

Dear Parents,

I am excited that your student has chosen to join the CLHS Speech & Debate team. This first step has put them on the path that countless other successful individuals ranging from former US President Lyndon Baines Johnson to former Chrysler CEO Leo Iacocca have tread. The Lake Debate team has had many years of success and I directly attribute that not only to the high caliber of students we have but also to the supportive parents and administration involved with the program; I am certain this year will be no different.

This packet contains vitally important information that you and your student must be aware of. I ask that you read it fully. Here's what you'll find:

- 1. A copy of our tentative tournament schedule. Your student is required to attend two tournaments over the course of the entire year, and most of these are open to them. I especially recommend they try to go to the CCISD tournaments.
- 2. Instructions for the e-Forms we are using again this year. In an effort to conserve paper, make your lives easier, and allow me easier access to the documents I need while traveling with your students, I've created a PDF of all of the required paperwork. Please read these instructions carefully. Most notably, heed the requirement to <u>not</u> fill out the forms in your browser but instead download them to your computer and then fill them out.
- 3. The required debate course fee and information on how to pay it through Skyward.
- 4. The Debate 1 syllabus.

We will be having a Parent Information Meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM that I encourage all of you to attend if able where I will go in-depth into important information for your student's success in the program. That meeting will be in my classroom, room 6054. If you have any questions or concerns before then, please contact me at rnassif@ccisd.net. It's going to be a wonderful year, and I'm looking forward to getting to know you and your students during it!

Warm regards,

Ryan Nassif Director, CLHS Speech & Debate