



March 3, 2023

**Re: Update on Additional Activity Offerings at Spectrum (for grades 7-12)**

Spectrum Students, Staff, and Families,

As Spectrum grows (*currently around 875 students in grades 6-12*), we continue to expand our student activity offerings – both athletic and non-athletic. When considering which activities to offer, it is important that they are connected to a larger organization, such as the Minnesota State High School League. This affiliation helps to provide the needed structure and connection for competition, learning, growth, and broader student opportunities outside of the school.

Spectrum surveys students each fall regarding interest in activities. The results of the fall 2022 survey are included below. This information was extremely helpful in gauging interest and deciding which activities to pursue.

2022 Fall Student Activities Survey Results					
Activity	Clay Target	Debate	One Act Play	Robotics	Speech
# of students who expressed interest	133	109	88	114	48

Based on the survey results, as well as interest from potential coaches to proceed with the activity, Spectrum is making plans to implement the following activities between spring of 2023 (the current school year) and spring of 2024 (next school year).

- Clay Targets – Spectrum was previously in a cooperative agreement with PACT for clay target. The interest level from Spectrum students was so high that the majority of the team were Spectrum students. Spectrum is bringing this activity in-house starting this spring (2023) and registration is currently open ([Registration link](#)). Anyone interested will need to attend the required Spring Sports Meeting being held in the High School gym at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Robotics – We have a coach interested in starting this program during the 2023-2024 school year. We are excited about the level of interest and hopeful that all of the pieces will come together to make this a reality for the winter season.
- Speech – We have at least one experienced person interested in moving this activity forward late winter/early spring during the 2023-2024 school year. If interest continues, this will be another exciting opportunity for our students.
- Activities being considered for the 2024-2025 school year include Debate and One Act Play.

**Information on all activities currently offered for Spectrum students can be found on the school website [here](#).**

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