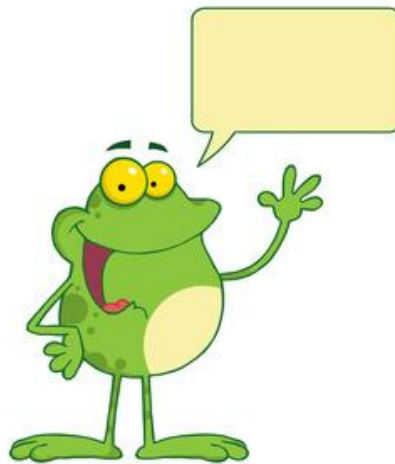


COTTER SPEECH TEAM

A Tradition of Excellence

Conference Champions 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
Sub-Section Champions 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
Section Runner Up 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
38 state competitors since 2015 – and counting!

TEAM HANDBOOK



Speech Team Member:

Welcome to the 2019-20 Cotter Speech Team! We are excited to have **YOU** as a part of our team, the largest competitive team on Cotter's campus!

This handbook gives you our policies, expectations, and information that you will need for the 2020 season. Everything you should need to know is in here! Parents and participants both are asked to read this handbook and return the last page signed.

Everyone is a starter, everyone plays, and everyone is a valuable member of this team. We will teach you to find your voice! To Own the Room! To Speak!

Sincerely,

Coach Amy French
Head Speech Coach – Cotter High School

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WHAT COACHES EXPECT FROM YOU:

1. Attendance at practice.
2. Bring excitement, passion, and a willingness to learn, to be open to changes.
3. Practice on your own outside of scheduled practice times.
4. Attend required number of meets.
5. Be available for conference and sub-sections to state if invited to participate. We work hard around other activities calendars – please offer us the same courtesy during our postseason.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM US:

1. Active, engaged coaching, implementing new ideas, and challenging you to stretch beyond your comfort zone.
2. Practice time at least once a week – one on one (discussion will practice as a group) - for the length of the official season.
3. Responses to emails or phone calls within 24 hours – even if it's just let me look into that and I will get back to you.

STUDENTS, YOU WILL NEED TO PROVIDE:

- **Lunch:** Students are responsible for buying their own meals at tournaments. Concessions are generally available at most meets but the quality and quantity of food varies. You can also bring your own lunch and beverage. The Woodbury meet and the Lakeville meet will include a dinner stop.
- **Attire:** Students are asked to dress professionally at tournaments. (See Professional Dress Section for more details).
- **Notebook and folder:** The notebook needs to come to each practice to write down things to work on. You will need to supply a folder. It should be plain, simple and sturdy, and free of pictures and graffiti. Professional folders are appreciated but not required. This will store note cards, introductions (ER) and critiques from each meet as you receive them.
- **Good Grades:** Eligibility reports are run on Fridays. The activities office will notify students with either a warning or suspension from activities until grades meet the school policy. Because registration for speech meets is not refundable the day before a meet – IF a student is determined as ineligible on a Friday – they should still plan to attend the meet the following day. Their time off will be served at the next week they were planning to attend a meet (so likely 8 days later) regardless of if the grades have improved or not.

PARENTS – YOU ARE ASKED TO HELP/ATTEND:

- **Judge:**
 - All parents/guardians will be asked to fill one judge spot at one meet per student, or 2 for families with multiple children.
 - This is done in 1 of 2 ways.
 - 1. You can do this by judging yourself : don't worry, we will train you.
 - Judge training date 1: Sunday October 27th 12:30-4:30
 - Judge training date 2: Saturday November 30th 9:00-1:30
 - By appointment if neither session works for you- contact Coach Amy to arrange.
 - 2. You can opt out and pay a \$65.00 fee so we can hire someone for you.
- We love to have parents come and hear their child speak...you are absolutely welcome to attend our meets! We also offer team nights – where our students present their pieces to each other.
- Help at our home meet, Saturday March 28th. Details will come out Jan-Mar time frame.

COMMUNICATION:

TEAM COMMUNICATION

It is a challenge for this large team to communicate with so many students. We provide many ways in which we update information.

- School email: Be sure you check your email daily for notifications from your coach, especially during the season.
- ***Team communication*** emails will be sent to students and parents from cotter.speech@cotterschools.org intermittently in the fall, then weekly (Sun/Mon) during the season. READ THESE – always have critical information – especially during the Jan-Mar – they are sent out weekly for a reason.
- NOTE: Cotter.speech@cotterschools.org will ***NOT*** be checked for replies to emails. All questions on team related information can be directed to Coach Amy at amyjfrench516@gmail.com . Speaker-specific questions should be directed to individual coaches.
- Coaches will communicate via email with students. Parents/guardians will be copied on all initial emails. Draft revision emails back and forth are excluded. **Parents**; if you **don't wish** to be copied, email your student's coach directly and let your child's coach know please.
- Announcements are also made occasionally over the school PA system – most often these are last minute changes. It will ***NEVER*** be the only method of communication, however.
- Sometimes Ms. Shriver will seek you out as well to get information to you – this usually happens when someone isn't checking their email.

TEAM FORMATION:

Auditions for Speaker Evaluation/Placement

No Auditions Needed:

- No auditions needed: previous year rank average 2.5 or < and remaining in the same category.
- > 2.5 rank average but remaining in the same category, coaches will review and recommend an audition or allow students to remain in the same category.
- S2C students will audition and be placed prior to camp due to cost of the camp.

Auditions required:

- All new speakers
- Any student desiring traveling and changing categories.
- >2.5 rank average but remaining in the same category, coaches will review and recommend
- Again – NO ONE will be cut. So don't panic!

Placement:

- We will give you our thoughts regarding categories of best fit
- General Speech Team members make final choice on category.
- Traveling Team members must participate in the category offered to them.

Double Entry (DE):

- Traveling and National Team members only have the option to Double Enter (DE).
- 2nd category choice is yours.
- For all non-DE tournaments, you must enter in your Primary Category.
- Section placement in DE categories may be considered (exception is Duo)
- DE coach will be assigned, and one practice a week on DE is required

TEAM FORMATION:

Regular Season Team Make up:

General Team: 4 meets, 1 formal practice a week

1. Everyone by default is on this team.
2. First year speakers
 - a. You will begin as members of the General Team.
 - b. After the first meet in February, if you wish to be on the Traveling Team, and there are spots open – please contact Coach Amy.
3. Anyone wanting to be in speech, but not commit to most weekends in February and March should be on this team.
4. You are still expected to practice, and will be coached the same, but we recognize not every speaker is looking for the same thing.

Traveling Team: 6 meets, 2 formal practices a week (one with coach, one with captains)

1. Consists of a cap of 50 speakers (this is the bus seating limit).
2. Anyone with a year experience on our team can request to be on the traveling team.
3. IF the desired number for traveling exceeds this number, the following criteria will be used to determine traveling spots in this order:
 - a. Returning members from previous year's Traveling Team will retain a spot for the following year on the Traveling Team, if they meet the below criteria:
 - i. Have a regular season rank average of 2.5 or less.
 - ii. Are in good standing (fulfilling commitment from prior year, good teammate).
 - b. Seniors
 - c. Balancing category distribution
 - i. The number in each category from the retained spots and seniors will be counted.
 - ii. Categories will be balanced then if possible, to ensure at least 3 spots are filled per category.
 - d. Auditions
 - i. Remaining spots will be subject to auditions.
 - ii. A 4 Coach panel will score all auditioning offering spots to the top scorers.

National Team: 6 meets, plus 5 National Qualifiers, 3 practices a week (coach, captains, +1 formal)

1. Must sign up in May of the previous year.
2. See Nationals Section to understand all requirements

Post Season Meets: Conference and Sub-Sections

1. After the Second weekend of March, we will evaluate who will be awarded post season spots.
2. Conference and Sub-sections allots 4 spots to every team per each category.
3. In categories where we have 4 or less speakers, all speakers will be invited to Conference and Sub-Sections.
4. In categories where we have 5 or more speakers, spots will be determined by the following:
 - a. Rank average – how you did during the season.
 - b. National and Traveling Team is given a buffer of 0.5 however in rank average
 - i. This is because their meets have tougher competition.
 - ii. And because they've committed to speaking more – gaining more experience and feedback.
 - iii. BUT being on either of these teams does not mean you get a spot automatically.
 - iv. The first General Speech Team member in each category by rank average will set the bar.
 - v. Traveling/National Team members below that 0.5 rank average will lose their priority for post season, and be considered against general team members.
 - c. Seniority, age, good standing will also factor in to invitations for post season.
5. Coaches reserve the right to divide spots, inviting one speaker to Conference, another to sub-sections if ranks are close.

CAPTAINS

Retention of Speakers each year allows us in part for continuity of leadership on the team and selection of Captains in the Spring for the following year. Captains are selected each year from those who have shown leadership, are passionate about speech, and have positive attitudes toward their teammates. A demonstrated mastery of their category the year before can also factor in, but may not be required in every case.

Interviews happen in the spring for high school captains. So if you are interested, watch for an email around early April. Through 2022, interviews are done by Coach Shriver and Coach Larkin.

Senior Captains (2-3):

- Juniors and Seniors
- Speech should be #1 commitment
- Develop and Maintain a Positive Team Culture, where all are welcome
- Duties include but are not limited to below PLUS all captain duties.
 - Check in Speakers the day of meets
 - Warm-ups at meets.
 - Receiving Team Awards
 - Help at Cotter's summer speech camp
 - Help at Rambler Rally
 - Speak at 1 Judge's Training Session
 - Run Speech Team Nights during the season
 - Run Captain's planning meetings
 - Commit to attend the first 2 meets of the season to be there to mentor new speakers.
 - Judge at the middle school meet.
- Help where asked by the Coach

Captains (vary in number depending on team size):

- Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors Eligible.
- This is a stepping stone for Senior Captain Position
- Duties include but are not limited to:
 - Running Captain's practices
 - Supporting events planned by Senior Captains
 - Run Captain's practices
 - Help at Cotter's summer speech camp
 - Help at the Rambler Rally
 - Commit to speaking at 1 team night – attend all.
 - Speak at 1 of 2 judge's training session
 - Actively participate in warm ups
 - Recruit younger speakers
- Help when asked by a Coach or Senior Captain

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Jr. Captains:

- 8th and 9th grade students
- These are selected by Coach Amy based on passion for speech and dependability.
- Duties include:
 - Help at Cotter Speech Camp in the summer.
 - Commit to speak at one team night.
 - Speak at 1 of 2 judges training sessions
 - Actively participate in warm-ups
 - Lead middle school meet warm up, and accept awards at this meet.
 - Help at Captain's practices – perhaps oversee one.

ALL of our captains are GREAT resources – know who they are! Ask them when you have questions.

PRACTICES:

OUR PRACTICE EXPECTATIONS

- ❖ You are expected to practice on your own. It's like anything else - if you want to improve and see success during the season – you should practice your speech once each day...10 minutes. That's it. If you do this – it will show on Saturdays.
- ❖ Complete all weekly assignments given to you by your coach.
- ❖ Bring your Speech Notebook, folder, and speech to each practice along with all critiques from the season (which should be stored in your dedicated speech folder).
- ❖ Specific Practice Requirements per Team level:
 - **GENERAL TEAM**: MUST attend one **individual practice** each week during the season (January – March) with a coach. This is not negotiable – practicing with teammates, parents, **does not count**.
 - **TRAVELING TEAM**: MUST attend one individual practice AND one Captain's practice each week. You may leave the captain's practice once you've spoken.
 - **NATIONALS TEAM**: MUST one individual practice each week, one Captain's practice each week, and one other formal practice in front of other speakers or a coach.
 - **SPECIAL NOTE: Discussion** will practice as a group due to the logistics of the category, once a week for an hour, regardless of team placement (General, Traveling, National)
- ❖ Multiple Entry Practice Expectations
 - NOTE: Double Entries are NOT allowed on the general team.
 - Any extra piece(s) you are doing you must meet the same level of practice for to compete
 - If you are planning to compete in 2 categories and are on the Traveling team – you will need to practice each piece twice.
 - If you are planning to compete in 2 categories and are on the National Team you will need to practice 3 times a week.
- ❖ Failure to practice could drop you from the meet registration unless you have a valid reason for missing practice (i.e. illness, snow day – with no makeup times available).

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❖ IF you cannot attend a practice

- The student's coach must be contacted by phone or email at least **two hours prior** to missing an individual practice in order for the absence to be excused.
- You may NOT tell a friend to tell us.
- Send an email, text, or call.
- We support your involvement in any/all Cotter activities – we can switch practice times, just communicate with us as soon as you know.

❖ WEATHER:

- If school is cancelled or released early due to weather, **NO SPEECH PRACTICES WILL BE HELD.**
- Coaches will contact you with makeup opportunities.
- To fit in everyone, practice times may be shortened for the remainder of the week – even if you weren't practicing the day practice was cancelled.

MEET DAY:

ATTENDANCE POLICY

All students registered for speech will automatically be registered for the tournaments listed at your level of involvement.

If you will not be attending:

- Notify Coach Amy in advance of known conflicts – it helps us plan for how many judges we will need.
- Late notification (the week of a meet) will result in the student being charged \$17.00 which covers 1/6th of a judge's fee, and their entry fee which after the deadline is not refundable.
- If you are ill the morning of the meet a parent must call or text 507-450-2690 by the bus departure time. This is still subject to the Late Notification Policy (see above).

TRANSPORTATION POLICY

When transportation is provided by the school for a tournament, all participants are expected to ride with the team to the tournament per school policy.

- Students who live near Wabasha may receive permission from a head coach to drive directly to that meet location with prior written notice from a parent/guardian to a head coach.
- For tournaments where we pass by your home town (ie live in Wabasha, going to a meet in Red Wing) arrangements can be made to pick up students along the way. Let coaches know early so we can let the bus drivers know early as well.
- Under no circumstance may a student ride to or from a meet with a student driver. Parent permission does not supersede this rule per school policy.
- Parents/guardians attending the tournament may take their child(ren) home provided the student physically presents them self to one of the coaches before leaving. Parents/guardians may only leave the tournament with their own child(ren).
- A student may ride home from a tournament with a parent/guardian other than their own provided written or text notice is submitted to the school and the head coach is notified. Dorm students, notification is needed at least 24 hours prior to departure from Cotter.

DRESS CODE

As in life, you are judged by how you look. Appearance is a critical factor when making a favorable first impression in any public speaking situation. Therefore, we require a classy, professional approach to dress and overall appearance. We prefer all attire to be Black, White, Gray, or a Conservative Blue. IF you are a member of our traveling team – we would like to see you wear Royal Blue on you somewhere as well (your choice as to how you incorporate it).

Young Men

- White undershirt – plain (words on a t-shirt can be seen through dress shirts!).
- Collared dress shirt.
- Conservative tie (no goofy patterns, characters or pictures).
- Tie clip or tie chain.
- Dress pants with belt or suspenders.
- Dress shoes.
- Suit coat or sports coat is strongly suggested but not required.
- Hair: neat & orderly. Any length welcome; but if it can fit in a ponytail put it in one.
- Avoid distractive jewelry, watches – should be conservative as well.

Young Women

- Dress or collared blouse with a skirt or dress pants may be worn.
- If wearing a skirt, the length at minimum to knees with nylons or tights.
- Black dress shoes, flats or those with a slight heel.
- Suit jacket or blazer is strongly suggested but not required.
- Hair: any length is welcome. Long hair should be in a braid, bun, or binder of some sort.
- Conservative make-up – especially if you are pale in the winter and wearing white.
- Avoid distractive jewelry, watches – should be conservative as well.

HOW SPEECH MEETS WORKS (GOOD READ IF YOU ARE NEW):

- Captains will check you in ***before loading bus***. Be prepared to show a physical copy of your speech (even if you memorized), a pen, your folder and notebook, and any required books, computers, drive for you to be able to compete. The captain will also provide you a performance code for the day – pay attention to that code.
- The ***TEAM*** will warm up together upon arrival at the school. ***All students*** are expected to participate fully in every part of warm ups. **We will expect to see CHS Speakers talking to walls.** 😊
- Following warm ups (when you have given your speech to the wall) every speaker should obtain and complete a critique sheet for each round – except Discussion. Remember – the first impression a judge has of you is your writing on these sheets.
- Room and round information will be posted about 15 minutes prior to the first round. Check out the locations of your rooms and do a sound check. Ask questions of your captains if you are unsure what to do.
- Be early to your round (5 minutes).
- You must remain for the entire round ***unless*** in a draw category OR double entered (DE). If you do show up late to your round, enter only between speakers. A queue is to listen for applause. If you need to leave because you are DE, let the judge know why you are leaving.
- Be a good listener. Give each speaker your full attention; avoid making noise or doodling. ***NEVER*** make negative comments about yourself, about another speaker, or about the judge.
- Protect the anonymity the tournament design offers by not asking competitors where they are from or offering that information about yourself while in the competition room.
- When is your turn to speak, wait until the judge calls you then move confidently to the predetermined speaking area. Wait until the judge has given a verbal or nonverbal sign that he/she is ready before beginning.
- Judges will write critiques, which are given back to the competitor at the end of the tournament. If you receive a critique prior to the end of the tournament, place it in your speech folder and give it to you coach at the end of the meet. Please do not analyze the comments or change your speech because of comments received during the meet.
- Critique sheets and round rankings will be shared with you on the return bus ride for you to see, but must return to the coach before leaving the bus.
- When meets have final rounds, all students not making finals will be expected to go and watch a final round. Students will be instructed to go to their own category, or to support fellow CHS students.

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- CHS students are expected to conduct themselves in a classy and respectful manner at all awards ceremonies. Students must remain in professional dress for the entirety of the tournament through award ceremony even if you did NOT make final round. Time will be allowed for students to change into comfortable clothing for the return trip.

SPEECH AWARDS: HOW TO EARN THEM

Varsity Letter: To be considered Varsity and earn a letter you must:

- Attend at least 5 Varsity (High School) meets during the season
- Participate at a minimum of one of our 2 playoff meets (Conference or Sub-sections)
- Have no unexcused absences from practices.
- Have been a supportive team mate.

*Coaches reserve the right to present letter awards to exceptional students for showing performance and commitment that prove to be above and beyond expectations.

All Academic Conference: Criteria are pre-set by the 3 Rivers Conference:

- Have a 3.5 or better GPA for Quarter 3 (which is when our regular speech season occurs).
- Be of good standing on our team.
- Participate at the 3 Rivers Conference Meet
- Earn a Varsity Letter

Cotter Speaker of the Year (various levels): This award is meant to recognize the speakers in public address, Interpretation, and Extemporaneous Categories who have simply scored the most points at meets for us during REGULAR season meets. *If you miss a meet, you miss points*, excused absence or not. All high school regular season meets are considered. (Middle school meet will be considered only in the Jr. High Speaker of the Year award.) Points are calculated as described below:

- Speakers each receive an overall rank at each meet (can check it out on SpeechWire).
- That rank is divided by the total number of speakers competing in the category.
- The quotient is then multiplied by 100.
- That final numbers is subtracted from 100, and what remain are the points earned by a student at that meet.
- Example:
 - You place 4th overall.
 - There were 20 speakers.
 - $4/20$ gives you a quotient of 0.2
 - $0.2 * 100 = 20$
 - $100 - 20 = 80$ points earned
- Finals are **not** included in this placement. Final rounds result in their own awards at the awards ceremony at each meet.

NSDA Honor Cords:

- All high school age speakers are registered with the National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA). You **MUST** associate with the NSDA website when invited or you cannot receive an honor cord at graduation if you qualify.
- Points toward honor status are accrued by speaking at meets, based on rank, and advance a speaker through 8 different NSDA ranks, one of which is the rank of honor.
- If you reach the honor level, the NSDA also requires each school to set their own additional criteria as to which students earn an honor society cord. We have used the MSHSL/MSCA all state speaker award as our guideline.
- NOTE: 2017 was our first season involved with the NSDA. The criterion for awarding an honor cord has now been set. Going forward, there will still be adjustments made due to our newness to the NSDA. The criteria will remain consistent for the class of 2020 on.
- Criteria for earning a graduation honor cord:
 - Reaching Honor Society point status.
 - Speaking at 16 meets while in high school.
 - Being an active member of the Cotter High School Speech Team for 3 years.
 - Have a GPA of 3.5 or higher
- Students transferring to Cotter after sophomore year will be assessed on a case by case basis, however the minimal NSDA point accrual requirement cannot be altered.

All State Speaker:

- Numerous criterion need to be met to be considered.
- Those you can work to meet include:
 - Competing 2 times at the state meet.
 - Competing 3 times at sections.
 - Placing at 12 meets during the time on our team (or any team if transfer student).
 - 3 years on the high school speech team.
- The rest we will work with you on if you can meet the above criteria.

College Scholarships:

These are out there, and offered; if interested, talk to Coach Amy about getting auditions.

National Affiliations

We are excited to be members of the National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA) <https://www.speechanddebate.org/> and the National Catholic Forensic League (NCFL) <http://www.ncfl.org/>. Each affiliation offers rewards and opportunities for students. Though Cotter supports our membership in these National Leagues, participation costs for all National Qualifiers or National Tournaments is currently the students/family's responsibility.

NSDA Graduation Honor Cords

How to earn one is described under awards. Speaker points may also be earned as well for additional speaking events. This includes but is not limited to Congressional Debate, Mock Trial, Model UN, spoken lines in plays, reading in church, really any speaking in public. Speaking as part of a class presentation however does not count. When you speak at events outside of speech meets, let Coach Amy know – she will get you credit for this if it qualifies! The higher your points, the more awards and honors you can be eligible for (like scholarships!).

National Tournaments

Both the NSDA and NCFL have national tournaments. You can also earn NEITCO and UKTOC bids to speak at those national tournaments.

How it works:

- ❖ In May of the year preceding the season, you need to attend the Nationals Interest meeting.
- ❖ You will be given requirements you must meet by August of the following school year (3 months after the May interest meeting).
- ❖ Attend National meets which can start as early as November.
 - For NEITOC and UKTOC - you must earn bids at meets.
 - For NCFL – selection will be based on your season resume (wins, placements)
 - For NSDA – one shot – qualify at our District meet the second weekend of March.
- ❖ All National competitions are parent paid – Cotter does not cover National Tournaments.
- ❖ A parent will be required to travel with the student and may be required to judge.
- ❖ Categories Eligible for Nationals:
 - Extemp Speaking
 - Dramatic Interpretation of Literature (Drama, Prose, Poetry)
 - Duo
 - Humorous, Informative (NSDA only),
 - Original Oratory
 - Informative (NSDA only)
 - Congressional Debate,
 - Oral Declamation (NCFL only)
 - Program Oral Interp (POI – NSDA only)
- ❖ Program Oral Interp (POI).

Speech Fund Raisers

Though our student number has increased, our budget has not. So to keep the program running at the level it has been, we need a little help. Below find a list of the fundraisers we do, with a clear listing of where the money raised is going.

1. Ashley for the Arts time

- a. Combined Team and Student Fundraiser: Supports NSDA team and student memberships, graduation honor cords, software for Discussion and Extemp Speaking.
- b. Happens in August.
 - i. Volunteer time in ~ 5 hour shifts at this festival.
 - ii. Sign up is in the Spring in conjunction with band.
- c. How money is split between team and student accounts:
 - i. First shift worked goes toward the team
 - ii. The second toward your student's account to help pay for overnight trips (like Eden Prairie).
 - iii. Third shift for the team, 4th toward student accounts, etc.

2. Kwik Trip Cards

- a. Team Fund Raiser: supports miscellaneous team needs (Informative boards, emergency traveling kit supplies (example tide pens)).
- b. Works like the Scripts cards – you purchase them through speech.
- c. Speech receives 5% of the cost of the cards. (10% in September)
- d. Email notification sent out 6-7 times a year.

3. Speech Team Cookbook

- a. Team Fund Raiser: Money goes to college coaches
 - i. These coaches hear double enters, newer students, and make up practices – especially in winter time with snow days and illnesses.
 - ii. They are also critical for bringing a new eye to the speeches near the end of the season.
- b. What we need from you:
 - i. Everyone will be asked to submit two recipes on the theme for the year.
 - ii. The cost of the cookbooks will be \$10.00, please consider purchasing or selling 1 or 2 each...great exchange gifts!

4. Grape picking and Culver's Night

- a. Student fund raisers for overnights.
- b. Grape picking
 - i. this year is Saturday September 28 in the morning.
 - ii. sign up is currently going on
 - iii. You can earn between \$40.00 and \$60.00
- c. Culver's Night
 - i. date is TBD
 - ii. Students who work get a % of what is made that night

5. Draw Volleyball Tournaments

- a. Team Fundraiser : Money balances EOY account. Extra money is used to support judges at Nationals if kids qualify.
- b. Happens in the fall and in the spring (April) – dates tbd

2019-2020 Speech Calendar: BOOSTER MEETINGS, KT ORDERS, FUNDRAISERS

October 9: Speech Booster Meeting Target Center 5:30-6:45

October 26-27: Speech Team Lockin overnight at John Nett 7:00pm-7:00am

October 27: Judge Training 1: 12:30-4:30 Student Center John Nett

November 13: Speech Booster Meeting Target Center 5:30-6:45

November 30: Judge Training 2 : 9:00-1:30 Student Center John Nett

December 11: Speech Booster Meeting Target Center 5:30-6:45

December 13-15: National Qualifier, Des Moines IA – national team

December 20-22: National Qualifier, Chanhassen MN – national team

January 15: Speech Booster Meeting Target Center 7:00-8:15

January 22: Team Night #1 5:30-6:30

January 24-25: Eden Prairie Overnight: general, traveling, national team

***NOTE: parent paid, optional meet

February 1: Kasson – general, traveling, national (we will be back in plenty of time for Winterfest)

February 8: Rochester John Marshall – traveling, national team

February 15: Wabasha-Kellogg – general, traveling, national team

February 17: Team Night 2 6:00-7:00

February 22: Red Wing – traveling, national team

February 27: Middle School Meet – Cotter – 7th-9th graders

February 29: Eastview (Apple Valley Mn) – national team

March 7: Lakeville North – national team

March 7: Chatfield – general and traveling team

March 13-14: NSDA District meet Eagan Mn – national team

March 14: Filmore Central – general, traveling team

March 18: Team Night #3 6:00-7:00

March 21: Conference – Rushford hosts – by invitation only

March 28: Home meet – general, traveling, nationals

March 30: Sub-sections in Wabasha

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April 4: Sections in Byron

April 8: End of the Year Celebration

April 17: State in Wayzata

May 13: Speech Booster Meeting Target Center 5:30-6:45