



Enrichment / Extension Activities for Jefferson and Kennedy High Schools

Congressional Debate

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This is individual debate in a large group setting. Legislative debaters research and write pieces of Congressional legislation that they feel will better the society in which we live. At a tournament, debaters will then speak on the legislation while using proper parliamentary procedure. Judges score each competitor based on argumentation ability, speaking technique, knowledge of parliamentary procedure, and overall participation. Jefferson students have qualified to the national tournament in congressional debate in 2012 and 2013.

DECA

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DECA is "An association of Marketing Students" and prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management. It links to Business & Marketing Education classes curriculum. In the competition portion of DECA there are many different options. Most of them are role plays, where the students get a business scenario/problem and then get 10-30 minutes (depending on event) to prepare their thoughts. They then get 5-15 minutes (depending on event) to present their ideas to a judge. Other events students have time to prepare ahead of time, these events include making a mock sales presentation, written research papers with presentation, promotional plans like advertising campaign.

Math Team

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The math team is the largest academic, extra-curricular activity at JHS. Mid-October through February, practices and meets are Monday after school. The team has 5 regular season meets in the South Suburban Division of the Minnesota State High School Mathematics League. Each student participates in 2 of 4 events (algebra, geometry, trigonometry, pre-calculus) at each meet. Dr. Rafferty is a calculus professor at

Normandale Community College.

National Honor Society

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NHS members give thousands of hours of community to local causes and charities.

They also tutoring before or after school sessions in the media center, by request during academic seminar, or by private appointment for their fellow students.

Quiz Bowl

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Quiz Bowl is a fast-paced buzzer competition in which teams of four players compete to answer questions that cover academic subjects like literature and science as well as the broader world of culture and current events.

Robotics

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Students in robotics learn skills in science, math and engineering that can be implied to everyday life and jobs after school. Robotics is a year round program where kids have two different seasons, a build season which includes a six week build cycle that the students have to build, prototype, and program a robot to complete the given goal received at the start of the six weeks. After the six weeks the teams go to one or more of the 78 regions that are open to anyone to go compete at.

Science Olympiad

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The competitive goal of Science Olympiad is to perform well in “Olympics-like” tournaments, where the events include written examinations, building challenges and lab practicals that span the fields of biology, chemistry, physics and engineering. From early December through the State competition in March, meeting and preparation times take place every Thursday after school.

Speech Team

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The speech team provides students with the opportunity to develop their skills in communication and interpretation in the following areas: drama, poetry, prose, storytelling, duo interpretation, informative speech, creative expression, humorous,

extemporaneous reading, original oratory, extemporaneous speaking, great speeches, and discussion. Students choose an area of concentration from among the thirteen Minnesota High School League speech events and then rehearse with their coaches after school in preparation for the season. Select students will have the opportunity to participate on the traveling team, participating in tournaments in Chicago, Florida, and Texas. Jefferson students have frequently qualified to the national speech tournament.