



February 3, 2020

Dear Colleague:

I am pleased to invite your school to participate in The Pike School ***Stand Up for Speech*** Tournament on **Sunday, March 1, 2020** at The Pike School, 34 Sunset Rock Road, Andover, MA, 01810.

Competition is open to students in grades six through eight. Dual entry for novice and experienced students is allowed. There will be three rounds with a single judge in each section, plus a final round for the top eight competitors in each event. **We will have one “fling” round between the preliminary rounds and final round.** Please see information below.

If you plan on bringing more than 40 students, please contact me at evenetiou@pikeschool.org.

Judges

Schools must furnish one judge for every *five* entries (note: one duo pair equals a single entry when calculating your judge quota). Parents, teachers and high school students who have experience in speech may serve as judges.

- [Judging resources](#) are available to everyone on the Massachusetts Middle School Speech League (MMSSL) web site.
- Please email me at evenetiou@pikeschool.org if your school has someone who would like to judge the Big Questions Debate fling round.

Fling round

The Pike School ***Stand Up for Speech*** Tournament will have **one optional** “fling” round with two events in between the preliminary rounds and the final round. Students may enter in *either* Original Literature or Big Questions Debate.

- [Resources for Big Questions Debate](#) can be found on the National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA) web site. The Big Questions Debate resolution is: *Objective morality exists*. Big Questions Debate teams can be a single student or a pair of students.

- [An event description and ballot regarding Original Literature](#) can be found on the Massachusetts Middle School Speech League (MMSSL) web site. Original Literature can be performed by one or two students.

Please email me at evenetiou@pikeschool.org with any questions. For emergencies on the day of the event, you can text or call me at 928-863-0000.

Looking forward to a great tournament!

Sincerely,

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SCHEDULE

- 8:00 A.M. Registration. Check in table by the front door. Students may go to the Cafeteria. Breakfast foods available for purchase. Students can warm-up in an empty class room with adult present.
- 8:45 Judges meet in the Library. Students meet in the Cafeteria.
- 9:30 Round I All Events
Start TBA Round II All Events
Start TBA Round III All Events
Lunch Pizza and snacks available for purchase in the Cafeteria.
- 12:30 Optional “fling” round: Students may entire **either** Original Literature or Debate.
- 1:30 Finals: Top eight competitors in each event.
- 3:15 Awards in the Theater

EVENTS:

Children’s Literature	Free Verse/Poetry
Declamation	Impromptu
Demonstration	Original Oratory
Dramatic Performance	Prose
Duo	Storytelling

JUDGES:

Each school must provide at one judge per *five* entries.

FEES

\$7 per solo student entry; \$14 per duo. \$3 per fling round entry for either Original Literature or Big Questions Debate. Checks payable to The Pike School.

DEADLINE: Competitors must be registered on Tabroom.com by *Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 9:00 p.m.* Fees and the number of judges from your school are considered final at that time.

PARKING: The parking lot at Pike is small. If you are able to carpool it may save you the need to park off site.

GENDER-NEUTRAL BATHROOMS: There are gender-neutral bathrooms on the first and second floor of the Upper School.

PRAYER ROOM: A room will be designated for prayer on the day of the tournament.

SUSTAINABILITY: Pike practices sustainability. Please bring a refillable water bottle. There are water fountains throughout the school No bottled beverages will be available for sale.