

Neuqua Valley Speech 10-11

“I Feel Home”

Dear Parent/Guardian and Team Member,

Welcome (or Welcome back!) to Neuqua Valley Speech Team. Speech is one of the most beneficial co-curricular activities a student can participate in during high school and we're thrilled to have you as part of our "family." This is an opportunity to compete, grow, learn, and celebrate. Over the past few years, we've emerged as one of the most competitive teams in the state, with State Finalists in multiple events. This year, we begin our season with 28 returning members and 31 novices. Together, they make up one of the most exciting and competitive teams our school has ever seen.

Our success has been due to the talent, dedication, hard work, and determination of the team members, coaches, and parents. In order to continue on that path, each team member must commit him/herself to long hours of practice at home, at school, and at competitions.

A typical week consists of a team meeting after school on Monday, two-three practices with a Varsity team member or coach, a Category Rehearsal with others in the same event, and a Saturday tournament that run from the early morning well into the evening. **Team members are required to attend all meetings and tournaments even if they are not competing.** This includes the novice-only tournament at the beginning of the year and the entire postseason in February.

While our tournament schedule is still being put together, a tentative schedule is attached, and all the information will eventually be available at www.nvspeech.com.

The activity fee for the district applies to Speech Team as well and those dues are \$160 per child (checks made out to IPSD). This helps us pay for entry fees, judges, buses, and team supplies & materials.

All parents are required to attend **Speech Parents' Night on November 1st from 7:00-8:00 p.m.** and are asked to help assist with concession sales at our own tournament on December 4th. There will also be an Open House on the night of November 22nd where you can watch your child perform. (More information on that will be forthcoming.)

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at 312-685-7027 or email me at hemant_mehta@ipsd.org. If your child is sick on the day of a tournament, please call me on my cell Friday evening or Saturday morning *before* 6:00 a.m.

I'm looking forward to a fantastic season.

Thank you for all that you do!

Hemant Mehta, Head Coach
Janelle Lietz, Assistant Coach
Michelle La Scola, Assistant Coach
Erin Blanchard, Assistant Coach

**PLEASE RETURN TO
Ms. LA SCOLA in B100
BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22nd**

*I have read the Introductory letter,
reviewed the tentative schedule, and
understand the commitment my child(ren)
and I are undertaking.*

(TEAM MEMBER)

(PARENT/GUARDIAN)

(DATE)

- Activity Fee is attached
- Health Form is attached

Tentative Tournament Schedule

What follows is our very best estimate of the 2010-2011 Speech season. Exact departure and return times will be announced as soon as they are determined at www.nvspeech.com. Changes may still occur to this schedule.

Nov 6	Downers Grove North Invitational (NOVICE ONLY)
Nov 13	Downers Grove South Novice Invitational (NOVICE ONLY)
Nov 13	Wheaton North Technicolor Tourney
Nov 20	Thornton Turkey Tourney
Nov 20	TBA
Dec 4	Neuqua Valley Scheidecker Memorial Invitational (EVERYONE)
Dec 11	Naperville Central Tournament of Roses Invitational
Dec 11	TBA
Dec 18	Coal City Invitational
Dec 18	(Meet Ya at) Metea Valley
Jan 8	TBA
Jan 8	TBA
Jan 15	TBA
Jan 15	TBA
Jan 21-22	Downers Grove South Invitational (Fri and Sat)
Jan 22	TBA
Jan 29	TBA
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Feb 5	Regional Tournament (Hosted by Neuqua Valley)
Feb 12	Sectional Tournament (Hosted by Downers Grove South)
Feb 19-20	IHSA State Championships (Peoria)