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## **NEWSLETTER – December 9, 2014**

### **Semester 1 Final Exam**

Today the teachers distributed and reviewed the first semester final exam assignment. All students will perform a speech or debate for the class and earn a grade out of 100 points, but they have choices as to what type of speech or debate they would like to pursue. Please review the assignment attached to the newsletter email for all of the details!

### **January Permission Slip & Payment – due Tues. 12/16/14**

For everyone's convenience, we have created a combined permission slip for the month of January that contains basic information and expectations for the final three preliminary league tournaments of the season. If your student has not yet had a chance to compete, or wishes to advance her or his skills, these tournaments are the prime opportunity to do so before we move on to the more advanced tournaments of the season! Please review this permission slip as a family (in conjunction with the final exam assignment sheet) and return it by 3 PM next Tues. 12/16/15. The web store will automatically shut down at that time as well.

### **UC Berkeley Invitational – Permission Slips due Tues. 12/16/14**

The Educational Foundation of Orinda sponsors our team's participation in one of the most prestigious invitational tournaments for speech and debate, hosted by our Cal Bears every President's Day weekend! Students from all over the country will travel to compete at the 42 annual Berkeley Invitational. This tournament is ideal for students who are serious about taking their competitive speaking skills to the next level. (Equally, this is not an appropriate first tournament for students or their parents. It is longer and more complex than our league tournaments, and there are no special instructions. Hence, experienced competitors and their parents are the appropriate participants.)

Interested students should speak to Mrs. Plant. Please read the permission slip and info. packet attached to the newsletter email. Contact K. Plant with questions, and submit those permission slips by 3 PM on Tues. 12/16/14!

*These tournaments require lots of coordination and planning, so please read the information, mark your calendar, and honor your commitment. We appreciate your participation and support! Go Mats!*

### **Spirit of the Season – Canned Food Drive and Dress-up Days!**

Thanks to one of our Spirit Officers, **Millie Kirchberg**, for coordinating the following:



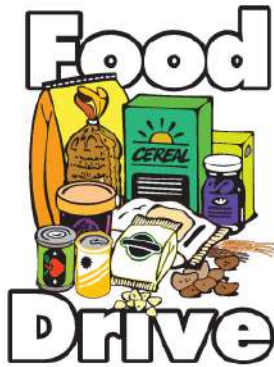
# Holiday Spirit Week !!!

12/15-12/19



## Dress Up Days

- Fri. 12/12: Pub. Speak. T-Shirts and Sweatshirts
- Mon. 12/15: Ski Day (ski gear)
- Tues. 12/16: Holiday Accessories (socks, ties, scarves, hats)
- Weds. 12/17: Snow Dawgs (white out, fur, gold chains, animal print)
- Thurs. 12/18: Ugly Holiday Sweater Day
- Fri. 12/19: Flannel Friday



## Canned Food Drive

From Fri. 12/12 until Weds. 12/17, help raise canned food for the Contra Costa Food Bank and do your part to help those in need during the holiday season! All food donated will count towards spirit points for your class period. (Acceptable foods include any canned products and non-perishables. However, to remain fair, we are banning all ramen products from the food drive this year.)

Let's get excited and help others by bringing in as much food as possible! Last year we donated over 1300 pounds of food to the Contra Costa Food Bank, and this year, our goal is 1500!



## Mats Came Through at IE 2!

One hundred and five Matadors demonstrated learning, sportsmanship, and spirit at the Golden Gate Speech Association's second Individual Events tournament of the season this past Saturday December 2 at James Logan High School! Many thanks to our dedicated teachers, parents, and coaches for going above and beyond to make this day a tremendous success! Special congratulations to IE Captain **Sam Miles**, who automatically qualified to the CHSSA State Championships in April by winning first place at two of the three preliminary league tournaments in Humorous Interpretation. Way to go Sam! Trophy winners include:

### National Extemp

#### Varsity

Aaron Baum 2<sup>nd</sup>

Fatima Hasanain 4th

Jonathan Zhou 6th

#### Novice

Alex Wang 3rd

### International Extemp

#### Varsity

Alex Jang 1st

Owen Chang 3rd



Daniel Ginsburg 4th

Max Han 6th

Novice

Thor McAvenia 1st

Joseph Wang 2nd

**Original Oratory**

Varsity

David Basili 6th

Novice

Keely Fuller 1st

Sebastian Huang 2nd

Karina Ting finalist

Serena Wang finalist

Kai Otsmaa finalist

Sarah Czarnecki finalist

James Zhou finalist

Areeba Yasin finalist

**Original Advocacy**

Varsity

Marcel Bollag 1st

Novice

Julia Moseyko 1st

Apurva Oak 2nd

Michael Chen 5th

**Humorous Interp**

Varsity

Sam Miles 1st (autoqual to State!)

Jordan Hardwick 4th

Novice

Molly Colwell 2nd

Max Fritzen 5th



**Dramatic Interp**

Varsity -- Ilene Drobny 7th

**Thematic Interp**

Varsity

Caiseen Kelley 3rd

Novice

Zahra Hasanain 1st

Bayla Jaffe 2nd

Olivia Guidotti 4th

**Original Prose/Poetry**

Varsity

Liam Madsen 3rd

Novice

Bailey Meyer 3rd

Logan Canada-Johnson 4<sup>th</sup>

**Impromptu**

Varsity

Sean McFeely 2nd

Matthew Coleman 4th

Novice

Brad Berkman 1st

Tommy Kubitschek 3rd

Logan Branagh finalist

**Expository**

Varsity

Iris Chow 1st

Holly Bohuslav 5th

Novice

Anika Rawat 1st

Megan Lewis 3rd

Janet Lee 4th

Sunny Lin 5th

Kelly Zheng 6th

**Oratorical Interp**

Varsity -- Michael Basili 5th

Novice -- Lynn Wilder 5th

**Duo Interp**

Novice -- Casey McGonigle & Daniel Konstantino

