

CLEAR LAKE SPEECH & DEBATE
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Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

It is difficult to imagine that it is already time to begin a new academic year! If you are new to the team, WELCOME! Those of you who are returning, we are pleased you are joining us again.

In attempting to clarify rules, regulations and expectations a packet of information and forms has been compiled to simplify the process. Please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the contents of this packet. Many of the questions and concerns you may have are addressed. If they aren't don't hesitate to contact me. All of this information has been discussed with the students.

Several things are being handled differently than in past years. As you look through the information you will see a "contract" that we are requesting both parent and student sign and return as soon as possible along with fees and permission forms. Also, our dress code is to be taken seriously and is to be adhered to. If they are individual issues regarding it please call or email me and we will discuss your particular situation.

Included is a "Cullen's Cares" card for your use. Each time you visit this establishment they will rebate 10% of your dining purchase (excluding alcoholic beverages and tax) to Clear Lake Speech and Debate. It is our hope that by supporting this local business we will in turn be able to support Clear Lake Speech & Debate activities.

A tentative schedule of tournament opportunities is included. Keep in mind that some of these are limited entry and others are dependent on pre-qualification.

Finally, a sheet outlining qualifications for letter jackets is also in the packet. Jackets are presented to students at the annual award's banquet in May.

We are fortunate to have an active parent booster organization. Please support them by joining and attending scheduled meetings. The first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 7th at 7pm in room 120 in the NGC (the speech and debate room). This organization lends support to our students by assisting at our annual tournament and hosting our senior recognition and award's banquet at the conclusion of the year. They also make possible the awarding of camp and senior scholarships. Their web site is www.clearlakedebate.com.

I look forward to meeting with you and working with your child.

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