Where Justice Begins

Where many electives open up to many careers, hopeful Jusrists have Mock Trial. Students firmly study a case and take on both Witness and Lawyer, Defense and Plaintiff, and compete on a local, state and national level against their courtroom counterparts. But law-book education hardly does the opportunities justice, which also include real world values found in every job and even school. Kaitlyn Bogatz (11) claims "even if you don't think you need to, always study". Of the two GISH teams, one successfully finished second in the District Competition. Other real world values includes "Being confident even if it isn't true. Fake it 'till you make it" to quote Breanna Buscher (11). Analyzing and researching the case only gets you so far without charisma to sell it, "You become a better speaker and someone else entirely" believes Maricela Paramo (11). Junior Sean Starkey adds light on two of several beneficiaries of Mock Trial as "If you want to be a lawyer or an actor, this works for you."

Law-Schooled

During the competition in Kearney, Ashton Norris (12) stands up for an objection. Practices and skills members exercise are rare and rare in a courtroom environment about being argumentative, ready for objections, having mental reflexes, and doing your best," says Norris.

The Defense Rests

Left to right Ashton Norris, Katie Hill (10), Sienna Kunze, Tara Nettifee, Ashley Ries, Sean Starkey (11), and Riley Hansen (10) pose triumphant after their November 10th competition with Kearney Catholic. Essential to the team for success is not only a strong knowledge of the case, but the integrity members share. "The best part is the people I work with," says Kunze, "we're like a family."

By the Book

Riley Hansen (10) hands evidence to Sean Starkey (11) for witness verification during the event on November 10th. Mock Trial offers a rare experience allowing students to learn more about law and more about their potential. "I love the competition," says Hansen, "as well as arguing."