

**Cleveland Cannibals Speech and Debate Team
Information and Schedule 2019-2020**

Tournament or Activity	Tentative Meeting Time and Other Notes
Sept. 24	Parent Meeting and Judge Training 6:30 p.m. (Room 127)
Oct. 5	Sandy High School 6:45 a.m. at CHS parking Lot.
Oct. 19	Westview High 6:30 a.m. at CHS parking lot
Nov. 2	Sprague High TBD. Debate only.
Nov. 9	Silverton High 5:45 a.m. CHS parking lot.
Nov. 15	Cannibal Middle School Tournament 3:30, Room 127, CHS
Nov. 22-25	Santa Clara University (CA) TBD. Must commit by September 20.
Dec. 7	Clackamas and Cleveland High 7:30 at Cleveland for Debate 7:30 at Clackamas for Speech
Dec. 13-14	Ridgefield High (WA) Tournament Fri (2:30 p.m. from CHS) for LD & Congress. Sat (6:45 a.m. from CHS) IE, PoFo, & SPAR
Dec. 22 ?	Cannibal Holiday Party Site TBA
Jan. 18-19	Lewis and Clark College TBD
Jan. 31 - Feb. 1	Logan Will (Grants Pass High) 9:00 a.m. Fri. from CHS/ Return Sun
Feb. 15-16	University of Oregon (Eugene) Sat., 5:00 a.m. CHS/ return Sun. 10 p.m.
Feb. 21,22,	Rose City Round Robin (Lincoln High) TBA. Fri= PoFo and LD?, Sat = Policy and Parli?
Mar. 7	Oregon City High Tournament 7:30 a.m., Oregon City High cafeteria
Mar 12,13,14?	PIL DISTRICT FINALS TBD. Thurs CX and Extemp? Fri Deb? Sat IE + Deb?
April 23,24,25	OSAA State Championship at WOU TBA. Thurs is debate only. Friday and Sat A.
May ? and ?	Sweet Speeches Fundraiser 7:00 p.m. C

History

Cleveland High Speech and Debate Team began in the Spring of 2008 with 4 ninth graders. In their first tournament, they formed two Parli debate teams; both finishing 0-3. (They also each read a Prose. Each finished last

in their round.) By 2009-2010, the team grew to 35 students and the newly formed Cannibals finished 9th at the OSAA championship. By 2011, 70 students and a 3rd place state finish. They went on to win 9 PIL titles, two 2nd place state finishes, and 6 state championships. They placed in the top 3 at 68 invitationals. At over 100 students each year, they are one of the largest teams at Cleveland and one of the most successful in school history.

The Community

The Cannibals win shelves of trophies but they seek something more. They love to work together on speeches and debate cases. They genuinely care about their teammates. And, what distinguishes them on the state circuit is that they care about the experience of *everyone in the debate chamber or speech room*. They are assertive yet compassionate. Judges and parents tell us: Cleveland is the nice team . . . that happens to win the hardware.

The System

Meet every Wed at lunch for 10 minutes. Gonzo dispenses essential information. We eat snacks. Additionally, each cannibal belongs to a squad which practices once per week and is coached by team captains. They inform and prepare each student for competition. The squads and their captains:

Tuesday Squad, 3:30-4:45. Susan, Yena, Gus, Skeet

Wednesday Squad, 3:30-4:45. Talia, Hannah, Zeke, Flannery

Thursday Squad, 3:15 - 4:30. Lana, Acil, Daniel, Simone

When students can not make practice, a captain meets them at other times. We have open enrollment; students may join the team at any time and we will prepare them. Students in their first year begin in Novice Division and then move to Varsity when they are ready. No one is cut from the team. No bench sitters. Everyone competes.

Umbrella captains are responsible for everyone on the team in a very specific area.

Student Congress: Sophie Jones and Liam Anthony

Extemporaneous Speaking Group: Gus Glasheen

Big Question Debate: Ryan Clarson

National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA): Eli Kruger

Middle School Speech teams : Sydney Hilton-Siegel and Quinn Brugger

Policy Debate: Eli Kruger and Daniel Wittenberg

High School Outreach ("Sistering"): Talia Cordova

The Adult People.

Coach John Patrick "Gonzo" Gonzales (jgonzales@pps.net). Room 127

Coach Matthew Parker (mparker4@pps.net) Room 280

Parent Coordinator: Shannon Yentzer (shannon@stumptownwellness.com)