

Dear Advisor,

Cold Spring Harbor High School's Speech and Debate Team is pleased to invite you to the New York State Speech Elimination tournament, to be held on Saturday, February 1, 2020, at Cold Spring Harbor High School. You should register online at www.tabroom.com . Please follow the instructions posted there. If there is a problem, please send an e-mail to jmcgrory@chaminade-hs.org . Registration is due at 9 pm on Wed, Jan 29.

Events: Original Oratory, Varsity and JV Extemporaneous Speaking, Varsity and JV Oral Interpretation, Declamation, Humorous Interpretation, Dramatic Interpretation, and Duo Interpretation, and Program of Oral Interpretation.

Speakers may double enter in any event. Since a speaker may only qualify in one event at the State Elimination tournament, any speakers who reach the final rounds in two events must declare their preferences before the final rounds begin. Speakers will not be given any information regarding their standing in the rounds or the standing of their teammates. If the speaker should qualify in both events, the speaker will keep the qualification in the preferred event and drop the other qualification. That qualification will drop to the next speaker in the final round. If the speaker should only qualify in one event, the speaker will keep that qualification.

Judges: Each school must provide one judge for each five speakers or a fraction thereof (one Duo Interp team counts as one speaker). **Seniors may not judge.** As you know, we will be using e balloting for speech at the State Tournament. While we will have paper ballots, we would prefer use of electronic balloting. Please bring a laptop or a tablet to judge.

Lunch: Coaches and judges will be the guests of Cold Spring Harbor High School. Lunch will be sold to students.

Registration: Register between 8:15 and 8:45 Saturday morning.

Students who do qualify at the Speech Elimination Tournament are expected to attend States in the speech category. Speakers may NOT compete in an event in which they have prequalified for States. If a student has already prequalified for States, State Elims MAY NOT be used to secure a second qualification. If a student qualifies at the State Elimination Tournament, the student may ONLY compete in that category at States.

We look forward to seeing you on the 1st.

Sincerely,

Michael Andrews

Coach