

The Monthly Briefs – January 2019

Dear SHS SD Parents,

The Falcons started the New Year with a big bang, going to the Arizona Invitational (ASU) tournament Jan 4th - 6th. The next two months are packed with tournaments. From now until Feb 18th we have a total of five tournaments. The NCFL in Sacramento and CFL in Milpitas are happening in the same week. Students are frantically working with their coaches to give finishing touches to their speeches.



What is next?

- NCFL Sacramento - Jan 26-27, 2019
- CFL Speech and Debate - Jan 26-27, 2019
- James Logan MLK Tournament - Jan 18-20, 2019
- Stanford Invitational - Feb 9-11, 2019
- Cal Invitational - UC Berkeley - Feb 16-18, 2019

NCFL Qualifier Sacramento is happening on 1/26 for speech and 1/26-1/27 for debate, which is a qualifier for the Grand National tournament hosted by NCFL. A lot of powerhouse schools have opted to not go this year, which presents a great opportunity for the participants to take many spots for the national May tournament in Milwaukee.

The CFL speech and debate is happening in Milpitas High School 1/26 - 1/27. This is the last speech and debate league tournament. Participation in one of the league tournaments is required to be qualified for state or national level.

Yay! First time in several years the club is officially participating at CAL. This is a huge deal. CAL is a National Circuit Tournament and right in our backyard. Falcons this is your chance to rise up and compete at the National level, with complete judging paradigms. Go register a.s.a.p., if you have not already!

Achievements

Congratulations to our Falcons, we are so proud of your achievements!

James Logan Martin Luther King Invitational

- PF - Ronak Pai and Adhit Sankaran in Octofinals
- LD - David Koh and Victor Liu dropped in double Octofinals
- IE - Nandini Desai quarterfinalist in OI
- IE - Aindri H. Patra quarterfinalist in IX
- IE - Connor Oaklander quarterfinalist in OO

SCU Dempsey Cronin Invitational

- Anouk Yeh - NOO - 1st place
- Anouk Yeh - N Impromptu - 2nd place
- Harshini Velchamy - NOO - 3rd place
- Connie Liang - OOO - 5th place
- David Koh and Victor Liu dropped in double Octofinals

ASU Invitational

- Anishi Patel was a semifinalist and got a bid for UKTOC and NIETOC.
- Riya Kalra was a triple Octofinalist

CFL - Evergreen Valley

- Anishi Patel - OI - 7th place

Cost Reduction

We heard you, in order to reduce tournament cost, our chairman Mumuksha Shah will start booking the airlines and hotel reservation 30 days in advance. Please help the club by committing on time.

Volunteer opportunity

We are entering peak season and there is going to be ton of travel coordination needed. We are specifically looking for travel specialists, to help our travel chair Mumuksha Shah. If you are savvy enough to look for a vacation in Cabo, MX, this is cakewalk for you. Let's work together to make speech and debate an awesome club. We need parents' involvement in the club's operation. We would love to hear your suggestions, at our weekly booster meetings

Chaperones please complete your certification!

Beyond your monetary contributions, and parent judging at tournaments, the Club welcomes active parent participation between tournaments. We will send around a Signup Genius so that parents can sign-up for volunteer opportunities. Another important way to support the team is to complete your chaperone certification. This is especially important for travel tournaments when our coaches cannot accompany our students. The district's new policy requires a female chaperone to accompany our minor girls.

Sincerely,

Speech and Debate Boosters

President – Srividya Velchamy

Tournament Chair – Mumuksha Shah

Fundraising – Bhanu Kannan

Volunteers and Events – Sophia Kao

Communications – Renu and Aart Bik

Treasurer – Rita Cao

We are always looking for more volunteers! Please contact Renu at [renu.dargar@gmail](mailto:renu.dargar@gmail.com) if you are willing to help out.