



2019 - 2020 SEASON SCHEDULE & IMPORTANT DATES

(ALL ACTIVITIES ARE MANDATORY FOR ALL TEAM MEMBERS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

July 8 - 12, 2019 - Summer Speech & Debate Workshop (9:00 AM - 3:00 PM in the NWR Vine Street Cafeteria)

July 12, 2019 - Fee payment #1 due: 5-month payment plan: \$120⁰⁰, 3-month plan: \$200⁰⁰

- Please make all checks payable to *Northwest Rankin High School* with "Speech & Debate" in the memo line.
- Funds raised through sponsorships and ad sales over the required \$150⁰⁰ may apply directly to team members fees.

July 12, 2019 - Parents Meeting (1:30 PM in the NWR Vine Street Cafeteria)

July 12, 2019 - Workshop Showcase (2:45 PM in the NWR Vine Street Cafeteria)

August 16, 2019 - Fee payment #2 due: 5-month payment plan: \$120⁰⁰, 3-month plan: \$200⁰⁰, full sum: \$600⁰⁰

August 30, 2019 - All ad sales for NWR Speaks Individual Events Invitational due

September 13, 2019 - Fee payment #3 due: 5-month payment plan: \$120⁰⁰, 3-month plan: \$200⁰⁰

September 20 - 21, 2019 - NWR Speaks Individual Events Invitational (*Northwest Rankin HS*)

- All parents are expected to assist with running this tournament.
- All NWR Speaks members will be required to host and will need to be present for the duration of the event, including setup, awards, and breakdown.
- Northwest Rankin High School Students who are **not** NWR Speaks team members may receive community service hours for volunteering to assist with the tournament.
- Detailed schedule will follow.

September 27 - 28, 2019 - Stennis Novice Invitational Tournament (*Mississippi State University*)

- All novice squad members will go as competitors.
- Varsity squad members with 150+ NSDA points will go as judges.
- Varsity squad members with fewer than 150 NSDA points will not attend this tournament.

October 11, 2019 - Fee payment #4 due: 5-month payment plan: \$120⁰⁰

October 18 - 19, 2019 - Saint's Classic Invitational Tournament (*Saint Andrew's Episcopal School*)

November 1 - 2, 2019 - Warrior Invitational (*Oak Grove High School*)

November 15 - 16, 2019 - Singing River Classic (*Pascagoula High School*)

November 15, 2019 - Fee payment #5 due: 5-month payment plan: \$120⁰⁰

January 10 - 11, 2020 - Mustang Debate Invitational Tournament (*Murrah High School*)

- Students who are members of both NWR Speaks and Theatre Production will **not** attend this tournament.
- Students with the strongest debate records from the fall semester competitions will have priority in choosing their events.

January 31 - February 1, 2020 - Hub City Classic (*Hattiesburg High School*)

February 7 - 8, 2020 - JCFL Qualifying Tournament (Starkville High School)

- Entries to this tournament are limited and will depend on prior competition records from the current season, but all students are expected to compete in at least one event.
- This tournament determines which students compete in the NCFL Grand National tournament in May 2020.
- Students will be expected to submit their intent to compete at nationals (pending qualification) prior to the qualifier.
- **Qualifying students will pay a deposit of \$100⁰⁰** toward that NCFL nationals on Monday, February 10.
- Students who cannot commit to the Grand National tournament for any reason must communicate this prior to February 22 and will compete in this tournament as though it is another regular season tournament.

February 21 - 22, 2020 - USM Tournament (University of Southern Mississippi)

March 06 - 07, 2020 - Cowbell Classic (Mississippi State University)

March 27 - 28, 2020 - NSDA Speech Qualifiers (Hattiesburg High School)

- Entries to this tournament are limited and will depend on prior competition records from the current season, but all students are expected to compete in at least one event.
- This tournament determines which students from Mississippi compete in the National Speech and Debate Association National Championships in June 2020.
- **Qualifying students will pay a deposit of \$100⁰⁰** toward that NCFL nationals on Monday, February 10.
 - » Expect this trip to run +/- \$2000⁰⁰.
 - » Students who cannot commit to the National Championship tournament for any reason must communicate this prior to March 27 and will compete in this tournament as though it is another regular season tournament.

April 3 - 4, 2020 - MHSAA State Congressional Debate Championships (Millsaps College)

- NWR Speaks will have a fixed, limited number of entries to this tournament.
- Entries depend on prior competition records from the current season.

April 17 - 18, 2020 - MHSAA State Championships (TBD)

- Qualification depends on prior competition records from the current season.
- All qualified students must compete in all events in which they are qualified
- We will receive 5 wild card entries. Priority for these entries will go to students based on prior competition record, then based on equity among teammates, then seniority, then interest.
- All students should expect to compete at State Championships.

April 30, 2020 - NWR Speaks Banquet (TBD)

***May 21 - 24, 2020 - NCFL Grand National Tournament (Chicago, IL)**

- Because this is a national tournament, it will incur additional fees outside of the regular season expectations; NWR Speaks fundraising will support travel to nationals in part, but families will be expected to pay or raised the difference in order to travel out of state for competition.
- Only students who qualify for NCFL Grand Nationals at the JCFL qualifying tournament on February 7 - 8, 2020 are eligible for this national competition
- Students may only compete in one event, which will be determined prior to the qualifying tournament in February
- Based on the 2018-2019 NCFL tournament costs, expect this trip to run +/- \$1000⁰⁰.

***June 13 - 20, 2020 - NSDA National Championships (Albuquerque, NM)**

- Because this is a national tournament, it will incur additional fees outside of the regular season expectations; NWR Speaks fundraising will support travel to nationals in part, but families will be expected to pay or raised the difference in order to travel out of state for competition.
- Only students who qualify for NSDA Nationals at an NSDA qualifying tournaments will be eligible for this competition.
- Students may only compete in one event, which will be determined prior to the final NSDA Qualifying Tournament in March.
- Expect this trip to run +/- \$2000⁰⁰