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CHARLOTTE MIDDLE SCHOOL/CUE FORENSICS SUCCEEDS IN FIRST YEAR!

Charlotte, MI, April 25, 2016—No, it's not your mom's CSI show, and there are no dead bodies involved. Instead the Charlotte Middle School and CUE forensic team is a competitive individual drama team – and while the program is much smaller than the others in the state, and it is in only its first year, the team has grown quickly and has had tremendous success this year.

Forensics consists of 12 separate individual events. Half of them are drama related, and the other half consist of public speech events. This year, the team had three students at Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Association State Middle Level Tournaments in November and April. The team was also accepted as one of only a handful of schools in the State of Michigan to become a member of the National Junior Speech and Debate Association – a national honor society for students in grades 5-8 who compete in speech competitions.



In the November time frame, team member Kyra Macomber placed 8th in the State of Michigan in Prose Interpretation (a cutting from a short story or novel) for her performance of *A Mango Shaped Space*. This past weekend the team traveled to the Spring State Middle Level Tournament hosted at Pine Middle School and CUE student Madison Olson tied for 7th place in Dramatic Interpretation (a script for television, film or stage) for her performance of *Trials and Tribulations of Being a Princess*.

Having placed so high at the Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Association Middle Level State Tournaments, both Kyra and Madison have qualified for the National Tournament. They will be traveling next school year to compete at a week-long event in Birmingham, Alabama with the hopes of capturing a National title.

Way to go team! Great first year – Go Orioles, Oriole Pride!

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