

"Being the only girl on the varsity team has taught me how to hold my own ground and stand up for myself. I've learned that I bring things to the table that other people can't. Just being on the team has built my confidence."

-Sarah Brownlee, 12



SMARTY PANTS

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Time runs out, a buzzer sounds. These sounds may seem familiar, but the playing field isn't a court, it's a classroom. AQT isn't a typical sport; it requires knowledge, learning, recall, and reflex. Each match contains three rounds: the category round, testing popular subjects; the alphabet round, featuring a set of questions in a certain amount of time; and the lightning round, consisting of twenty questions asked to both teams with each worth two points.

To master strategies, the team holds practices that are run like actual games, just more casually. **Senior Abhilash Yarlagadda** said, "There are questions that you just don't know how the answer to, and you have to realize that's ok. You have to trust your team to have your back and you've got to have theirs." The team's strong connection has helped them place 1st in GMC's (Greater Miami Conference) and allowing them to move on to compete in the regional tournament.

