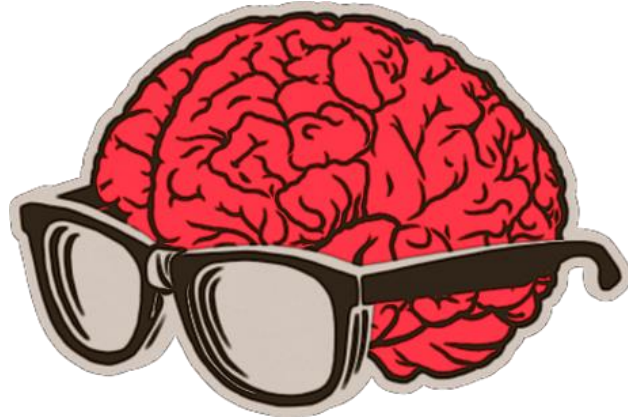


# Academic Team 2020-2021



*1 - We make smart look good.*

## What is Academic Team?

Academic Team is a competitive trivia team (you might have heard it referred to as 'scholastic bowl' other places). That might sound scary or a little weird, but don't worry. You won't be put on the spot and asked to recite celebrity birthdays or list the eruption date of Mount St. Helens (it was May 18, 1980, by the way, but I Googled that). Academic Team focuses not on competition but on learning and having fun! Of course, winning competitions are a nice bonus...



## How does Academic Team work?

Academic Team, or A-Team, as we call it, is split into two teams (formally): **Junior Varsity** and **Varsity**. There are no tryouts as to which team you're in; freshmen and sophomores are automatically JV, and juniors and seniors are automatically Varsity. Each team is comprised of students who each have their own skill sets: some are history buffs, some know 18th-century literature like the back of their hands, and some are math whizzes. **Most students know little things about almost different topics covered in the packets.** You don't have to be a chemistry genius to join Academic Team! **Come in with all the knowledge you have and you'll find that it's more than enough.**

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*Academic Team is full of nerds. That's a given. But the nerds in A-Team stay with each other and support each other. We mess around and we tease each other. The most important part of A-Team is the camaraderie. The team is what makes the club so strong. The team is what encourages us to grow. The team loses together, and the team wins together.*

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## What will I learn in A-Team?

How to trust your instincts and react quickly

How to work as a team and build off each other's strengths

How to pay attention for long periods of time

How to hone your competitive spirit

How to grow from losses and celebrate victories

Random facts and trivia that make your friends roll their eyes and say, "Nerd."

## How do I join?

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Contact Ms. Vlahakis at [kvlahakis@d120.org](mailto:kvlahakis@d120.org), Mr. Brin at [sbrin@d120.org](mailto:sbrin@d120.org), or Kajal Patel at [220001@students.d120.org](mailto:220001@students.d120.org).

Join the Remind thread by texting @mhsat2020 to 81010!

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## General A-Team Information

**Meeting days:** Mondays and Wednesdays

**Timings:** 3:30 to 4:30

**Sponsors:** Ms. Vlahakis (JV) and Mr. Brin (Varsity)