

Please don't hate, debate

Students learn to fight their side

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Should the administration establish a more stringent discipline policy regarding electronic devices and attendance? The sophomores let their opinions on that issue be known as they gathered information about it and eventually fought over it in class. They were not told which side they would be arguing, "affirmative" or "negative," until five minutes before their debate.

"Some students do not make the most of debate. People are not prepared as well as they should be," said **Zachary Reuscher, 10**.

Groups of four or five were chosen and had weeks to prepare by getting facts on the topic and learning the format for debating. The debate team consisted of two constructive speakers and two rebuttal speakers with cross examinations in between. Students had a good time while learning a lot.

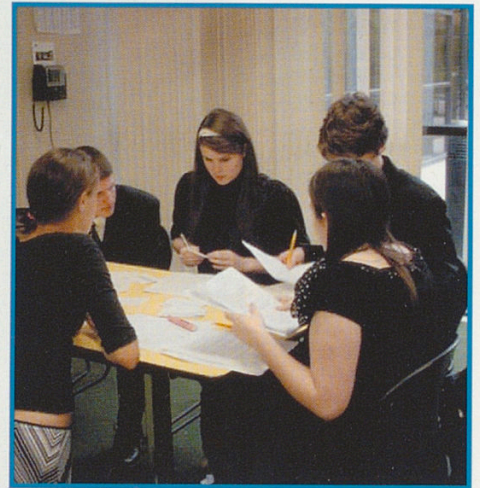
"Debates are a lot of fun. We get to work with our friends while still learning about the debate process," said **Dana Bahir, 10**.

The first round of debating occurred in the class room. The debates lasted 45 minutes and the winner was decided at the end by the teacher. After all of the in-class debates were over, each class picked one team to send to debate against teams from other classes.

In the end, a final debate was held in the auditorium for the entire sophomore class to watch. Two of **Mrs. Sweeney's** classes went up against each other competing for first place in the tournament.

"I liked that we got to go watch our classmates debate in the finals, both teams did a very good job," said **Sarah Healey, 10**.

All in all, the sophomores did an amazing job throughout all of debates.



Kevin Steiner, 10, and Laura Friedmann, 10, practice with their debate team. Each class sent an all-star team to the debate tournament. This team was from **Mrs. Sweeney's** sixth bell class. The team came in second in the final debate.



Kathryn Brown
Dara Burris
Ashley Burton
Justin Butler
Jacy Cagle
Aaron Cain
Jaimee Caldwell

Michael Caligaris
Collin Campbell
Ian Campbell
Stephen Carnes
Jonathon Casey
Kelly Cassidy
Jeffrey Caudill

Nicholas Cefalu
Helen Chang
Eric Chapel
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