

**Dear Parents and members of the SHSSD club,**

We are so excited to welcome you all to 2019 SHSSD session. We have already started with a bunch of tournaments where our students did a phenomenal job. Practices are underway with our new coaches.

**Upcoming Tournaments:**

We have a whole bunch of tournaments coming around the corner. Please register a.s.a.p. CFL registration is now open.

<b>Tournaments</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Tournament Dates</b>
Stephen Stewart Invitational	Milpitas High School	Sep 28 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup>
Voice Invitational	Presentation High School	Oct 10 <sup>th</sup> -14th
New York Invitational	Bronx	Oct 18 <sup>th</sup> -20th
CFL Speech	Milpitas	Oct 19th
CFL Super Debate #1	Milpitas	Oct 20th

As parents, as you start the season and begin judging, you will need a tabroom account, go to [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com) to register. Please link to your student account. Get this done ahead of time so you are not scrambling to get issues fixed just before the tournament.

**Communications:**

We will be sending regular emails/announcements via email. Bookmark the club website <https://saratogahighsd.club/> for regular updates.

Parents please join the [SD parent google group](#). Your student should also join the [SD Facebook Page](#) and the [SD student google group](#) to receive timely info from the head coach and their captains.

**Student Club Registration and Donation:**

All new and returning parents are required to officially register their students in the program. Please visit the website at <https://saratogahighsd.club/> and click the "Links" tab to register by September 31st.

We ask for a voluntary donation of \$800 for each student. This donation is needed to pay for the coaching staff, the tournament fees for CFL league tournaments, and other team resources. Without meeting this financial goal/student, the club will be forced to downsize its offerings and opportunities.

You can contribute via check payable to “[Saratoga Speech and Debate Supporters](#)” or by PayPal  
<https://www.paypal.com/paypalme2/saratogahighsdclub>

Please make sure you note the student name and what the contribution is for (e.g. Tournament name, Initial donation). It makes it easy for the treasurer to reconcile.

**Your Matching Contribution is welcome:**

For those of you whose employers provide a matching contribution benefit, please follow the following steps:

- Login into your HR portal at work, select our charitable org - Search by our 501(c)(3) info - SARATOGA HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH AND DEBATE SUPPORTERS or our Federal IRS **EIN 77-0108042**.
- One of the main matching service providers is Benevity, Inc and our club is certified with them. We get matching funds remitted to us electronically. We also accept BrightFunds and the Easymatch.
- If your provider has a different procedure, please let us know.

**Coaches:**

We would like to introduce our new coaches. Encourage your student to attend the practices and engage with the coaches.

Mr. Rector (Head coach)	IE, Interp, Extemp
Mr. Clemmons (Debate)	PF, LD, Policy
Mr. Granoff (Speech)	Extemp

**Student Officers:**

We would like to introduce our student officers; they are a great resource for new students for guidance and any concerns or issues your student may have.

Adhit Sankaran	President
Ashwin Ramakrishna	Vice President of Debate
Ronak Pai	Vice President of Speech
Neil Shah	Secretary of Debate
Connor Oaklander	Secretary of Speech
Surbhi Bhat	Treasurer

## **Recognition:**

Congratulations to the students who did an outstanding job at the St. Francis Invitational.

### Quarterfinals

- Adhit Sankaran, Ronak Pai
- Siva Siva Sambasivam, Ashwin Ramakrishna

### OctaFinals

- Neil Shah & Sajiv Shah
- Nolan Chen & Vicky Bai - Octafinals

Top Speaker - Adhit Sankaran

## **Volunteer opportunity**

The success of this club dependent on parent volunteers like you. Our treasurer Rita Cao is looking for some help with bookkeeping. There are other volunteer opportunities like travel and carpool coordination. Please contact Renu at [renu.dargar@gmail](mailto:renu.dargar@gmail.com) if you are willing to help out.

Let's work together to make speech and debate an awesome club. We need parents' involvement in the club's operation. We would love to hear your suggestions, at our monthly booster meetings

***Chaperones please complete your certification!***

Sincerely,

### **Speech and Debate Boosters**

President – Srividya Velchamy

Tournament Chair – Mumuksha Shah

Fundraising – Bhanu Kannan

Communications – Renu and Aart Bik

Treasurer – Rita Cao