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Successful Debate for JM Students

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The JMIS Debate Team Photo Fei Lin

The Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School (JM) Debate team recently competed in the JM Fall Invitational Debate Tournament. JM hosted eight teams comprising more than 150 debaters. Participants included Orinda Intermediate, North Creek Academy and Dorris-Eaton from Walnut Creek, and Piedmont Middle; one school came all the way from Eugene, Oregon to compete in the event.

The JM debaters, who spent about five weeks preparing for the tournament, did extremely well. The mostly rookie team took 2nd place in total wins and 3rd place in win percentage. Earning individual trophies were Ming E. in 5th place, Ivan G.-S. in 7th place, and Patrick H. in 8th place.

The team has recently tackled topics such as school uniforms, a new national anthem, food trucks, and drilling in the Arctic.

The debate season began in September with a Kick-Off Jamboree. There are five league tournaments, and a national championship held at Claremont-McKenna College in April.

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