**2024 Cherry Creek Classic Topic Areas**

**Congressional Debate**

The Congressional Debate Dockets have been posted at www.speechwire.com on the Files for Download tab. The Docket order is set for each session.

* Congress will have three rounds or sessions and a Final round.
* There will be a new PO for each session.
* Precedence will start over for each session.
* We will use direct questioning during the session.

**Extemporaneous Speaking Topic Areas**

We will use the NSDA cross-examination format with a 2-minute questioning period in the final rounds of National and International Extemporaneous Speaking. We will draw in 8-minute intervals during prelims and 12 minute intervals during finals.

NX 1 – U.S. Presidential Election

NX 2 – National Security

NX 3 - Business & Industry

NX Finals – Constitutional Issues

IX 1 – The Middle East

IX 2 - International Economics

IX 3 - Africa

IX Finals - International Organizations

**Impromptu Topic Areas**

Students will draw 3 topics and choose one. They will have 5 minutes to prepare a 3-5 minute speech. Complete rules and instructions can be found on the ballot posted on Speechwire and used during the tournament.

Round 1 – 1980s Song Lyrics

Round 2 – Presidential Quotes

Round 3 – Classic Lines from Poetry

Finals – “It Happened in 1974” Fifty Years Ago

**Improvisational Pairs Topic Areas**

Students will draw 3 topics and choose one.  They will have 10 minutes to prepare a performance that is a maximum of 7 minutes with a 30-second grace period. Complete rules and instructions can be found on the ballot posted on Speechwire and used during the tournament.

Round 1 – Ghost Stories (e.g, a haunted speech and debate tournament)

Round 2 – Unusual Elections (e.g., Batman runs for dogcatcher)

Round 3 – Treasure Hunt (e.g., searching for buried pirate gold)

Finals – Time Travel (e.g., back in time to your parent’s prom)

**Lincoln-Douglas Debate – 2024 November-December Topic**

Resolved: The United States ought to adopt a wealth tax.

**Public Forum Debate – 2024 November-December Topic Area**

Resolved: The United States should substantially reduce its military support of Taiwan.

**Policy Debate – 2024-2025 Topic**Resolved: The United States federal government should significantly strengthen its protection of domestic intellectual property rights in copyrights, patents, and/or trademarks.

* Varsity CX Debate is open to all CX debate teams.
* JV CX debate is limited to freshman and sophomore CX debaters or students in their first year of competition.
* In JV CX, no Kritiks or counterplans are allowed.
* In JV CX, we will employ the NFHS Novice case limits, meaning that all teams should limit themselves to these case areas.
* Novice Case Limits for the 2024-2025 Policy Debate Topic
  + Patents: Emerging Technologies
  + Patents: Green Technology
  + Copyrights: Protect the Creative Arts
  + Trademarks: Trademark Trolls