



Hello!

We are so glad that you will be attending Holy Cross and are hoping that you might consider joining our Academic Team. We have a great team right now and would love to have you!

Here, our academic team is called DASA -- Debate, Art, Speech, and Academics. Why do we group all of our teams into one? Well, we find that many of our competitors have talents in each of the different categories and cross over into different events often. For example, the last time we competed one of our debaters also took the Current Events Academic Test and placed in the top ten in BOTH! You could very well do the same.

On a normal year we will go to about 10 - 20 practice tournaments a year to get ready for state and national

competition. This year's list of accomplishments include:

- 1st place in the state of Texas for Senior Art Portfolio
- 5th best extemporaneous speaker in the state
- 7th best debater in the state
- 5th best overall Art Team in the State of Texas
- 1 speaker qualified for national competition

While we are very proud of our team this year, we know that we have to become better and stronger in order to continue this tradition of winning. This is where you come in to be a part of this legacy. We can't wait to have become one of our DASA-inators!

Here are the events (competitions) that you could be a part of these next four years.

Debate Event (if you like to argue or are interested in being a lawyer...this one is for you)

Lincoln-Douglas debate

Speech Events (if you like to read and really get into the scenes of a novel/play/speeches...pick this one)

Extemporaneous Speaking, Prose Interpretation, Poetry Interpretation, Original Oratory, Humorous Interpretation, Dramatic Interpretation

Acting (if you like to act...this is a great option)

Solo Acting and Duo Acting

Academic Testing (if you have a favorite subject or just have a natural talent for learning and testing...this is all for you!)

Number Sense, Calculator, TAPPS General Math, TAPPS Advanced Math, History -- requires reading a book about a certain part of American History, Current Events, Literary Criticism, Ready Writing, Spanish, Science

Art (if you like drawing, painting, sculpting, fashion design, photography, graphic art...this is the one for you)
There are so many categories for art that if you enjoy creating artistically, there are definitely multiple categories we can enter you in.

Again, we can't wait for you to join! If you have any questions or want to get in on our DASA GroupMe with your parents, please send an email to me at richard.vasquez@holycross-sa.org.

See you soon!

In Holy Cross,
Mr. Vasquez