Dear AA coaches,

Bozeman High School is pleased to invite you to the Montana State Speech and Debate Tournament, which will be held January 31-February 1, 2020 at Bozeman High School (205 N. 11th Ave.)

Since this is the state tournament, please review the MHSA 2019-2020 Forensics and Drama Booklet. Please pay special attention to manuscript requirements, timing procedures and all other rules. Remember there is no novice debate.

I have shared the State Program with you via Google Drive (please send me a valid gmail account if the email I have for you is not one) so that you can update school, coach, and competitor information in it. I’ve been told by my print shop that I need to get them the booklet by the morning of Monday, Jan. 20, if I want it in time for the meet, so please have everything accurate in that document by 8AM on Monday, January 20.  Make sure you list all the coaches you would like to include in the program. However, please let Adam Thane know via email which coaches will actually be attending, what events they coach, and what their tabbing preferences are via email as soon as you can.

For actual registration and tabulation, we’ll be utilizing Tabroom.com, so please register in the usual way on that site as well. Please do have an as-accurate-as-possible entry on the site by Monday the 20th at 8AM as well so that we can ensure all judging needs are well covered. Drops and adds will be accepted on Tabroom until Friday, January 31 at 8am without penalty (but they will not be reflected in the State Program). Drops and adds after that should be reported to Adam Thane (adam.thane@bsd7org) and will be charged a drop fee of $5 and will, again, not be reflected in the program. Please confirm your registration to Adam Thane by email or text (406-579-5225) between 8am and 11am on Friday, January 27.

Each school will be charged a $35 school registration and a $5 fee per entry.

Debate Schedule:  Friday at 4pm, 6pm, 8pm, Saturday at 8am, 10am, noon (octafinals),, 2pm (quarterfinals), 4pm (semifinals), 6pm (finals)

Speech and Legislative Debate Schedule:  Friday at 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, Saturday at 8:30, 10:30, 1:30pm (semifinals), 4:00pm (finals). Extemp draw will take place one half hour before the round in the Berg Library. Remember, communication among contestants during prep time is strictly prohibited. Coaches will be assigned to monitor the prep areas.

Awards will take place in the Main Gym after debate finals.

Full concessions will not be offered, as there are numerous restaurants within walking distance. The BHS Deca Store will also be open in the upstairs hallway opposite the Berg Library.

The tab room will be in the Old Library.  Coaches only, please.