



2017/2018 SEASON KICK-OFF PARENTS WELCOME LETTER

Dear Debate Team Parents,

When your student walked through the door to join this year's **Windsor High School Debate Team**, they took a bold step toward mastering the skills of public speaking, critical thinking and analysis of current events in a way that will enrich their lives and improve their success in school and career for years to come.

As a teacher of speech and debate, I have seen firsthand the transformation of our young people as their experience with speech and debate gives them the confidence to achieve their goals as high school students, competitors and college scholars. It is not surprising to me that these students have gone on to become class presidents and valedictorians; or that WHS student speakers have ranked top in the nation, won the California State Championship and have been accepted by the nation's top universities including Harvard, Stanford, Penn, Berkeley, UCLA and more.

It's my intent to help your teen achieve their goals this year with a weekly practices, workshops and participation in four tournaments this year, with opportunities to travel around the Bay Area and the state to compete at the novice, JV or varsity level against other top high schools across the state.

But we will need your help – your donations of time and money – to make this happen.

That's why I've put this packet together...to give you an overview of the season and to let you know where we need your support with paperwork, volunteer hours and financial contributions. *If you have any questions at all, please contact me directly.*

It's my pleasure and privilege to coach your student on the WHS Debate Team this year. I sincerely hope this experience is something they will remember and value for a lifetime.

Thank you for helping make it happen!

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WINDSOR UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
VOLUNTARY ADULT DRIVER CERTIFICATION

For use by Adult Volunteer Drivers (circle one): Parent Community Volunteer District Employee

To be filed at least once a year by any individual transporting students either in their own vehicle or when driving a district owned vehicle. All field trips begin and end at school.

The Windsor Unified School District acknowledges the needed assistance by responsible volunteer drivers in order to provide transportation for numerous activities that take place within the school system that other wise would not exist without support. We sincerely appreciate your contribution. In order to provide the best assurance to both the volunteer driver and the school district, the following information is gathered and agreements are made with the volunteer by signing at the bottom of the page:

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ Driver's License No. _____ Exp. Date _____

Telephone No. _____ Cell phone No. _____

VEHICLE

Name of Owner: _____ Year: _____ Make: _____

Address: _____ License Plate No. _____ Exp. Date _____

No. Seat Belts (required) _____

The District is responsible for determining the following:

1. Have you been convicted of reckless driving, or under the influence of drugs or alcohol within the past five years?
 Yes No If yes, district policy prohibits your serving as a driver.
In accordance with AR 6153, Teachers and Chaperones shall not consume alcohol, smoke or use controlled substances while accompanying students on a trip.
2. Proof of liability and medical coverage insurance on the vehicles you will be driving is required by state law. The District requires a minimum of \$100,000 personal injury, \$300,000 bodily injury or death, and \$50,000 property damage.
 Limits of Coverage: _____

** If needed, you may seek a one-day Certificate of Insurance for the prescribed amount from your insurance carrier.*

A copy of the auto insurance DECLARATION PAGE must be attached

3. Date of Field Trip: _____ Destination: _____
4. Number of Passengers: _____ (may not exceed number of available seat belts).

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WHS DEBATE TEAM

PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION

Student Name _____ Graduation Year _____

Parent/Guardian Emergency Contact Information

Parent/Guardian Name(s)	Primary Phone Number	Alternate Phone Number
Relation:		
Relation:		

Parent/Guardian Permission

I allow my above-named student to participate in WHS Speech & Debate activities – including practices and tournaments – during the 2017/2018 school year realizing that I am responsible for transporting my student to and from school to attend these events. I have discussed team participation with my student, and realize the WHS Speech & Debate program requires a significant commitment of student time and effort after school hours, including weekends. I understand parents/guardians may be asked to judge and/or drive students to/from speech tournaments subject to school district requirements. I also understand students and their families will be asked to participate in fundraising initiatives during the year.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Financial Support

The Windsor High School Speech & Debate program relies on funding from public sources, members of the community, fundraising events and financial support from the families of participating students. For this reason, the WHS Speech & Debate Team requests a **non-refundable \$75 donation** for each participating student. Larger donations are also accepted and greatly appreciated by the entire team!

Donation for 2017-2018 Academic Year (check one):

- \$75 donation per student
- Additional donation (fill in amount here: \$ _____)
- Fee waiver request based on financial need

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "WHS DEBATE TEAM"

WHS Debate Team Proposed Schedule:

PRACTICE:

Practice is held **Thursday** (except school holidays) in Room P102 from 3:35 to 5:15 pm. First practice will be held on 9/21. Additional practices may be scheduled as are needed as the year progresses.

COMPETITIONS:

10/1	Debate Workshop 9AM - 3PM	Windsor HS
10/8	Debate Observation	Santa Rosa HS
10/14	Berkeley Invitational	UC Berkeley
11/4	GGSA Parli #2 League Tournament	Monte Vista HS
1/13-15	MLK Invitational - Overnight Event?	James Logan HS
2/3	State Qualifiers - Overnight Event?	City College, SF

SPEECH CONTESTS:

Many opportunities for speech contests will emerge throughout the year. Some involve scholarships and prize money. I will keep you informed of those opportunities throughout the year. Our first scheduled speech contest will be the Eleanor Alleen Memorial Speech Contest held Saturday, April 28th, 2018. The topic for this contest is:

- How can we stand up to sexism?

More speech contests date to come...

WHS DEBATE TEAM

STUDENT SIGN-UP FORM 2017/2018 Academic Year

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Current Grade Level (circle one)

9

10

11

12

Home Ph: _____

Mobile Ph: _____

Email Address (print legibly)

I am most interested in (check all that apply):

Parliamentary Debate

Public Speaking

Varsity

JV / Novice

Team Leadership

Research/Web

Why do you want to join the team & what will you contribute? (please describe any specific skills, experience, or benefits you hope to gain by joining the WHS Debate Team & summarize any prior experience, work habits, talents interests, etc... that you will contribute to the team's

Signature _____

Date _____