

OLA HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL

MOCK TRIAL PRACTICE SCHEDULE FROM DECEMBER 9, 2019 THROUGH FEBRUARY 1, 2019

STUDENTS: Please note that the days of the week that we practice changes from week to week. Please pay close attention to the dates and location of each practice. Everyone is expected to be at every practice from now until competition. If you have a conflict, the coaches need to know about it ASAP in order to excuse you from practice and give you a makeup assignment. Practices marked "mandatory" will have no excused absences.

DECEMBER 9, 2019: 5:00-7:00 OLHS

- Discuss schedule, important dates,
- Discuss attorney and witness roles and second round of auditions
- Feedback on how we improve closing statements
- Opening statements and how they are different from closing
- Begin to learn evidence
- **HW: Review evidence cheat sheet for practice on Thursday**

DECEMBER 12, 2019: 5:00-7:00 OLHS

- Finish discussing evidence
- Begin learning direct examination
- **HW: Review direct examination tips for next week**

DECEMBER 16, 2019: 5:00-7:00 OLHS

- Judge Palmer has trial this week, so she may arrive late or may not be able to come. Racquelle is out of the country.
- Begin drafting first round of direct examination questions
 - o Work with coaches and teammates to ensure evidence rules allow direct questions drafted
- **HW: Finish first draft of direct examination questions**

DECEMBER 17, 2019: 5:00-7:00 OLHS

- Judge Palmer has trial this week, so she may arrive late or may not be able to come. Racquelle is out of the country.
- Review direct questions from yesterday, finish working through draft of direct for all witnesses

DECEMBER 18- JANUARY 4: WINTER BREAK

Deadline to Submit Opening or Closing Statement for Feedback: December 30, 2019

HW FOR WINTER BREAK:

- **Witnesses: Begin to memorize witness statements and practice for Ash Harper auditions.**
- **Attorneys: Practice opening statement for auditions**

JANUARY 6, 2019: 5:00-6:45 JUDGE PALMER'S COURTROOM

- Second round of auditions
 - o Witnesses: 5 min to explain who Ash Harper is
 - o Attorneys: Opening or closing argument

JANUARY 8, 2019: 5:00- 7:00 OLHS

- Announce attorney assignments and witness assignments
- Finalize direct examination questions for each witness
- Attorneys will be given their witness assignment for direct and cross
- Begin discussion of cross examination
- **HW: Review cross examination sheet for Saturday**

JANUARY 11, 2019: 1:00 PM- 4:00 PM JUDGE PALMER'S COURTROOM *MANDATORY*

- John at Board of Governor's Meeting
- This will be a rough run through of everything we have prepared so far
 - o Opening attorneys will practice their opening
 - o Direct examination of all witnesses
 - o Closing attorneys will practice their closings
- If time permits, we will begin cross examination drafting

JANUARY 14, 2019: 5:00-7:00 PM OLHS

- Cross examination lesson
- Begin drafting cross examination for your witness/ attorney team

JANUARY 16, 2019: 5:00-7:00 OLHS

- Finish drafting cross examination questions
- Attorney coaches will be in groups to help
- **HW: Final version of cross examination questions due to attorney coaches by tomorrow at 4:00 PM**

JANUARY 18, 2019: 1:00 PM-4:00 PM JUDGE PALMER'S COURTROOM *MANDATORY*

- **DRESS REHEARSAL: You must wear what you plan to wear to competition so we can check to see what is okay/ what needs improvement**
- This will be a rough run through of everything we have prepared so far
 - o Opening attorneys will practice their opening
 - o Direct examination of all witnesses
 - o Cross examination of all witnesses
 - o Closing attorneys will practice their closings

JANUARY 20, 2019: 5:00-7:00 JUDGE PALMER'S COURTROOM *MANDATORY*

- This is a workshop day. This is reserved for whatever we need to work on. Evidence objections, cross, direct, etc.

JANUARY 23, 2019: 5:00-7:00 JUDGE PALMER'S COURTROOM *MANDATORY*

- Break into two groups (prosecution and defense). We will be working on direct and cross, making sure everything is memorized and making final changes.

JANUARY 25, 2019: 1:00 PM- 5:00 PM JUDGE PALMER'S COURTROOM *MANDATORY*

- **DRESS REHEARSAL: Come dressed as if this was competition day.**
 - o We will run through the whole trial.
 - o **Parents please come watch. The more people, the better prepared for competition we will be.**
- **HW: You will all have homework of something you have to work on before the next practice**

JANUARY 27, 2019: 5:00-7:00 PM *MANDATORY*

- We will run through the whole trial
- **Parents please come watch. The more people, the better prepared for competition we will be.**

JANUARY 29, 2019: 5:00-7:00 PM *MANDATORY*

- We will run through the whole trial

FEBRUARY 1, 2019: REGIONAL COMPETITION

- **Same building as Judge Palmer's courtroom. More details will be given on start times.**