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TO: Debate/Forensics Coaches
RE: McAlester High School Speech & Debate Tournament

The students of the McAlester High School Competitive Speech & Drama team are pleased to invite you to the McAlester High School Speech & Debate Tournament on February 21-22, 2020, at McAlester High School. We will be hosting all classes: 3A, 4A, 5A, 6A, Novice, and Champs. This will be a qualifying tournament and will be run according to the rules set forth by the O.S.S.A.A. (Please see the speech manual for more information). We will offer all sanctioned events. Debate will be held on Friday and I.E. events will be held on Saturday.

Registration will take place in the Lucy Smith Student Activity Center, the first building as you enter our campus. The school, located at 1 Buffalo Dr, is off of E Van Buren Ave. in McAlester. For Friday, please note that school does not let out until 3:23 pm and I must tell you that our school has recently closed our back entrance and exit so there is only one way in and one way out. This has caused our traffic to be intense. I have been told that people start lining up around 3pm. So, if you want to come early to avoid that, you can drop off in front of the Smith Center and then please park in the furthest west parking lot in front of our fine arts building. There is room in the activity center to hold students until our classes are out for the day.

Friday, Feb. 21: Registration 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.

Debate rounds begin at 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 22: Registration for I.E.'s 7:30 – 8:00 a.m.

I.E. Rounds begin at 8:00 a.m.

Awards assembly to follow final round

A more detailed schedule will be sent to all coaches Thursday after final registration has been completed. More information about the tournament is listed below. Please feel free to contact me at the included number or email if you have any questions or concerns. We hope that you will consider joining us!

Sincerely,
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MCALESTER HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH & DEBATE TOURNAMENT

February 21-22, 2020

MCALESTER HIGH SCHOOL

1 BUFFALO DRIVE, MCALESTER, OK 74501

Entries: We are trying TAB ROOM for the FIRST TIME! Wait! We are trying EVERYTHING for the first time!

Entry Confirmation: If you do not receive your entry confirmation and revised schedule by Thursday February 20, please contact me!

Cost: The cost is \$3 for each individual event, \$6 for duets, \$5 for LD, and \$10 for CX/PF.

Deadline: Entries are due by Monday February 17 at 5 pm. Your entry fee will be calculated at this time. If you are unable to enter by this time, please let us know your entry will be delayed before February 17 at 5 pm. No entry will be accepted after Wednesday at 4 pm.

Drops/Adds: There will be a \$5 fee for each event dropped or added after Wednesday at 4 pm.
CX/LD Drop Fees: \$25 will be added after 9:00 a.m. the day of the tournament, and \$50 will be added for drops at registration, no shows, or forfeits.

I.E. Drop Fees: \$20 will be added for drops reported at registration and \$25 will be added for no shows.

Payment: Payment will be due at registration. A school purchase order will be accepted. Please make checks payable to MHS Theatre.

Invoices: These will be mailed to your school the week after the tournament.

Awards: Medals will be awarded to the top three places in individual events and in debate. Sweepstakes trophies will also be awarded to the top three teams in each classification.

Judges: Judge Lists are due by Wednesday at 4 p.m. Judge requirements are as follows:

One (1) IE Judge per twelve (12) individual event entries

One (1) LD Judge per four (4) LD debate entries

One (1) CX Judge per two (2) CX debate entries

One (1) PFD Judge per four (4) PFD entries

The missing judge fee is \$25. I would certainly rather have your judges than your money.

PLEASE NOTE: We have no built-in former CX/LD judges. It is especially important that you meet the requirements of debate judges. We appreciate your help with this.

Tab Room: Tab room results will be open to coaches only. Preliminary ballots will be available in the coach's lounge as soon as they are available.

Concessions: A lounge for coaches and judges will be available. Concessions for students will be available at all times in the Lucy Smith Student Activity Center. Our school is **not** located within walking distance of any fast food places/restaurants. We will have meal deals and plenty of options for your team. We would appreciate it if you would encourage your students to support our concessions as this is a fundraiser for our program.

Accommodations: There are many hotels within close proximity to our school. As well as many local restaurants. If you need help finding accommodations please let me know!

General Rules/Reminders: I am sure that our student handbook looks much like yours. I would just remind everyone that this is a tobacco free campus. There will be no food or drinks allowed in the classrooms as per our school policy. Students should not enter a classroom until a judge arrives. Students are not to be in any room not being used for the tournament.

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