of our Mock Trial team prepared for weeks, through their own analysis, practice, and working with our Lawyers (Mr. Walsh and Mr. Brady) to be able to administer legal tactics for both the Plaintiffs and the Defendants.

At the competition, students are required to independently conduct court proceedings for this case that parallel a true court case in front of a Judge. Students must compete on both sides of the case (Plaintiff and Defendant) which is difficult to do as they have to switch their mindset for each side. Students competed in 2 rounds of grueling trial proceedings as our student lawyers eloquently represented our school by asking questions, objecting when appropriate, showing sportsmanship, and strategically planning their next moves while thinking on their feet as the competition requires.

The students of St. Rose qualified within the first round of Trials, but will not be moving forward to the Semi-Finals. However, they should be proud of their quick thinking, determination, dedication. Congratulations to the students on their hard work and dedication through this challenging, fortifying process. The experience makes a lasting impact.