

# WOODCREEK SPEECH & DEBATE, EDITION 4

All of our qualifiers for speech and debate!



"My favorite thing about this team is talking to newbies & hearing them say they love speech & debate for the same reasons that made me love it my freshman year." -Kaci Thornton , 11

"My favorite thing that came back this year were the after-tourneys, which really made our whole day of tournaments feel worth the struggle." -La'a Nishihara, 12

"I think it was all the fun things that we got to do in person that we missed out on online, like playing mega Jenga with Trinity, Maxim, & some Ponderosa kids at speech qualifiers between rounds." -Ella Johnson , 11

## *In-Person!!!*

Qualifiers for speech and for debate were super fun! Both were in-person events, with teams from across the league. We sent 14 people to state, 12 in speech, and 4 in debate. Some superstars who qualified in both speech and debate are Emilee Rosenbaum and Nia Sanders. We couldn't be more proud of our team this year, for not only our successes, but also for the fun we have had. We have all made countless memories at all the in-person tournaments, the Woodcreek tournaments, and of course, the after parties. The people on this team are what make all the hard work worth it. We love you all!!!

Some updates:

- Spring Practice is going to be on Wednesdays from 3:00 to 5:00 pm
- Everyone who is going to State Championships is expected to show up.
- This is our final stretch of the season. Let's keep going, and as always, let your mentor or captain know of any conflicts!

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# TOURNAMENT INFO

## **Fall Schedule: Online**

Sept. 27: Debate Opener ☒  
Oct. 16: Speech Opener ☒  
Oct. 30: Debate 2 ☒  
Nov. 13: Speech 2 ☒  
Dec. 11: Debate 3 ☒

## **Spring Schedule:**

Jan. 14-16: MLK Jr. Invitational (online event, optional) ☒  
Feb. 5: Speech 3 (Ponderosa HS) ☒  
Feb. 25-26: Speech Qualifiers (Mira Loma HS) ☒  
Mar. 4-5: Debate Qualifiers (Granite Bay HS) ☒  
April 2-3: NSDA Qualifiers (TBD)  
April 29-May 1: State Championships (online)

## CHSSA State Championships

State Championships run from April 29-May 1 and is online this year. We may meet up at a school with the other league qualifiers for some final "tournament interactions." This 3-day event includes both speech and debate events for competitors who qualified in their event at either Speech Qualifiers or Debate Qualifiers. We will need lots of judges for this tournament, so parents, please keep an eye out for the sign-ups genius so you can judge the days you would like! \*\*Reminder: anyone who is at least two years out of high school can judge.\*\*

If anyone has questions about any of the information in the newsletter, or any questions about how tournament is run, contact (916)792~5368 or ask your student!

## *SOCIAL MEDIA*

Instagram:

@WHSSPEECHANDDEBATE

Facebook Page:

Woodcreek Speech and  
Debate

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## *UPCOMING EVENTS*

Spring Showcase

CHSSA State  
Championships

Team Socials

# Results!

## Speech Qualifiers

### **Dramatic Interpretation**

Feizah Teope, 2nd Place

### **DUO Interpretation**

Katelyn Seivert and Sophia  
Strohmeyer, 4th place

### **Original Prose and Poetry**

Abby Schwartz, 1st place

### **Informational Speaking**

Chloe Van Leerdam, 1st place  
Frances Van Slyke, 2nd place  
Emilee Rosenbaum, 4th place  
Quinn Hennessy, 5th place

### **Original Advocacy**

Nia Sanders, 1st place  
Riya Tapadiya, 2nd place

### **Program Oral Interpretation**

Ella Johnson, 4th place  
Trinity McEwen, 5th place

## Debate Qualifiers

### **Lincoln Douglas**

Nia Sanders

### **Public Forum**

Emilee Rosenbaum and Maxim  
Korablev

### **Congress**

Kaci Thornton

## Orator's Cup

### **Debate**

Nia Sanders  
Nathan Solano

### **Speech**

Nia Sanders  
Riya Tapadiya  
Feizah Teope

***\*\*Reminder: We do need judges to sign up in order for our team to continue entering, so be sure to support your child by judging and helping Woodcreek's Speech and Debate team continue earning these awards! Every time you judge, you will receive a raffle ticket for our Spring Showcase to win prizes, so be sure to judge to get these tickets!\*\****



# Spring Showcase

Every year, Speech and Debate hosts a spring showcase. This is one of our ways to celebrate our success as a team on this campus. It includes games, raffles, celebrating seniors who are going to leave, induction of new members, and commemorating our amazing coach and assistant coach, as well as our booster's board. We also have dinner and a show (we highlight some of our favorite pieces from that year)! Boosters has decided to provide free food to thank our families for their dedication this year; we appreciate you all. This is one of our most important gatherings for the team, and we would love to have as many people as possible to make it super special. If you can, we would love to have you there!



*You're invited!!*

*Join us*

*The Woodcreek High School  
Speech and Debate Team  
invites you to our annual*

## SPRING SHOWCASE

SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH  
FAMILY BANQUET: 5:00 - 6:15 PM  
OFFICIAL SHOWCASE: 6:30 - 8:30 PM

WOODCREEK HIGH SCHOOL  
2551 WOODCREEK OAKS BLVD

THERE WILL BE FOOD AND DRINKS  
AVAILABLE

Woodcreek Speech and Debate ended a very successful league season with over 100 awards! Competitors who are going to state will be practicing up until April 27th to prepare for CHSSA championships. We are excited to have sent so many people this year. Not only this, but we had Riya, Feizah, Nathan, and Frances get President's Awards for their time on the team. Riya, Feizah, and Nia got Orator's cup awards for speech, and Nathan and Nia got Orator's cup awards for debate. These awards are seen as the "superstar team" of speakers and debaters, respectively, and there are only five awards given per season. We are so proud of these people for the time and dedication they have given to this team and program. Go creek!



# ***EXTRA INFORMATION***

## **Socials**

If you are interested in hosting a fun social or an after-party for the team, feel free to let your student know, or contact any of the numbers below! We would love to incorporate newer parents into these fun socials we have to encourage team bonding!



## **Team Pictures**

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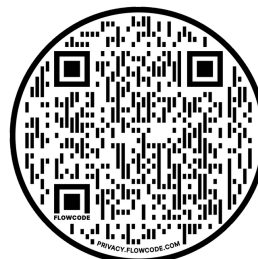
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/kHuDGVo8rzD6qeoX6> If you want to view the pictures, click on this link to see how much fun we have on our team!



# ***RESOURCES***

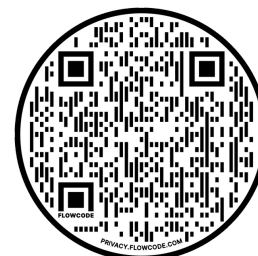
## ***California High School Speech Association***

<http://www.chssa.org/>



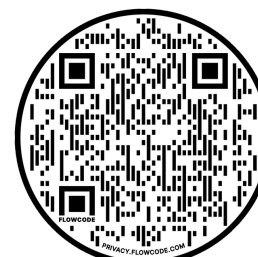
## ***Woodcreek Speech and Debate***

<https://www.rjuhsd.us/domain/363>



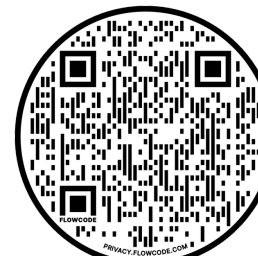
## ***Speech and Debate Tabroom***

<https://www.tabroom.com/index/index.mhtml>



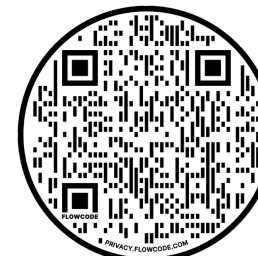
## ***Judging Speech and Debate***

<https://nfhslearn.com/courses/adjudicating-speech-and-debate>



## ***Guide to Virtual Tournaments***

<https://bit.ly/2SugBhb>



## ***Judge's Website***

<http://sites.google.com/view/whs-judging>

