

# *Debate Club*

## ***Introduction:***

Debate Club is an organization devoted to fostering healthy debate among students. We tackle a broad range of topics selected by our members. In the past, we have debated what would be considered controversial issues. We encourage students to research topics of importance and gain a better knowledge of the world around them.

## ***Attendance Policy:***

While we encourage anyone who wishes to participate in the club, in order to be officially be considered a Debate Club member (for the purposes of elections, any resume/ application in which includes extracurricular activities, etc.) members must attend at least ONE meeting per MONTH. No member in good standing may miss TWO consecutive meetings barring extreme circumstances.

## ***Basic Information:***

Mr. McDowell is the teacher sponsor of Debate Club but it is a student lead organization. That means that the day to day responsibilities of the club fall to the club's elected leadership. Debate Club meets in Mr. McDowell's classroom every other Tuesday but the meeting day is subject to change by majority vote of the members in good standing. There is a Facebook group and email system set up to keep members abreast of club happenings.

## ***Officer Positions:***

Debate Club will maintain three officer positions; President, Vice-President, and Secretary. The duties of the President include but are not limited to; managing the Facebook page, directing/leading club activities, deciding on the debate topic if there is no consensus, and coordinating with the teacher sponsor. The Vice-President must launch and maintain the Debate Club section of the Scholar's Academy webpage, send out remainder emails, lead member recruitment efforts and assist the President in the fulfillment of his/her duties. The Secretary will keep attendance, determine the standing of members, arrange for the club photographs, and keep minutes. Officers must be members in good standing. They are expected to attend the majority of meetings. Officers must have been a member of the Debate Club for at least one semester prior to their election. The President must be an upperclassman in the year of their term. The Vice-President and the Secretary may be any member in good standing.

## ***Responsibilities:***

As we often discuss humanitarian topics, it is the responsibility of Debate Club to actively address such issues. As a result, Debate Club will complete at least one community service event per year. This event can be completed in conjunction with another organization.

Members must be prepared for all debates. They are expected to be respectful to other debaters and the teacher sponsor despite differences in opinion. Failure to comply with these stipulations will result in a loss of good standing.

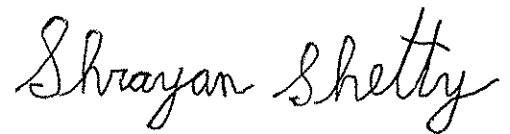
Should any issues arise that are not directly addressed by this document, it is the responsibility of the current officers and the teacher sponsor to determine a course of action.

President:



Shelby L. Macaulay

Vice President:



Shrayan Shetty

Secretary:



Linda J. Infantino