

SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM

The team provides an opportunity for student to develop skills in public speaking and presenting persuasive arguments. Through various speech events (Extemporaneous, Impromptu, Oratory and Interpretation) a student will gain experience in becoming an effective speaker. Through Public Forum and Lincoln/Douglas debate a student will test his/her training and skills in analyzing issues, researching evidence, preparing and presenting persuasive arguments. Through competitive tournaments, the students test their skills against other students from schools through out the state.

The team began at Westminster High School under the leadership of Sean Welsh in 2006. The Westminster team is a member of the National Forensic League and competes in both the Carroll County Debate League and the BCFL. At tournaments through out the year, the students compete for the County Championship, State Championship and qualification to attend the National Tournament.

The team meets every Thursday after school in Room A224 and everyone is welcomed.

PRESIDENT MICHAEL HULLETT

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

CARROLL COUNTY

CHARLIE DIEGEL DEBATE AWARD
PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP 2007 & 2008

SECOND PLACE PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE TEAM CARROLL COUNTY 2008
EDWARD LISTER & KARL SHUEY

CARROLL COUNTY DEBATE FINALS 2008
SEMIFINALS -- SEAN WELSH & IAN GIBSON
QUARTERFINALS -- DANIELLE HISE & ALLISON MILCHLING
OCTOFINALISTS -- MATT OWINGS & SEAN TICHY
KEVIN WEEKS & KATELEN WALSH
CHRIS CAMPBELL & MATT LEGO

STATE TOURNAMENT

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP PUBLIC FORUM TEAM 2007
SECOND PLACE TEAM 2007
SEMIFINALIST 2008
4TH PLACE EXTEMPERANOUS SPEAKING 2008

NATIONALS & INVITATIONS

OCTOFINALS-HOUSTON TEXAS 2007
DOUBLE OCTOFINALIST - WISCONSIN 2008
OCTOFINALS -- PRINCETON UNIVERSITY 2008
DOUBLE OCTOFINALIST -- HARVARD UNIVERSITY 2008