

## BHS SPEECH Parent/Guardian Information Acknowledgment 2019

Dear Speech Parent/Guardian:

Please review the rules and requirements for student participation in Bemidji Lumberjack Speech. They were distributed at the Informational meetings, and are available online at the BHS Speech website, along with the tournament calendar and departure times.

Note there are tournaments scheduled beginning with the Grand Rapids Early Bird Saturday Jan. 19, and ending with Grand Rapids on March 23. Sub-Section event is Thursday, March 28 at Fergus Falls, Section is at Willmar on Thursday April 4, and State is Friday-Saturday April 12-13 at Wayzata. 9<sup>th</sup> graders are also encouraged to compete in 5 JV events on weeknights in February and March. Selected students will also have an option to attend the Marshall event.

Students must attend a minimum of 6 varsity events, with a recommendation of all team events, to remain on the roster through the season. Up to 3 events will be excused for legitimate reasons with as much advance notice as possible. Two unexcused absences will result in removal from the roster. This includes a .5 unexcused penalty if a calendar week passes without the student practicing for a coach.

Excused versus unexcused absences will be at the discretion of the coaching staff. Examples of excused absences might include competing in another education-related activity, a family emergency, a doctor's note, or a college visit. Examples of unexcused absences might include sleeping late, anyone's birthday, or watching an event (concert, another team playing, etc.) Please notify coaches of anticipated absences at least a week in advance.

Student Activity fee is due to the Activities Office. IT IS NOW PREFERRED THAT YOU REGISTER AND PAY ONLINE. Visit the Bemidji High School website and click on "Activity Registration" icon to begin the process. The Fine Arts fee is \$70. This fee MUST be paid for participation. If you have questions regarding this fee, direct them to the HS Activities Office at 444-1600, ext. 5. There may be an additional fee of \$30 to offset hotel expenses for overnight trips, \$50 total for a two night stay, excluding post-season competition. These fees will be due to the Bemidji Speech Boosters, who will supplement the expenses. The Bemidji Speech Boosters will also hear special requests regarding financial hardship regarding hotel expenses, etc.

Our experience has shown us the benefit of well-informed parent/guardian group, and the vast majority of students in our program have exceeded these requirements consistently year after year. Coach contact info: Mr. Lucas at 755-9866 or [lucast01@paulbunyan.net](mailto:lucast01@paulbunyan.net), Ms. Hamann at 243-2359 or [anna\\_hamann@bemidji.k12.mn.us](mailto:anna_hamann@bemidji.k12.mn.us), Ms. Nelson at 218-340-0340 or [literacyabc@gmail.com](mailto:literacyabc@gmail.com), and Ms. Donovan at [larissa.donovan@outlook.com](mailto:larissa.donovan@outlook.com) or 218-407-4266.

Please sign up for REMIND to aid in communication. TEXT @2019bhss to 81010 to register.

I hereby acknowledge the rules and requirements of membership on the BHS Speech Team for 2017:  
Student name, grade, phone and email contact:

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Parent/Guardian signature and contact (please include email and/or phone contact):

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