

The BLS Debate Team is proud to invite you to join us for the first annual

Boston Latin School Debate Tournament

On September 21st, 2019

The tournament will be held at Boston Latin School and will include Open divisions of Public Forum, Lincoln Douglas and Legislative Debate (Student Congress).

Registration Information

Registration can be done via tabroom.com and will be open until 10PM on Wednesday, September 18th. Schools are provided 8 entries per event, with any above that placed on a wait list and hopefully admitted if we have the space.

Registration fees are \$10 per student (\$10 for a Congress or LD entry, and \$20 for a PFD entry).

We will be trying to **single-flight** LD and PF, and thus we are asking schools to bring **one judge for every two entries (or fractions thereof) in PF and LD**. We intend to run 5 prelim rounds and up to two outrounds if time permits. ALL JUDGES ARE OBLIGATED THROUGH THE END OF THE TOURNAMENT. For **Student Congress**, schools are obligated to **provide one judge per 5 competitors or fraction thereof**.

There will be a \$75 fine for each missing judge - this is not to be used in lieu of providing required judges. Judge requirements are locked at 10PM on Thursday. Any drops after that will NOT change your school's judge obligation.

We will be using electronic ballots, so all judges should be set up with a tabroom.com account before the tournament.

We are hoping to have **a few** Public Forum Debate judges available to hire for \$75 each. Requests for hired judges will be granted on a first-come first-served basis. Please email Keith West directly at west.keith.j@gmail.com if you wish to hire a judge.

Congress Legislation

Legislation will be available at www.massforensics.org and should be submitted to Mr. PJ Wexler, VP Congress, pjwexler06@gmail.com **before September 13th** to be considered.

Saturday Morning Check-in

Please text 515-633-7738 between 7:00 and 7:45AM Saturday morning to inform us of any last minute drops or changes. Even if you have no drops, please call so we can begin to re-panel rounds at 8:00 am and start the tournament on time. MSDL rules permit a \$25 penalty fee assigned to schools that fail to check-in during the morning call-in period.

Our Address

**Boston Latin School
78 Avenue Louis Pasteur
Boston, MA 02115**

Parking

We are working on getting access to a nearby parking garage in addition to the school parking lot. Once we have that confirmed this invitation will be updated with that information.

Shared Space

We will be sharing part of the school with the Boston Exam School Initiative in the morning, so expect to see a bunch of excited but confused 6th graders wandering around during the first few hours. We will have student guides helping to direct everyone to where they need to be.

Food/Concessions

We will be selling several options for lunch in the cafeteria as well as selling concessions there throughout the day.

Resolutions to be Debated:

PF: The European Union should join the Belt and Road Initiative.

LD: In the United States, colleges and universities ought not consider standardized tests in undergraduate admissions decisions.

Tentative Schedule

7:00-7:45 Call in 515-633-7738

8:15 Judge Training

8:15-8:45 Registration

9:00 PF/LD Round 1

9:15 Congress Session 1

10:05 PF/LD Round 2

11:20 PF/LD Round 3

Lunch

12:30 Congress Session 2

1:20 PF/LD Round 4

2:30 PF/LD Round 5

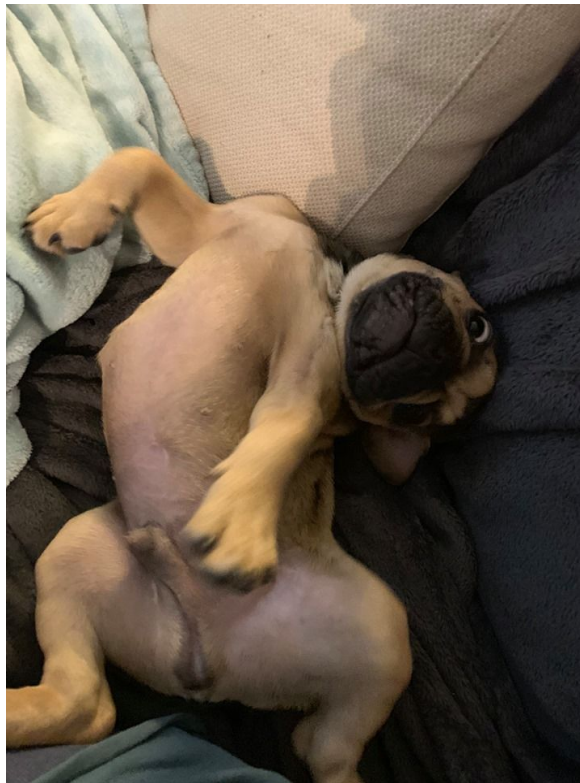
3:30 Congress Finals

4:00 PF/LD Elim 1

5:00 PF/LD Elim 2

6:15 Awards

The Head Coach's Adorable Puppies



Ok... I think that takes care of all the absolutely essential stuff...