

## DEAR HIGH SCHOOL FORENSICS COACH:

We're so excited to invite you to the first ever Bethel High School Invitational. The date for this year's tournament is **February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020**. Please read the invitation carefully.

### Events:

- **POI:** A scripted program using one or more pieces of prose **AND/OR** one or more pieces of poetry and/or drama around a theme. Author(s), title(s), and theme must be stated. Time: eight (10) minutes with 30 seconds grace.
- **INFORMATIVE:** A speech to inform. No more than 150 quoted words may be used. Visual aids may be used and notes may be used. Time: ten (10) minutes with 30 seconds grace.
- **ORATORY:** A speech to persuade. No more than 150 quoted words may be used. Time: ten minutes (10) minutes with 30 seconds grace.
- **DUAL INTERP:** Contestants may choose their material from prose, poetry, or drama. Contestants may use one or more selections. Delivery must be from memory; props, costumes, and make-up are not permitted. Time: ten (10) minutes with 30 seconds grace.
- **MEMORIZED INTERP:** A serious or humorous program of one or more selections of prose, poetry, or drama. Presentation must be from memory. Props, costumes, make-up are not permitted. Time: ten (10) minutes. Please indicate if the student is dramatic or humorous. We will split into two events if the entries warrant it. Time limit is 10 minutes with 30 seconds grace.
- **EXTEMPORANEOUS:** Thirty minutes before speaking time, each speaker will select a topic from a choice of four. Questions will be based on current events of the last three months. Speaker will be expected to organize and analyze material relevant to the subject area and answer the chosen question. One note card for novices only is permitted. Time: seven minutes (7) maximum, with thirty seconds (30) grace.
- **STORY BOOK INTERP:** The contestant is asked to read a child's storybook of his/her choice. The contestant will be seated and must have the book in hand. Display of the book's pictures or characters rests with the contestant. Time: five (5) minutes with 30 seconds grace.
- **IMPROMPTU:** The contestants will be given a choice of topics (a word, a quotation, a current event). The student will choose a topic and have six minutes to prepare and speak on the chosen topic. Time may be used in any manner the speaker chooses (example-2 minutes prep and 4 speaking or 4 minutes prep and 2 minutes speaking). Time: six (6) minutes with 30 seconds grace.
- **SPONTANEOUS ARGUMENT (SPAR):** Students will draw two topics and choose one to debate with minimal preparation. They will be topics that can be debated based on common knowledge. Debaters will be judged on the quality of their argumentation and presentation.
- **BIG QUESTIONS DEBATE: *The topic is Resolved: Objective morality exists.*** It can be entered in teams or individuals. Go to <https://www.speechanddebate.org/resources/?tag=big-questions> for more information about this event and format. There is an evidence packet, sample cases and everything else needed to prepare.

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION/TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES

**Make checks payable to Bethel High School ASB.**

*School Fee: \$30*

*IE Fee: \$10 for individual and \$15 for pair*

*BQD: \$15 per entry (pair or individual)*

Please contact Jodi Williams at [jwilliams@bethelsd.org](mailto:jwilliams@bethelsd.org) or (253) 683-7082 with any questions!

**All registrations are due February 5th! All registration will be done through [www.tabroom.com](http://www.tabroom.com). Please email us with any questions!**

Fees will be assessed at 2pm on February 5th. Any drops after that time will be included in the fees. Please notify us of drops as soon as you know of them. Any changes after the 5th should be emailed to [sfrady@bethelsd.org](mailto:sfrady@bethelsd.org).

**JUDGING:** One judge is required for each 5 IE's entered. One student doing two events counts as two contestants. A Dual Interp pair is counted as one entry. Schools may provide senior division students to judge as long as they are not competing. Please ensure that judges have a device to submit electronic ballots.

**LIMITATIONS:** Each school is limited to a total 20 individual event entries. One student doing two events is counted as two toward the 20-entry limit. A dual interp pair is counted as one entry. However, a school may enter additional squads if they pay an additional school fee of \$30.00.

**DIVISIONS:** IEs and Big Questions are open for all contestants, regardless of prior experience. There will not be a novice and open division.

**AWARDS:** Awards will be given to all finalists in Individual Events and breaking students in Big Questions.

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### Schedule

Please read carefully! We want this to go smoothly and run on time (or dare we say...early!).

February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (Saturday)

7:30	Registration in Library
8:30	IE Round 1
10:00	Big Questions Round 1
11:30	IE Round 2
1:00	Big Questions Round 2
2:30	IE Round 3
4:00	Big Questions Round 3
5:30	IE Finals
7:00	Big Questions Finals
8:30	Awards