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December 5, 2018

Dear Colleague:

We hope you will join us for our Massachusetts Middle School Speech League (MMSSL) “Happy New Year” Novice Speech Tournament to be held at Nashoba Brooks on Sunday, January 6, 2019.

This will be a **novice meet**, so competition is open to students in Grades 6 through 8 who attended two or fewer tournaments during last year's speech season (2017-2018). **Teams may bring up to twenty-five entries. Schools must provide one judge per five entries or fraction thereof.** Parents, teachers, or other interested adults as well as **veteran team members** are invited to judge at the meet. High school students who have experience in speech are also welcome to judge. This is a **single-entry meet**, so students are only allowed to enter into one event each. There will be three straight rounds with a single judge in each section. There is a final round for the top eight competitors in each category. Medals and honorable mentions will be awarded.

Enclosed, you will find a tentative schedule for the day, a listing of events to be offered, and other important logistical information. Students should **bring their own lunches** as lunch **WILL NOT** be sold. **Please note: Nashoba Brooks is a nut-free school.**

The **deadline for registration will be Wednesday, January 2, at 9:00 p.m.** We look forward to hearing from you, and we hope to see you and your students on January 6!

Sincerely,

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“Happy New Year” Novice Speech Tournament 2018

For 6th – 8th Grade Speakers

Sunday, January 6, 2019

Nashoba Brooks School, 200 Strawberry Hill Road, Concord, MA 01742

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

- 8:00 a.m. **Registration.** Courtyard Entrance to Wallace Dining Commons. Complimentary granola bars and juice (kids), and coffee (adults), will be provided in the morning. Students can warm-up in an empty classroom (with adult present) or common area.
- 8:45 **Orientation meetings.** Judges will meet in the Tucker Auditorium. Competitors will meet in Wallace Dining Commons.
- 9:30 **Round I** – All Events
- Round II** – All Events
- Round III** – All Events
- 12:30 **Lunch** – Please **bring a bag lunch and remember that Nashoba Brooks is a NUT-FREE school and lunch WILL NOT be sold.**
- 1:30 **Finals Round** (top eight competitors in each event)
- 3:15 **Announcement of Awards.** Tucker Auditorium. Students Ballot result packets available for coaches to pick up directly thereafter.

Events (For a complete description of the events, see the MMSSL website)

Prose Reading
Dramatic Reading
Original Oratory
Children’s Literature
Declamation

Demonstration Speaking
Free Verse / Poetry
Duo Interpretation
Impromptu Speaking
Storytelling

Entries and Judges

Each school may provide up to 25 entries total per school. No double entries in any event. Each school must provide one judge per five entries or fraction thereof. Parents, teachers, or other interested adults as well as veteran students in Seventh or Eighth grade with sufficient tournament experience and coaches' approval may judge. High school students who have experience in speech are also welcome to judge. **Please remind judges to review our wonderful judge's training video on the resources page of our MMSSL website as we want to keep the tournament moving. It is crucial the judges are prepared to write their comments on the ballots as the competitors are giving their speeches and not after as this takes too much time and may hold up the entire tournament.**

<https://mmssl.weebly.com/resources.html>

Entry Fees

\$7 per solo student entry; \$14 per duo. Each school's coach/advisor should pay the entry fees during check-in, using either cash or check. Checks should be made out to Nashoba Brooks School.

Entry Deadline

Competitors must be registered on Tabroom.com by Wednesday, January 2 at 9:00 p.m. **Fees are considered final at that time, as is your school's commitment to bring a certain number of judges.** Drops will not be reimbursed.

Gender Neutral Bathrooms

Two gender neutral bathrooms are located outside the faculty room and conference room.

Directions to Nashoba Brooks School

From the East: Take Rt. 2 West to the Cambridge Turnpike exit, crossing Rte. 2A. Continue on Cambridge Turnpike approximately 1.3 miles to the stop sign. Bear left at stop sign and follow Lexington Road into Concord Center. Proceed straight toward the Colonial Inn. With the Inn immediately in front of you bear left and take a quick right onto Lowell Road. Continue 1.2 miles to the stop sign. Turn left onto Barrett's Mill Road and follow it 0.7 miles. Turn right onto Strawberry Hill Road. Nashoba Brooks School is 0.4 miles on the right.

From the West: Take Route 2 East to the Concord Rotary. Take the third right off the rotary onto Barrett's Mill Road. Follow Barrett's Mill Road 1.2 miles. Turn left onto Strawberry Hill Road. Nashoba Brooks is 0.4 miles on the right.

For More Information

Email Sherie Ouellet, souellet@nashobabrooks.org with drops **before the day of the event**. For emergencies or drops **the day of the event**, call Sherie's cell 978.460.4371.