



# WHSFA Fall 2007 Newsletter

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## **New Members Added to Board of Control**

WHSFA welcomes the following new Board of Control Members: Steve High, principal at Northwestern High School in Maple, representing District 1; Dorothy Berg, long time Speech Advisory Member and Speech Coach at Pittsville, representing District 5; Pam Belden, One Act Director and Speech Coach for Bay Port High School in Green Bay, representing District 6; Nancy Domanski, Speech and Debate Coach for Middleton High School, representing District 11. Contract information for these new Board of Control Members and other Board of Control Members as well as members of the various Advisory Committees can be found at our web site: [www.whsfa.org](http://www.whsfa.org)

## **Website Changes:**

If you have not already visited the WHSFA website, you should. Over the summer many changes have been made by Adam Jacobi, web master, which should help with clarity and making it more user friendly.

## **Changes in Senior Division Topics for Spring Speech**

### **Moments in History.**

The Decade of the 1920's.

### **Public Address.**

**Working Teens:** What impact, if any, does teen employment during the school year have on academic performance and co-curricular participation?

**NASA:** To what extent, if any, should the federal government continue to fund NASA?

**Presidency:** What qualities have made past presidents successful?

**Downloading Music and MP3 File Sharing:** To what extent, if any, should consumers be able to download and engage in MP3 file sharing without compensating the recording artists and record companies?

### **Special Occasion.**

A Presentation of a Gift or Award

A Speech of Protest

A Graduation Speech

A Speech to an At Risk Group

### **Storytelling.**

A Native American Story  
Fractured Fairy Tale

A Scary Story  
A Story of Rivalry

A True Story

## **Changes in Topics for Middle Level for Spring**

**Moments in History** will be consistent with the decade chosen by the senior division. The decade for this year is the 1920s.

**Special Occasion** topics are the following:

1. Addressing the Board of Education: Present your viewpoint on cuts to co curricular/extracurricular activities
2. Speech to motivate or encourage
3. Speech to nominate someone/group to the "Music Hall of Fame" (living or dead)

### **Extemporaneous Speaking: Media Violence**

- How does media violence affect teenagers?
- Describe different forms of media violence and explain where it is found in today's society.
- Does the use of websites like Myspace or Facebook have positive, or harmful, repercussions?
- Video games and music have ratings – why?
- Should schools allow students to bring video games to school? Why/whynot?
- How do movie ratings affect the movies shown in your school? Your home?
- Harry Potter books/movies have violent themes – is that a bad thing?
- What can/should parents do to prevent their children from being affected by media violence?
- Should our federal government do more, or less, to control media violence? Explain.

## **Debate**

WHSFA coaches and the Wisconsin Debate Coaches Association will once again co-sponsor the Wisconsin State Debate Tournament in December. Details about the 2007 Debate Topic – Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its public health assistance to Sub-Saharan Africa - and novice topics can be found on the website: [www.whsfa.org](http://www.whsfa.org)

## **Theatre Festival 2007**

This year we will be filling out the Eligibility Registration form at the website. Coaches can find the form there and fill it out. There will be no need to send it to your District Chair because it will automatically be sent to the State Office and distributed to the correct District Chair. We are hoping that this will end spelling errors on students names as well as making programs easier on all of the hosts.