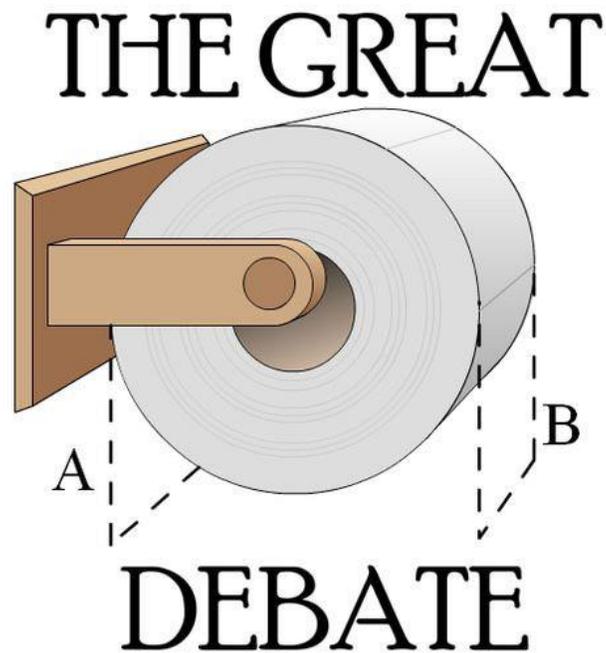


**Analy High School's
Speech and Debate Team
2016-2017**



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Dear New and Returning Team Members and their Families,

Welcome to another year of fun-filled forensics. I am very excited to have the privilege of leading this amazing program once again.

If you are a returning member or parent, and already know what you are getting yourself into, skip ahead to Important Documents and return to Room 211. Don't forget to subscribe to the Speech and Debate Google Calendar for tournament schedule and team practices

If you are a new member or parent, WELCOME!

We have an extremely strong speech and debate team, (small and mighty, I like to say) but our most notable attribute is our camaraderie. Some alumni described their experience as “familial” and “life-altering.” You and your student will discover a group of students who are witty, bright, and compassionate. In addition, students who make a four-year commitment to forensics are virtually unsinkable when it comes time for college admission and scholarships.

New students should plan to attend the after school practices on Thursdays.

Participation is expected; competitions are optional. Some students would simply like to watch and learn rather than speak—and that is fine. We find some of our best debaters are those who are challenging themselves to become better public speakers, not necessarily those who come to it naturally.

Team members participate to varying degrees. Team meetings on Tuesday at lunch are a must. Practices are helpful. Competitions are optional. Some die-hard debaters attend very meeting, practice, and competition. Most will be more selective about their participation. Regardless of a student's commitment to forensics, the team offers the opportunity to speak up and *be heard* at a variety of venues.

-Ms. Maxson and the AHS Db8 Team

Costs:

The Analy Education Foundation has for a number of years granted us scholarship money for our tournament fees. Unfortunately, we were NOT awarded those monies this year. As a result, if you choose to participate in a Golden Gate Speech Association Event or Invitational, then your parent/guardian needs to be aware of two requirements:

- 1) Entry Fee: \$25/tournament**
 - a. Checks should be made out to GGSA (or specific school) at Thursday practice prior to tournament date or pay AHS Speech/Debate (\$20 x 6= \$120) up front.**
- 2) Parents are expected to drive and JUDGE at the tournament.**
 - a. Entry Fee is waived for parent judges.**
 - b. Volunteering is tax deductible, including gas and bridge tolls.**

Parent Participation:

Unlike other activities, Speech and Debate depends on parent involvement. Parents not only drive students to events, but are expected to aid with judging the events. Ms. Maxson is happy to offer resources that review the task of judging, and judges are offered breakfast, lunch, and snacks at the event in return for their service. *Judges should also bring paper and pen to take notes during debates.*

Practice Dates (Tentatively Planned): Thursday 2:30-3:30 pm

- September 8, 15, 22 for GGSA Congress/Parli #1
- *September 29, October 6 for GGSA PF/LD/Policy #1*
- October 13, 20, 27, November 3, 10 for GGSA Parli/Congress #2 and GGSA PF/LD #2
- January 11, 18, 25, February 1 for GGSA Cong/PF/Policy #3 and GGSA Parli/LD #3
- April 26, May 3 for Novice Tournament

*Additional practices will be scheduled directly with Ms. Maxson

Competition Dates:

Analy High School Speech and Debate Schedule 2016-2017			
Date	Tournament	Location	Who?
9/24/2016	GGSA Congress/Parli #1	Washington HS, SF	Team, OI Class
10/8/2016	GGSA PF/LD/Policy #1	?	Team Only
10/13/2016	VFW Voice of Democracy Oratorical Contest	AHS Room 211	School-wide
*11/5/2016	GGSA Parli/Congress #2	Monte Vista, Danville	Team Only
11/12/2016	GGSA PF/LD #2	James Logan HS, Union City	Team, OI Class
11/17/2016	Martin Luther King Jr. Oratorical Contest	AHS Room 211	School-wide
12/8/2016	Poetry Outloud Competition	AHS Room 211	School-wide
1/21/2017	GGSA Cong/PF/Policy #3	San Marin?, Novato	Team, OI Class
1/26/2017	Lions Club Oratorical Contest	AHS Room 211	School-wide
2/4/2017	GGSA Parli/LD #3	Monte Vista, Danville	Team, OI Class
2/18/2017	Windsor Parli Invite	Windsor HS, Windsor	Team, OI Class
2/25/2017	<i>State Quals Debate/Congress</i>	<i>Windsor?</i>	<i>Qualified Team Members Only</i>
3/2/2017	Rotary Speech Contest	AHS Room 211	School-wide
3/18/2017	NSDA Nat Quals Debate/Congress	Miramonte HS, Orinda	<i>Qualified Team Members Only</i>
4/29/2017	<i>CHSSA State Tournament</i>	<i>Arcadia HS</i>	<i>Qualified Team Members Only</i>
May	Novice Tournament	Possibly Analy HS	Team, OI Class
<i>June 18-23</i>	<i>NSDA National Debate Tournament</i>	<i>Birmingham, Alabama</i>	<i>Qualified Team Members Only</i>

*** Contact Ms. Maxson if you would like more opportunity to debate as an independent.**

Team Code of Conduct and Expectations

Practice Protocol:

While it is always my goal to mix fun with learning, the expectation is that you are on time, stay until the conclusion, and behave as you would in an academic setting.

Be prepared; If I have assigned you to do research or prepare a speech, please have your work done and ready to go.

Consent to Treat, Parent Permission, and Necessary Insurance Documents must be completed to participate. This paperwork will be handed out at the first meeting.

Tournament Protocol:

- ❖ Sign Up for the tournaments on the sideboard in Room 211. You must sign up 10 days prior to the tournament (preferably two Thursdays prior to competition; ie. Sign up for tournaments September 15 for Sept. 24 tournament). DROP FEES: If you do not show up for a tournament or if you let Ms. Maxson know after the Monday prior to the tournament, you owe a drop fee (\$10). You will not be able to attend the next tournament until you pay your drop fee.
- ❖ Arrive on time for tournament departure. Tournament leave times will be posted the week before.
- ❖ Dress for Success. Wear a suit, if possible. Slacks and a collared shirt work, too.
 - Wear sensible shoes. You will be walking and standing quite a bit.
- ❖ Bring either a lunch (and snacks) or money for food. The food at tournaments isn't most nutritious (unless you love cold pizza and taco in a bag), so prepare for your nutritional needs as well as your academic ones.
- ❖ Bring your debate materials: a legal pad, pens, printed cases—including copies of all source evidence, and a timer.
- ❖ A charged cell phone, if possible. I expect that you will be in contact with your parents/guardians during and after the competition. Additionally, there may be times when I need to contact you via cell.
- ❖ Be Photo ready. We will take a team photo at the beginning of each event; we will attend awards at the conclusion; those winning awards will be photographed.
- ❖ Do not leave campus!!! If you have already arranged with Ms. Maxson to leave early with your parent, then get some “face-time” with Ms. Maxson prior to leaving campus.
- ❖ You are expected to behave in a manner that reflects well on St. Eugene’s and Ms. Maxson. Watch your language, be polite, clean up after yourselves, and refrain from anything that you would not be allowed to do at school, or upon which you think Ms. Maxson would frown.
- ❖ You are expected to compete in each round of the event.
 - Do not forfeit a round for any reason; If an issue arises in which you believe you cannot continue, see Ms. Maxson immediately.
- ❖ Consent to Treat, Parent Permission, and Necessary Insurance Documents must be completed to participate.

Team Requirements:

Students who participate in AHS speech and debate must adhere to the same requirements of those who participate in AHS sports. More specifically, each student must:

- Be in good standing academically (at least 2.0 GPA and on track to complete graduation requirements by expected date) with Analy High School and West Sonoma County Unified High School District.
- Be in good standing behaviorally (adhere to the rules outlined in AHS student handbook and California Ed Code) with Analy High School and West Sonoma County Unified High School District.
- When appropriate, must have attended class or have an excused absence the days of tournaments and practices.

Overnight Competition Requirements:

1. You may qualify or be invited to participate in a multiple day competition in which you will spend the night at a hotel with the team.
2. *Your participation in such an event is conditional upon your preparation.*
3. You may miss class time; all field trip forms must be completed a week prior to the event.
4. *You are to be working on cases and school work during your “down” time.*
5. Because overnight experiences are rare—and carry issues of liability, you need to understand a few fundamentals:
 - a. *Ms. Maxson expects you to be respectful and responsible.*
 - b. You are expected to uphold the same standards as our student-athletes in terms of scholastic and citizenship/behavior standards.
 - c. These events are not “sleep overs.” Students are expected to be in their rooms with 30 minutes of returning to the hotel and with lights out within an hour after returning from competition (or 10 pm), whichever is later.
 - d. Students are expected to meet in the hotel lobby at designated times to travel to and from the campus.
6. Any violations will result in a phone call to parent(s)/guardian(s) for you to be immediately picked up from the event.
7. Hotel and tournament fees must be paid a week prior to the event.
8. Special practices will likely be arranged.

Additional paperwork such as Consent to Treat, Parent Permission, and Necessary Insurance Documents will be handed out at our first meeting (or are attached).