



Lakeville North Speech

TEAM HANDBOOK
2021

Team Calendar

Please watch emails for information about tournaments, meetings, and team events. Please schedule around these team events whenever possible. Email Coaches Baese and Singh, in advance, if you must miss an event.

REGULAR MINNESOTA SEASON TOURNAMENTS

Chanhassen	January 23
Eden Prairie	January 30
Apple Valley	February 6
Lakeville South/East Ridge (optional - Pres Day wk)	February 13
Bloomington Jefferson	February 20
Eastview HS	February 27
Lakeville North	March 6
NSDA National Qualifiers	March 12 & 13
Eagan	March 13
Roseville	March 20?

MINNESOTA POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS

1AA Sections – Northfield	April 8
AA State – Eastview	April 16

TRAVELLING TEAM TOURNAMENTS

Yale - New Haven, CT	October 3 - 4
Glenbrooks – Chicago, IL	November 21 - 22
Dowling Paradigm – West Des Moines, IA	December 12 - 13
Snowvitational - Chanhassen, MN	December 19 - 20
Durham Academy - Durham, NC	January 15 - 16
Harvard – Boston, MA	February 13 - 15

NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

Extemp TOC - Evanston, IL	May 7 - 9
NIETOC - Houston, TX	May 14 - 16
NCFL Nationals - Minneapolis, MN	May 29 - 30
NSDA Nationals - Des Moines, IA	June 12 - 19

The National Tournaments require qualification. More specific information about each of these tournaments, how one qualifies for them, where they are held, and how much they cost, will be provided during the season.

In-House Warm Up Tournament and Team Half Night - Friday, January 8

We have always hosted a practice tournament with just our own team before the first official tournament. This allows our team members a chance to walk through a typical tournament and get their questions answered. It also gives a good deadline to work toward, so that people have time to edit and sharpen their performances before the real thing.

Half Night is a night of food, games, and team bonding. We'll do a huge variety of activities designed to help you get to know some of the other 66 members of the team. We'll start after the Warm Up tournament and finish in the late evening, including dinner.

We are not sure yet if we will be allowed to host these events in person, or need to look for an online version. We will keep you posted as things develop!

WordPlay - Team Showcase

Rehearsals
Performance

March 17 & 18 2:45pm – 5:00pm
March 18 @ 7:00pm

All team members will perform during our signature showcase night. In the past, each speaker gave a 20 second cutting of their choice from their speech, and in addition, a small number of speakers were chosen to perform their entire pieces. We don't know yet what the format will look like this year - if it will be in person, or likely, a virtual event. We will keep you posted as things develop!

BANQUET - Sunday, April 27 @ Brackett's, or via Webex - *location TBD*

PARENT ORIENTED EVENTS

Speech 101 **Saturday, January 9, 10am - 12pm - Room 143 @ LNHS, or via Webex**

While Speech 101 is not required, we encourage parents and friends to attend to learn more about the activity and potentially even judge at future tournaments.

Speech 201

Date and Location TBD

In the past, we have hosted a second parent gathering, where we have gathered at an actual tournament, and paired newer parents with coaches or more veteran parents, to attend rounds together. If this becomes possible later this season, we will look into hosting it again!

TEAM MEETINGS & GROUP PRACTICES

All meetings hosted online can be accessed on Webex: <https://isd194.webex.com/meet/baes2139>

See Team Calendar on [team website](#) for most updated information on meetings!

Type of Meeting	Date
Season Kick Off Meeting - Parents and Students	Monday, November 16, 6:30 pm
Team Meeting & Category Break Out Sessions	Thursday, November 19, 4:30 pm
Team Meeting & Skills Session #1	Thursday, December 3
Novice Meeting & Fashion Show	Thursday, December 17
Novice Meeting & Skills Session #2	Thursday, January 7
In House Warm Up Tournament & Half Night	Friday, January 8
Team Meeting	Thursday, January 21
Team Meeting & Potluck Practice	Thursday, February 4
Team Meeting & Skills Session #3	Thursday, February 18
Team Meeting & Potluck Practice	Thursday, March 4
Tournament Preparation - <i>TBD if this will be needed</i>	Friday, March 5
Team Meeting	Thursday, March 11
WordPlay Rehearsal	Wednesday, March 17
WordPlay Rehearsal & Performance	Thursday, March 18
Team Meeting & Sections Announcements	Thursday, March 25
Sections Team Meeting	Tuesday, April 6
Team Meeting and Captains Speeches & Voting	Thursday, April 15

Time of Meetings is likely to be 4:00 pm. Check the team calendar for updates.

Full Team meetings are held in Room 24, or via Webex.

Novice Meetings are in Baese's classroom, 143, or via Webex.

CAPTAINS PRACTICES & POTLUCK PRACTICES

The Captains host a couple of different practices for team members to watch and support their teammates:

First, they will offer Captains Practices every Wednesday afternoon, starting in December. Sign up will be by Sign Up Genius on our team website. We ask you to sign up at least 48 hours in advance so the captains can plan ahead. You are required to attend at least one of these Captains Practices to letter.

Second, they will also host two Potluck Practices - on the first Thursdays of February and March. We will divide the team up into small groups with team members from a range of events in each. You'll watch one another and then come back together for a socially distanced pizza dinner! You are required to attend both of these Potluck Practices to letter.

SKILLS SESSIONS

The coaches will present skills sessions on three dates. These sessions will cover a variety of areas, and apply to all events. There will be a variety of sessions offered on all dates, and you are required to attend at least two skills sessions to letter.

Commitment

Student Expectations

- Be on time to practices and make good use of that time
- Be prompt about communication – email, phone calls, and texts— with coaches
- Prepare on your own outside of practices with coaches
- Attitude should be consistently positive

Coach Expectations

- Be available to meet with the student for 45 minutes/week
- Communicate clearly and in a timely manner about practices
- Be on-time to practices
- Be positive and encouraging in their sessions with students
- Clearly communicate their expectations to students

Students will be invited to return to the team next season if they meet all of the expectations listed here, attain a minimum average rank in competition, or are showing growth in their speaking abilities.

Lettering

Students will be eligible to letter in Speech if they achieve all of the following:

- Attend all Saturday tournaments
- Be available for Sections and State, should you be selected
- Earn at least 60 NSDA points from Speech competition and participation
- Qualify for at least two elimination rounds (includes any Novice Finals, Honor Finals, Regular Varsity Final or Semifinal round)
- Maintain a perfect attendance record at team meetings, required practice sessions and events unless excused in advance by a Head Coach
- Maintain timely communication with coaches and captains
- Be cooperative, supportive, and respectful of all in our organization.

Because the audition process is competitive, we ask and expect that all team members maintain a high level of commitment to the program through attendance, communication, and effort. Because we recognize all team members have a variety of commitments and responsibilities beyond Speech, we make a best faith effort to accommodate varying schedules while also keeping emails and meetings limited to content that helps your development and success. Not making these expectations priorities during the season may result in you being asked to re-audition for next season. Failure to letter twice will automatically result in you being asked to re-audition if you wish to continue competing in Speech.

Double Entry

Students on the travelling team are welcome to compete in and receive coaching for a second event, maximizing their competition opportunities in light of the costs they and their families incur to travel. Students on the full team are limited to one event in which they receive direct coaching, due to the much shorter season and limited coaching resources. If a student has achieved notable competitive success or put in considerable time and effort in their first event, they are welcome to prepare a second event on their own. The student must first present the idea to Coach Baese for approval, then have the completed piece reviewed by her to receive a final approval before it can be entered for competition at any tournaments.

Class

We **DRESS** with *class* for tournaments— this is why we dress in suits! Ask the coaches for help shopping or finding suits very inexpensively!

We **ACT** with *class* in and out of rounds. Be polite and complimentary at all times, and be the kind of audience member for whom you'd want to speak/perform.

We **MAINTAIN** *class* at all times— when things are going well, and when things are not. Whether we are winning by landslides or getting crushed— maintain *class*.

Costs

Activity Fee for District 194

The Activity Fee for Speech for the District is \$215. Students are required to pay this and have their eligibility forms filled out prior to auditions, whether they're auditioning for the first time or returning to the team. This must be completed online at LNHSPanthers.com.

Professional Suit

One business suit and shirt will be required to wear for competition. See Head Coach Baese if you would like help finding something affordable. We maintain a team closet with donated suits from former team members, and we know of many second hand stores that team members use as well. We host a traditional “Fashion Show” at our December team meeting to provide examples.

Boosters Fee

The District gives us enough of a budget to pay ~5 coaches and go to ~4 tournaments. However, we want everyone on our team to get individualized coaching, and we want students to be able to compete at more than 4 tournaments.

Additionally, there are ancillary costs associated with any team over the course of a season (i.e. tournament entry fees, team shirts). Therefore, we ask for a \$225 *Boosters Fee*, payable to the **Lakeville North Speech Boosters**. This fee covers all of the following:

- Coaches' salaries
- Tournament registration fees
- Judge stipends
- Membership fee to the National Speech and Debate Association
- Books, scripts, and other supplies as needed in many categories
- Team shirts, posters, and other team SWAG
- 4 WORDPLAY SHOWCASE tickets

Tournament Schedule

This year will be unique, as most tournaments will likely be held online, but here is a sample schedule for an in-person Saturday tournament; the online tournaments will likely hew closely to this schedule:

- 6.30am** **Depart Lakeville North High School** – Bus in upper lot or carpool
- 8.00am** **Arrive at tournament location** – Coats/bags are left in the commons area. Hundreds of other competitors will be gathered. Students receive a map, schedule, critique sheets, and their speaker codes [occasionally used instead of the speaker’s name]. The speaker locates their code on a schedule to figure out where rounds are held, in which order they will speak, and what time their rounds begin.
- 9.00am** **Round I** – Speakers should find their room early. The judge may ask for a critique sheet from competitors or they may already have them. With 4 - 6 other competitors, the round will last about an hour.
- 10.15am** **Round II** – Speakers may have time between rounds to rest or get a drink. If the speaker must enter a round that has already started, they must *never enter during a speech*.
- 11.30am** **Round III** – Most speakers will have now heard 8-12 speeches. Time to hear some more.
- 12.30pm** **Lunch** – Speakers should bring their own food or purchase whatever the concessions stand is serving. Pizza is a typical offering.
- 1.15pm** **Postings and Final Round** – The coolest moment in the activity: Postings go up to reveal who has made it to the final rounds in each event. Ranks are accumulated in the first three rounds, and the top 6 - 8 speakers participate in a final round. In Speech, you want the rank of “1”. Speakers should always attend a final round, even if they’re not competing.
- 4.00pm** **Awards Ceremony**
- 5.00pm** **Depart tournament location for home** – Head home. Read critiques and look at ranks, keeping an open mind about them. Discuss with the coach at the next practice the value of the judges’ comments.

Events

There are thirteen official events in Speech, recognized by the Minnesota State High School League. For rules and details, visit mshsl.org.

INTERPRETATION EVENTS

CREATIVE EXPRESSION - The speaker presents an original, creative piece. They are judged on writing as well as delivery.

DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION - The speaker presents a serious monologue or selection from a play.

DUO INTERPRETATION - A pair of speakers present a piece together.

EXTEMPORANEOUS READING - The speaker draws three from a selection of twenty short stories, and reads a section of it.

HUMOROUS INTERPRETATION - The speaker presents a humorous selection from a play, prose, or poem.

PROGRAM ORAL INTERPRETATION (POI) - The speaker presents a combination of literature from at least 2 genres (drama, poetry, prose, non-fiction), all around a central theme or argument.

SERIOUS INTERPRETATION OF POETRY - The speaker presents a serious poem, selection of poems, or portion of a poem.

SERIOUS INTERPRETATION OF PROSE - The speaker presents a serious selection from a novel or short story.

STORYTELLING - The speaker draws three from a selection of fifteen folktales, and presents their interpretation of it.

PUBLIC ADDRESS EVENTS

DISCUSSION - Students are given up to an hour to discuss in a small group, and come to a cooperative agreement or compromise on a given prompt.

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING - The speaker draws three national or international current event topics, and is given thirty minutes to prepare a seven-minute speech on the drawn topic of their choice.

GREAT SPEECHES - The speaker presents on a historically great speech, including sections of the original speech and an analysis.

IMPROMPTU - The speaker selects a quote or prompt and then prepares and delivers a speech in seven minutes without prior research or preparation.

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING - The speaker presents an original, unbiased speech on the topic of their choice with the purpose to inform. They are also permitted to use posters or other visual aids to enhance their presentation.

ORIGINAL ORATORY - The speaker presents an original speech with the purpose of persuading the audience.

TRAVELLING TEAM

The Travelling Speech Team is a small group of team members [typically around twelve] who compete around the nation from October through June, in addition to competing during the Minnesota season. Travelling Speech is an opportunity for those who excel at the activity and find that they desire a more enriching and intense competitive experience.

AUDITIONS

Auditions for the Travelling Team are typically held in mid-May. Everyone already on the Speech Team for one year is welcome to audition.

ANTICIPATED TOURNAMENTS

Yale Invitational - New Haven, CT
Glenbrooks Tournament – Chicago, IL
Dowling Paradigm – West Des Moines, IA
Cavalier Invitational - Durham, NC
Harvard Tournament – Boston, MA

NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

Students may also be chosen to represent Lakeville North by competing at the National Qualifying Tournament in March, which determines who qualifies for the official NSDA National Championship Tournament in mid-June, held in a different city each year. Minnesota is one of the most competitive states in the nation for speech, and qualifying from the state is an incredible accomplishment.

The National Individual Events Tournament of Champions (NIETOC) is a national-level tournament, held at a different location in mid-May each year. Students earn “bids” to this tournament at qualifying tournaments, usually by placing in the finals, semifinals or quarterfinals of their event; they need 2 bids to earn a spot to go. Students may also double-enter at the NIETOC. There is a similar qualification process for the Extemp TOC for Extemp Speakers.

The National Catholic Forensics League (NCFL) also hosts a Grand National Tournament over Memorial Day weekend each year. Coaches “bid” students into that tournament in cooperation with other coaches from Minnesota teams.

COSTS

The Travelling Team and the National Tournaments are funded solely by the participants through fundraising and individual payment. Trips range from around \$200-400 (for regional trips like Dowling and Glenbrooks) to \$800-1000 (for flying trips like Harvard). Once a commitment to a trip has been made, the student is responsible for any of the costs that cannot be recouped.

National Speech & Debate

The National Speech & Debate Association is an honors society for communicators. Those who compete in Debate, Speech, Student Congress, and Mock Trial earn points in the NSDA and climb an honors ladder. Membership is *highly* regarded by colleges and universities during the admissions process.

To join the NSDA, competitors earn 25 points and pay a lifetime membership fee of \$20 [included in your Boosters fee]. Points are accumulated based on success in competition. The better the ranks, the more points earned.

POINT SYSTEM

The number of points earned depends on ranks and event — different events are worth different point values. Some events are on a 6-point system, where a “1” rank earns 6 points, a “2” earns 5 points, and so on... Other events use a 5-point scale. Progress can be tracked at: <http://www.speechanddebate.org>

MEMBERSHIP & DEGREES

Once the Merit degree level is attained, the competitor receives a certificate of membership, upon which subsequent seals are affixed as more advanced degrees are earned.

DEGREE	POINTS REQUIRED	SEAL COLOR	JEWEL
Merit	25-74	White	None
Honor	75-149	Bronze	Emerald
Excellence	150-249	Silver	Sapphire
Distinction	250-499	Gold	Ruby
Special Distinction	500-749	Rose	Double Ruby
Superior Distinction	750-999	Blue	Triple Ruby
Outstanding Distinction	1000-1499	Violet	Quadruple Ruby
Premier Distinction	1500+	Black	Quintuple Ruby

Note: Public speaking in noncompetitive environments, such as reading in church, performing in theater productions, and presentations for groups, may also qualify for points. Contact Coach Yatesh Singh for more details.

Team Legacy

The Lakeville North Speech Team has earned a great deal of prestige and success at both the State and National levels of competition.

Named an *NFL/NSDA Speech School of Excellence* in 2007, 2010, 2012, 2018, & 2019, an *NSDA School of Honor* in 2015, 2016, & 2020, an *NSDA School of Outstanding Distinction* in 2017, and an *NCFL Speech School of Excellence* in 2008; the following is a record of our highest achievements:

LAKE/SOUTH SUBURBAN CONFERENCE TITLES

2006	Mike Chlipala, James Doyle, Anne Kreuser, Hannah Ubl, Heather Zehr
2007	Cassie Batchelder, Greta Besser, Adam Bouchareb, Adam Falk, Anne Kreuser, Abby Kruse, Shayla Owodunni, Kyle Stokes, Hannah Ubl [x2], Katie Zehr
2008	Adam Bouchareb [x2], Greta Besser, Courtney Koletar, Ashley Mardell
2009	Emily Anderson, Adam Bouchareb, Greta Besser, Evan Cayeaux, Steven Elliott, Natasha Kapur, Courtney Koletar, Ashley Mardell
2010	Steven Elliott, Trevor Goris [x2], Natasha Kapur, Ashley Mardell, Karen Zhou [x2]
2011	Erica Elias, Trevor Goris, Yaphet Getachew, Mitchell Kruse, Antonia Wornson
2012	Michaela Berg, David DeGroot, Briley Fenimore, Hewot Getachew, Emma Johnson
2013	Mitch Bermel, Stephanie Butler [x2], Andrew Curry, Alex Davis, David DeGroot [x2], Mandi Dickie, Nick Furlong, Zach Hastad, Kate Makowski [x2], Nyambura Muiruri, Hailey Woolverton [x3]
2014	Stephanie Butler, Andrew Crenshaw, Mandi Dickie, Nick Furlong, Griffin Holland, Sarah Mason [x2], Nyambura Muiruri, Sean Mullin [x2], Noah Omdal, Joshua Pratt, William Preachuk, Hayley Sowards
2015	Stephanie Butler, Melissa Mason, Sean Mullin, Joshua Pratt, Daniel Redfield, Olivia Shoemaker
2016	Brent Hauck, Taylor Loth, Daniel McGill, Ellie Meyer, Joshua Pratt, Olivia Shoemaker, Tage Singh
2017	Lydia Bermel, Lauren Davis, Lauren Grimm, Grace Hjort [x2], Chloe Mutebi, Vanessa Nguyen, Johnathan Pete, Jacob Rabon, Noah Schetnan, Olivia Shoemaker, Tage Singh, Joshua Weinstein [x2]
2018	Nicole Cummings, Erin Enabnit, Connor Glinski, Jacob Graeber, Grace Hjort [x2], Dennis

Muchiri [x2], Vanessa Nguyen, Zachary Peick, Johnathan Pete, Andrea Schiefelbein [x2], Tage Singh [x2], Samuel Sweere, Joshua Weinstein [x2]

2019 Noah Benavides, Natalie Clark, Annika Kingsriter, Teagan Klinkner, Emily Plotnik

2020 Evan Bowen, Teagan Klinkner, Krystal Mutebi, Elinor Sayers, Kathryn Thull

MINNESOTA STATE CHAMPIONS - CLASS AA

1996	David Christie	Oratory
2005	Michael Chlipala	Informative
2006	James Doyle & Heather Zehr Hannah Ubl	Duo Drama
2007	Shayla Owodunni Hannah Ubl	Informative Drama
2009	David Finseth & Ashley Mardell Courtney Koletar Karen Zhou	Duo Informative Extemp Speaking
2010	Alexis Friesen Karen Zhou	Great Speeches Informative
2014	Nyambura Muiruri	Poetry
2016	Joshua Pratt Taylor Loth	Prose Storytelling
2017	Joshua Weinstein Olivia Shoemaker	Drama Extemp Speaking
2018	Samuel Sweere	Humor

NFL/NSDA NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

2006	8 th Place Semis Quarters Octos	Anne Kreuser Hannah Ubl Hannah Ubl Anne Kreuser Katie Zehr	Expository Storytelling Drama Oratory Humor
2007	CHAMPION	Hannah Ubl	Storytelling

	2 nd Place	Karen Zhou	Expository
	5 th Place	Adam Bouchareb & Katie Zehr	Duo
	Quarters	Adam Falk & Greta Besser	Duo
		Kyle Stokes	Oratory
		Cassie Batchelder	Oratory
		Hannah Ubl	Drama
		Maria Wimmer	Humor
2008	CHAMPIONS	Adam Bouchareb & Greta Besser	Duo
	4 th Place	Shayla Owodunni	Expository
	Semis	Karen Zhou	Extemp
		Steven Elliott	Commentary
2009	2 nd Place	Adam Bouchareb & Greta Besser	Duo
	Semis	Taylor Thomas	Congress
	Quarters	Steven Elliot	Extemp
		Karen Zhou	Extemp
2010	CHAMPION	Karen Zhou	Expository
	4 th Place	Steven Elliott	Extemp
	Semis	Taylor Thomas	Congress
	Quarters	Alexis Friesen	Oratory
		Charlie Stokes	Humor
		Antonia Wornson	Drama
	Octos	Karen Zhou	Extemp
2011	Quarters	Erica Elias & Mitch Kruse	Duo
		Hewot Getachew	Oratory
	Octos	Trevor Goris & Antonia Wornson	Duo
2012	3 rd Place	Emma Johnson	Storytelling
	8 th Place	Michela Berg & Briley Fenimore	Duo
	Octos	Hewot Getachew	Oratory
		Nick DeGrood	Extemp
		Alyssa Friesen	Oratory
		Erica Elias & Katie Makowski	Duo
		Emma Johnson	Humor
2013	2 nd Place	Hailey Woolverton	Prose
	Semis	Mandi Dickie	Storytelling
	Quarters	Megan Hondl	Expository
	Octos	Andrew Curry & Sarah Mason	Duo
		Hailey Woolverton	Drama
2014	5 th Place	Stephanie Butler	Storytelling
	Quarters	Sarah Mason	Prose
		Sean Mullin	Expository
	Octos	Melissa Mason	Drama
		Griffin Holland & Sarah Mason	Duo

2015	Semis Octos	Melissa Mason & Sean Mullin Olivia Shoemaker Hayley Sowards	Duo Extemp Humor
2016	3 rd Place Quarters Octos	Olivia Shoemaker Katherine Rider Grace Hjort & Joshua Pratt Kelly Lingen & Vanessa Nguyen Olivia Shoemaker	Impromptu POI Duo Duo Extemp
2017	2 nd Place 3 rd Place Quarters	Olivia Shoemaker Andrea Schiefelbein Grace Hjort Kelly Lingen Dennis Muchiri Chloe Mutebi Noah Schetnan	Extemp Informative Drama Humor Informative POI Humor
2018	5 th Place 8 th Place 8 th Place 9 th Place 12 th Place Quarters	Chloe Mutebi Mason Braasch Grace Hjort & Vanessa Nguyen Andrea Schiefelbein Zachary Peick Kelly Lingen Dennis Muchiri & Johnathan Pete Tage Singh Samuel Sweere & Joshua Weinstein	Informative Informative Duo Informative POI POI Duo Humor Duo
2019	6 th Place Octos	Andrea Schiefelbein Mason Braasch Natalie Clark Alyson Hasner & Emily Plotnik Annika Hurd	Informative Informative Drama Duo Extemp
2020	Octos	Annika Kingsriter Teagan Klinkner Teagan Klinkner Emily Plotnik Kathryn Thull Kathryn Thull	Informative Informative Expository POI Oratory Expository

NCFL GRAND NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

2006	CHAMPIONS 10 th Place Octos	James Doyle & Heather Zehr Adam Falk Hannah Ubl Kyle Stokes & Cassie Batchelder	Duo Oral Interp DP - Drama Duo
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		Mike Chlipala Anne Kreuser	Oratory Oratory
2007	Semis Quarters	Cassie Batchelder Kyle Stokes & Amanda Werner Rick Yuronich & Maria Wimmer Hannah Ubl	Oratory Duo Duo DP - Drama
	Octos	Adam Falk	Oral Interp
2008	CHAMPIONS 6 th Place Semis	Greta Besser & Rick Yuronich Steven Elliott Adam Bouchareb Ashley Mardell Amanda Werner	Duo Extemp DP - Humor Oral Interp Oral Interp
	Quarters	Karen Zhou	Extemp
2009	Semis Quarters	Ashley Mardell & Charlie Stokes Taylor Gjesdahl Emily Anderson	Duo DP - Humor Oral Interp
	Octos	Trevor Goris Jevan Hutson	Oral Interp Declam
2010	Semis Quarters	Dave Finseth & Meghan McGill Trevor Goris Antonia Wornson	Duo DP - Drama Oral Interp
	Octos	Ryan Falk & Erica Elias Charlie Stokes Alexis Friesen	Duo DP - Humor Oratory
2011	Octos	Ben Fritz Antonia Wornson	Oratory DP - Drama
2012	Octos	Leyu Getachew Nyambura Muiruri	Declam Oral Interp
2013	4 th Place Quarters	Kate Makowski Sean Mullin	DP - Drama Declam
	Octos	Will Preachuk	DP – Humor
2014	Octos	Nyambura Muiruri	Oral Interp
2018	2 nd Place Quarters	Dennis Muchiri & Johnathan Pete Chloe Mutebi Samuel Sweere	Duo Oral Interp DP - Humor
	Octos	Noah Benavides & Dillon Brown Erin Enabnit	Duo Declam
2019	Octos	Teagan Klinkner	Oratory

NATIONAL INDIVIDUAL EVENTS TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

2014	5 th Place	Sean Mullin	Oratory
	Semis	Leyu Getachew	Oratory
		William Preachuk	Humor
	Quarters	Daniel Redfield	Humor
Stephanie Butler		Humor	
2015	3 rd Place	Sean Mullin	Oratory
	Semis	Stephanie Butler	Humor
		Stephanie Butler & Joshua Pratt	Duo
	Quarters	Claire Dodds	Oratory
		Melissa Mason	Drama
		Melissa Mason & Sean Mullin	Duo
Daniel Redfield		Humor	
2016	Semis	Johnathan Pete & Josh Weinstein	Duo
	Semis	Johnathan Pete	Humor
	Quarters	Kelly Lingen & Vanessa Nguyen	Duo
	Quarters	Dennis Muchiri & Chloe Mutebi	Duo
	Quarters	Kelly Lingen	Humor
2017	5 th Place	Grace Hjort	Drama
	Semis	Kelly Lingen	Humor
		Kelly Lingen & Trevor Thompson	Duet Acting
	Quarters	Mason Braasch & Zach Peick	Duet Acting
	Octas	Mason Braasch	Drama
		Vanessa Nguyen & Johnathan Pete	Duo
		Johnathan Pete	Humor
2018	2 nd Place	Dennis Muchiri & Johnathan Pete	Duo
	4 th Place	Grace Hjort & Vanessa Nguyen	Duo
	5 th Place	Vanessa Nguyen	Drama
	6 th Place	Samuel Sweere	Humor
	Semis	Joshua Weinstein	Drama
	Quarters	Mason Braasch & Noah Schetnan	Duet
		Tage Singh	Humor
		Samuel Sweere & Joshua Weinstein	Duo
2019	Semis	Evan Bowen & Molly Rapp	Duet
		Andrea Schiefelbein	Informative
	Quarters	Noah Benavides & Annika Kingsriter	Duo
		Mason Braasch & Andrea Schiefelbein	Duo
	Octos	Camille Buckley	Informative
		Dillon Brown	POI
	Nicole Cummings	Humor	

Annika Kingsriter

Informative

EXTEMP TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

2016	Semis	Olivia Shoemaker	Extemp
2017	CHAMPION 3rd Place	Olivia Shoemaker Olivia Shoemaker	Impromptu Extemp
2019	Quarters	Anna Puhek	Extemp

Booster Board

The Lakeville North Speech Boosters are a 501(c)(3) organization that was formed in the summer of 2007. It receives both Minnesota and Federal non-profit status, and is able to receive tax-deductible donations.

The Booster Board consists of voting members in the following positions:

- President - Erin Gonyea
- Vice President – Krista McCutcheon
- Secretary - Nicole Paterson
- Treasurer – Kristi Caulder
- Volunteer Coordinator - Lysa Clayburn
- Fundraising - OPEN
- Website - Pete Kingsriter

The Boosters meet on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm, in room 143 or via Zoom (link will be sent via email). Meetings are open to all, and parents are encouraged to attend.

The work of the Boosters includes, but is not limited to:

- Fundraising for both the Minnesota and travelling teams [Many of the coaches' salaries are funded entirely through the Booster fund]
- Website development and support
- Communications outreach
- Volunteer support for team activities
- Liaison for public relations and support from the Administration and District Offices

The Lakeville North Speech Team would not be able to do all that it does without the support of this group of dedicated parents. Their organizational efforts make this team one of the best supported in the state. We hope you will find the opportunity to become involved and witness the work that they do for us.

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LNH[S]PEECH Team Calendar

Watch emails for information about tournaments, meetings, and team events and schedule around them whenever possible. Email Coach Baese and Singh, in advance, if you must miss an event.

REGULAR MINNESOTA SEASON TOURNAMENTS

Chanhassen	January 23
Eden Prairie	January 30
Apple Valley	February 6
Lakeville South/East Ridge (optional - Pres Day wk)	February 13
Bloomington Jefferson	February 20
Eastview HS	February 27
Lakeville North	March 6
NSDA National Qualifiers	March 12 & 13
Eagan	March 13
Roseville	March 20

MINNESOTA POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS

1AA Sections – Northfield	April 8
AA State – Eastview	April 16

TRAVELLING TEAM TOURNAMENTS

Yale - New Haven, CT	October 3 - 4
Glenbrooks – Chicago, IL	November 21 - 22
Dowling Paradigm – West Des Moines, IA	December 12 - 13
Snowvitational - Chanhassen, MN	December 19 - 20
Durham Academy - Durham, NC	January 15 - 16
Harvard – Boston, MA	February 13 - 15
Extemp TOC - Evanston, IL	May 1 - 3
NIETOC - Houston, TX	May 8 - 10
NCFL Nationals - Chicago, IL	May 24 - 27
NSDA Nationals - Des Moines, IA	June 12 - 19

MINNESOTA TEAM EVENTS

In-House Warm Up Tournament and Team Half Night - Friday, January 8

Speech 101 - Parent Meeting Sat., Jan. 9, 10am - 12pm - Room 143 @ LNHS, or via Webex

WordPlay - Team Showcase

Rehearsals

March 17 & 18 2:45pm – 5:00pm

Performance

March 18 @ 7:00pm

Banquet - Sunday, April 27 @ Brackett's, or via Webex - *location TBD*

TEAM MEETINGS & GROUP PRACTICES

All meetings hosted online can be accessed on Webex: <https://isd194.webex.com/meet/baes2139>

See Team Calendar on [team website](#) for most updated information on meetings! Thanks!

Type of Meeting	Date
Season Kick Off Meeting - Parents and Students	Monday, November 16, 6:30 pm
Team Meeting & Category Break Out Sessions	Thursday, November 19, 4:30 pm
Team Meeting & Skills Session #1	Thursday, December 3
Novice Meeting & Fashion Show	Thursday, December 17
Novice Meeting & Skills Session #2	Thursday, January 7
In House Warm Up Tournament & Half Night	Friday, January 8
Team Meeting	Thursday, January 21
Team Meeting & Potluck Practice	Thursday, February 4
Team Meeting & Skills Session #3	Thursday, February 18
Team Meeting & Potluck Practice	Thursday, March 4
Tournament Preparation - <i>TBD if this will be needed</i>	Friday, March 5
Team Meeting	Thursday, March 11
WordPlay Rehearsal	Wednesday, March 17
WordPlay Rehearsal & Performance	Thursday, March 18
Team Meeting & Sections Announcements	Thursday, March 25
Sections Team Meeting	Tuesday, April 6
Team Meeting and Captains Speeches & Voting	Thursday, April 15

Time of Meetings is likely to be 4:00 pm. Check the team calendar for updates as we move forward.

Full Team meetings are held in Room 24, or via Webex.

Novice Meetings are in Baese's classroom, 143, or via Webex.