

## **The Speech and Debate Program**

The Cold Spring Harbor High School Speech and Debate Team, one of the most popular clubs in our high school, competes in 21 local, regional, and national tournaments and has fielded numerous State and National Champions. Students learn self-confidence, public-speaking skills, literature-appreciation, research, writing, editing, argumentation, ethics, and/or philosophy depending upon the events in which students opt to compete. Team members earn points towards membership in the prestigious and nationally recognized **National Speech and Debate Association Honor Society** by competing in tournaments. Students additionally have the option to enrich their experience of Debate further by enrolling in the Fall semester elective class in Debate, for which Honors credit is an option.