A-TECH MAVERICK MIDDLE SCHOOL INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

October 12, 2018

Dear Middle School/Junior High School Speech & Debate Coaches:

The Advanced Technologies Academy Speech & Debate Program and administration are excited to host a middle school/junior high Speech and Debate Tournament to be held **Saturday, November 17, 2018** at Advanced Technologies Academy**.** Students in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades are invited. We hope you can attend! This tournament will offer two speech event categories **Platform events** - Original Oratory and Informative and **Oral Interpretation Events** - DI, HI, POI, and Duo. **Impromptu** will also be offered as well as two debate events - **Student Congress** and **Public Forum**.

Each student may enter a maximum of two speech events and one debate event. Students are encouraged to enter both a speech event and a debate event.

Students should be dressed in business casual or business dress. Boys should wear slacks and not jeans; a polo or button down shirt; and a tie is optional. Girls should wear a skirt and blouse, a dress, or dress slacks with a dress shirt. Shorts are not appropriate. All clothing must conform to the CCSD dress code.

There will be an awards presentation at the close of the tournament.

If you have any questions regarding the tournament, please contact: Courtney Stern (SternCH@nv.ccsd.net). We look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,
Courtney Stern   Jonathan Synold   Samuel Self
Speech & Debate Coach   Principal   Team President

Tournament Schedule

Time	Schedule
7:45-8:15	Registration
8:30-9:25	All Speech Round 1 (Interp Events, Impromptu~& Original Oratory/Informative)
9:25-10:30	All Speech Round 2 (Interp Events, Impromptu~& Original Oratory/Informative)
10:30-11:15	Lunch Break
11:15-12:25	All Speech Finals
12:30 - 4:00	**Debate Rounds**
12:30 - 2:10	Student Congress Session 1
12:30 - 1:30	Public Forum Round 1
1:35 - 2:35	Public Forum Round 2
2:40 - 3:40	Public Forum Round 3
2:10 - 2:20	Student Congress Recess
2:20 - 4:00	Student Congress Session 2
4:45	Awards (We try very hard to run on time but tournaments often run long.)

*Every effort will be made to keep the tournament on schedule and start the awards ceremony on time; however, tournaments often run long due to a variety of factors.

General Information

Cost: $10 per entry + $10 Team fee
DUO and Public Forum are $5 per student and $10 total cost for the entry.

Deadline to enter students: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 4:00pm
Entries will be done online via Tabroom. If you have not already set up an account, please do so.
Link to tournament on Tabroom: _____

$5.00 for pre-paid lunch option - available for purchase to students and chaperones. The price of the lunch will include pizza, a drink and chips.

If you are **ordering lunches you will be responsible for the number of lunches listed as of Tuesday, November 13, 2018**, as I have to order the pizza ahead of time. We may be able to accommodate additional lunches requested after this date, however, they are not guaranteed.

There will be a snack bar selling food items. It will be open up until the beginning of the awards presentation. Please ask students to keep food and drink in the cafeteria.

You may pay your entry fees ($10.00 per entry plus $10.00 team fee) and pre-paid lunch option all with one school check made payable to "A-TECH".

If you would like to mail the check ahead of time please mail it through USPS to:
Detricia Wroten - Banker
Advanced Technologies Academy
1411 Robin St.
Las Vegas, NV 89106

A teacher or administrator from your school must accompany the students for the entire day.

Event Information

Speech Events

Oral Interpretation Events include – Dramatic Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, POI and Duo.

Platform Events include – Original Oratory and Informative.

There is no minimum time for speech events; maximum time is 10 minutes. 7 minutes for Impromptu.

Debate Events

Public Forum and Congress

Public Forum Topic – Resolved: On balance, standardized testing is beneficial to K-12 education in the United States.

Congress Resolutions – Can be found on Tabroom.

Each session of Congress will last for 1 hour and 40 minutes. We will be following regular parliamentary procedure which allows for a 3 minute speech and then questions from the floor. We will be using motions to begin and suspend debate from the floor etc.

If a student is registered for Public Forum debate and their partner does not show up they may switch to Student Congress on the day of the event.

IE and Debate events pairings are randomized by the computer tabulation program.