HPHS DEBATE September

On September 6, the debate team was successful in their first tournament of the year at Plano Sr. High. Congratulations to the senior team of Reid Wyde and Rohit Thota, who remained undefeated, winning first place overall! Congrats as well to the junior team of Helen Zhang and Matthew Emerson for taking fifth place.

HPHS DEBATE October

 Congratulations to the team of seniors Rohit Thota and Reid Wyde for capturing 2nd place overall at the Newman Smith HS invitational tournament in Carrollton on September 26-27. Rohit was awarded 2nd overall speaker! Congrats also to the team of juniors Helen Zhang and Matthew Emerson for placing 5th overall.

DEBATE, HPHS November

Congratulations to the team of seniors Rohit Thota and Reid Wyde for winning 1st place at the Plano West Sr. High School Invitational on October 24-25! Rohit was awarded top speaker of the tournament! Congratulations to HP Debate for their great performance at the Southlake Carroll Invitational Tournament on October 10-11. In the novice division, the team of Heath Pyle (10) and Enyat Kapadia (8) captured 1st place overall! Enyat was recognized as the top speaker in novice. In the varsity division, the team of juniors Matthew Emerson and Helen Zhang placed 2nd overall, with Matthew securing the 2nd speaker award in varsity. Congrats!

HPHS DEBATE February

 Congratulations to HPHS Debate for their great showing at the UIL District Cross-Examination meet on January 29 in Mesquite. The senior team of Rohit Thota and Reid Wyde won 1st place, and the team of Michael Cerny (10) and Joe Warner (12) captured 2nd place! Taking 4th place was the junior team of Helen Zhang and Matthew Emerson. Congratulations to Michael Cerny for being awarded the Top Speaker overall! 1st and 2nd place teams now advance to the UIL State CX Debate tournament on March 20-21 in Austin! Best of luck at State! Congrats to the team of Reid Wyde and Rohit Thota for claiming 9th place at the Colleyville-Heritage HS tournament on January 30-31. On January 2-3, at the Clark/Plano East Swing tournament, the team of Matthew Emerson and Helen Zhang took 3rd place and the team of Joe Warner and Michael Cerny placed 5th at Plano East. The team of Joe Warner and Michael Cerny earned 3rd place as well at Clark HS in Plano. Congratulations to the team of Matthew Emerson and Helen Zhang for taking 2nd place at the Coppell Cowboy Classic on January 9-10! The team of Rohit Thota and Reid Wyde placed 5th overall; Rohit and Reid were awarded the top two speakers at the tournament! On December 6, in a dominating performance at the Creekview Invitational, the HP teams went undefeated and advanced to the finals, claiming the top two spots. Congratulations to the team of Joe Warner and Michael Cerny for capturing first place and the team of Reid Wyde and Rohit Thota for securing 2nd place!

HPHS DEBATE/SPEECH March

Best of luck to our two state-bound HPHS Debate teams as they compete at the UIL State 6A Cross-Examination Debate Meet on March 20-21 at UT-Austin: team of Rohit Thota (12) & Reid Wyde (12) and the team of Michael Cerny (10) & Joe Warner (12). The team of Rohit Thota and Reid Wyde went undefeated, capturing 1st Place at the Jesuit College Prep tournament on February 6-7! Reid was recognized as the top speaker in varsity, with Rohit taking 2nd top speaker and Michael Cerny claiming 6th top speaker. Congratulations! Congratulations to the team of Rohit Thota and Reid Wyde for advancing to the elimination rounds, finishing 9th overall on January 30-31 at the Colleyville-Heritage tournament. HPHS hosts the UIL District 10-6A Academics meet on March 26-28. Good luck to the LD Debate, Speech & Interp members competing on March 27-28.

HPHS DEBATE/SPEECH April

Congratulations to the senior team of Rohit Thota and Reid Wyde for placing 5th overall at the UIL State 6A Cross Examination Debate competition in Austin on March 20-21! The two HPHS teams, juniors Matthew Emerson & Helen Zhang and seniors Rohit Thota & Reid Wyde, advanced to the elimination rounds, finishing in a tie for 17th out of a field of 95 teams that qualified for the TFA (Texas Forensic Association) State competition in El Paso on March 5-7. Congrats!

HPHS DEBATE May

HPHS Debate has had a remarkable year! The final debate tournament of this school year is St. Mark’s Novice Round-Up on May 8-9. Best of luck!