

The **Shrewsbury Oak and Sherwood Middle School Speech Teams**  
cordially invite you to attend a Middle School Forensics Festival  
on **Sunday, January 26, 2020** (snow date: February 2, 2020)  
at Oak Middle School, **45 Oak Street** Shrewsbury MA 01545

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Students may not use material they have presented in a contest prior to this academic year.

**Registration:** Onsite registration will be near the Oak Middle School auditorium. Students will leave their belongings in the Oak Middle School cafeteria before warming up in nearby classrooms.

**Breakfast:** Breakfast items will be available for purchase in the Oak Middle School cafeteria and must be eaten there.

**Tentative Schedule:**

8:00 - Registration (outside Oak auditorium)

8:30 - Judges Meeting (Oak cafeteria)

8:45 - Student Meeting (Oak auditorium)

9:15 - Round 1

10:30 - Round 2

11:45 - Round 3

Lunch Break

1:45 - Final Round Announcements (Oak auditorium)

2:00 - Final Rounds

4:00 - Awards Ceremony (Oak auditorium)

**Facilities:** The tournament will be conducted in both Oak Middle School and Sherwood Middle School. The buildings are on the same campus and separated by a relatively short walk. Rounds will be scheduled so that all preliminary rounds for a category are in the same building: single-entered students will not need to change buildings between rounds.

Preliminary round schedules for all students will be posted in both Oak and Sherwood. Which categories are assigned to which buildings will be given at onsite registration.

All students will return to the Oak auditorium after the lunch break for the announcement of final rounds. EVERY STUDENT MUST WATCH A FINAL ROUND.

**Double Entry:** Double-entry is allowed ONLY for well-grounded upper class students (no novices!) Double-entered students should be prepared to be competing in both Oak and Sherwood in the same round.

**Lunch and Refreshments:** There will be a wide variety of lunch items, snacks and beverages sold throughout the day in the Oak cafeteria. Food will only be available in Oak. Food must be eaten in the Oak cafeteria.

**Supervision:** Each school MUST have at least one adult in each building in which they have even one student competing during all preliminary rounds.

**Awards:** Trophies will be awarded to the top eight finishers in each category. Ribbons will be awarded to honorable mentions as standings dictate.

**Judges: One judge for every five entries, or fraction thereof, is required.**

One duo pair equals one entry. Parent, teachers, or other interested adults may serve as judges. High school students who have experience in speech are also welcome to judge. Electronic tabulation will be used via Tabroom.com; judges are expected to have a suitable device (preferably a tablet or a laptop) for judging. Computers will be available in the media center for editing comments.

Teams are also expected to provide supervision of students at all times.

**Fees:** Student fee - \$7 per solo student entry & \$14 per duo. Checks payable to "Shrewsbury Middle School Speech." Schools are required to be members of the Massachusetts Middle School Speech League.

**Entries and entry fees are considered final as of 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Schools remain responsible for judges and entry fees at that point.**

**NO ADDITIONAL ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE CLOSE OF ONLINE REGISTRATION.**

**Registration Information:** Registration will be through [www.tabroom.com](http://www.tabroom.com).

Follow these steps to register at this site:

Select league (MMSSL)

Log in or create new account (easy and free)

Enter student roster BEFORE registering for the tournament.

Register for Shrewsbury Middle School Tournament 2020.

Please address any registration questions to Craig Powers at [craig.powers@gmail.com](mailto:craig.powers@gmail.com).

The system will allow you to print an INVOICE and your complete registration WITH CODE NUMBERS before you arrive at the tournament. We encourage you to do this! **Students should arrive at the tournament knowing their code numbers!**

**Registration is due by 9:00PM on Wednesday January 22.**

**The Morning of the Tournament Telephone Number is 574-309-6799.**

**Please!** Every team should contact Craig Powers via text message or in person prior to 8:30 am to report drops or to indicate no change in registration.