



2021 Cavalier Invitational
Tournament Packet



January 14, 2021

Dear Coaches, Judges, Parents & Competitors:

The Durham Academy Speech & Debate team cordially welcomes you to the 7th Annual Cavalier Invitational. We try to offer you and your students not only an outstanding academic competition, but also a pleasant tournament experience. Rest assured the 7th edition of the Cavalier Invitational will be the best installment yet.

Please note:

- The tournament offers **six preliminary rounds in all divisions of Lincoln-Douglas and Public Forum Debate**. There will be four preliminary rounds in Cross-Examination Debate. We will break all winning records.
- The tournament offers **four preliminary rounds in all speech events**. We will advance the most number of students reasonable. For events with 60 or more competitors, we will clear to a Quarterfinal Round. For events with 24 or more competitors, we will break to a Semifinal Round. For events with less than 24 competitors, we will clear to a Final Round.
- Designated as a University of Kentucky **Tournament of Champions qualifying tournaments** at the following levels:
 - o Public Forum Debate – Quarterfinals
 - o Lincoln Douglas Debate – Semifinals
 - o Congressional Debate – Top 16
 - o Speech Events:
 - Events with equal to or less than 24 competitors – Top 3 Students
 - Events with more than 24 competitors – All Finalists

Please read this packet carefully in that it contains new and important information that will affect all of those attending the tournament. A common theme of this invitation, based on the language and implicit assumptions therein, is that you are a guest of Durham Academy and its coaching staff and, by attending the tournament, you are agreeing to adhere to our guidelines as a condition of participation in the Cavalier Invitational.

We look forward to welcoming you to our campus!

Crawford Leavoy ,
Director of Speech & Debate
Durham Academy



2021 Cavalier Invitational Tournament Personnel

Tournament Director.....Crawford Leavoy, Durham Academy (NC)

Student Tournament Director.....Gavin Schulz ('21)

2021 Tabulation Staff

Lincoln Douglas Debate.....Nathan Johnston, Battle Ground Academy (TN)
Jenn Melin (TX)

Public Forum Debate.....Chase Williams, Taipei American School (Taiwan)
Aly Fiebrantz, NSU University School (FL)

Cross Examination Debate.....Chris Vincent, Isidore Newman School (LA)

Individual Events.....Brittanie McNeil, Massey Hill Classical HS (NC)
Harry Strong, The Potomac School (VA)
Mario Herrera, Henry W Grady/Midtown HS (GA)

Congressional DebateMichelle Boswell, Cumberland Polytechnic HS (NC)
Keith Pittman, Asheville HS (NC)

Extemporaneous Speaking Prep Room.....Chris Harrow, Ardrey Kell HS (NC)
Yatesh Singh, Lakeville North HS (MN)

Robert Sheard Excellence in Coaching Award

In 2016, the Durham Academy Speech & Debate Team established the Robert Sheard Excellence in Coaching Award. This award was established to recognize a coach at the tournament, who demonstrated continual success throughout their career in speech and debate. In addition to their success, we strive to recognize community members that strive to serve beyond their team.

The recipient should be someone with not only a strong commitment to their team(s), but a strong commitment to speech and debate.

2016.....Robert Sheard, NSU University School (FL) (*Retired*)
2017.....Shannon Jarman, Cumberland International Early College HS (NC)
2018.....Harry Strong, The Potomac School (VA)
2019.....Alexandra Sencer, The Collegiate School (NY)
Keith Pittman, Asheville HS (NC)
2020.....Helen Freeman, Huntington HS (WV)
Jonathan Peele, Charlotte Latin School (NC)
2021.....*Announced Prior to Elimination Rounds*



DURHAM ACADEMY

Schools in Attendance

Taiwan.....Taipei American School

Alabama.....Loveless Academic Magnet Program

Mountain Brook HS

Ramsay HS/SpeakFirst

Vestavia Hills HS

Altamont School

Arkansas.....Russellville HS

Arizona.....Desert Vista HS

Mountain View HS

California.....Dublin HS

Leland HS

San Mateo HS

Westview HS

Colorado.....George Washington HS

Smoky Hill HS

District of Columbia.....National Cathedral School

Florida.....Lake Highland Preparatory School

Lake Mary Prep

NSU University School

Nova HS

Our Lady of Lourdes Academy

Pine View School

Ransom Everglades HS

Trinity Preparatory School

West Broward HS

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Schools in Attendance (Continued)

Georgia.....	Carrollton HS Henry W Grady HS/Midtown HS Marist School Northview HS Sequoyah HS
Iowa.....	Iowa City West HS John F Kennedy HS
Illinois.....	Adlai E Stevenson HS Naperville North HS
Louisiana.....	Caddo Magnet HS Isidore Newman School
Massachusetts.....	Acton-Boxborough Regional HS Lexington HS Sharon HS
Maryland.....	Bethesda Chevy Chase HS Catonsville HS Loyola Blakefield Montgomery Blair HS Winston Churchill HS
Minnesota.....	Lakeville North HS
Mississippi.....	Jackson Preparatory School
Nebraska.....	Lincoln East HS Millard North HS

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Schools in Attendance (Continued)

New Jersey.....	Bergen County Academies Millburn HS Ridge HS
New Mexico.....	Albuquerque Academy
New York.....	Brooklyn Technical HS Hackley School Loyola School Poly Prep Country Day Syosset HS The Bronx HS of Science The Dalton School
North Carolina.....	Ardrey Kell HS Asheville HS Cape Fear Academy Carolina Day School Cary Academy Cary HS Charlotte Catholic HS Charlotte Latin School Cumberland International Early College HS Cumberland Polytechnic HS Massey Hill Classical HS Myers Park HS North Mecklenburg HS Providence HS Thales Academy - Roseville William G. Enloe HS
North Dakota.....	West Fargo Sheyenne HS

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Schools in Attendance (Continued)

Ohio.....	Hawken School Solon HS University School
Pennsylvania.....	Strath Haven HS Unionville HS
Tennessee.....	Battle Ground Academy
Texas.....	Cinco Ranch HS Northland Christian School Plano West Senior HS Saint Mary's Hall Seven Lakes HS
Virginia.....	Blacksburg HS Charles J Colgan HS Colonial Forge HS James River HS The Potomac School
West Virginia.....	Huntington HS



Tournament Registration, Judging & Protest Guidelines

Registration:

- ***For teams that have paid their fees***, electronic registration will be available. Teams should only register once they have confirmed their entry is correct.

- ***For teams that still need to pay their fees***, registration will take place in the Friday from Noon to 3PM via Zoom. **Only a coach needs to attend to confirm the entry and pay their fees.** Continue to login and change Tabroom in order of for your entry to stay up to date until we turn off your privileges. After that we appreciate text messages and emails letting us know that changes need to be made.

Judging: We know that you value having qualified judges in all events; please help us ensure the quality of our judging pool by bringing only trained judges to the tournament. Please do not enter any judges who are unsure of how to judge events or are not qualified. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SCHOOL, NOT THE TOURNAMENT TO TRAIN JUDGES. **The tab room reserves the right to fine your school if a judge has to be removed from the pool because they are uncomfortable, unable and/or unwilling to judge.**

Judge Fines: Schools will be assessed a \$50 fee for each round missed by a judge in a preliminary round. Judges who miss an elimination round ballot will be assessed a \$100 fee.

Protests: Although we never hope for protests, we do plan accordingly.

For **evidence and ethics challenges** in Debate Events, all protests are handled in round and are not appealable to the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director can only help the judge in understanding the process, not in making a decision.

For **equity, harassment or discrimination complaints**, all complaints are to be brought to the Tournament Director. They will be handled by a collaboration between the Tournament Director and the Durham Academy administration.

All other protests, complaints or challenges are to be brought to the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director reserves the right to appoint an Ombudsperson for the tournament to handle complaints and protests.

Protests are filed with the Tournament Director or official ombudsperson on duty. The tournament will provide a form on Tabroom.com where protests are to be filed. Protests may only be filed by a coach of record for the school, and must be filed in a timely manner. No protests will be accepted after the next round is paired, released, and started.

Decisions of the Ombudsperson or Tournament Director are final and are not appealable.

Event rules are listed in this manual for convenience. However, for all events except Oratorical Declamation and Oral Interpretation of Literature, the NSDA rules will be the final authority on a matter. For Oral Interpretation of Literature, the NCFL rules concerning DEC and OI will have final authority in the matter.



Tournament Guidelines for Debate Divisions

1. Lincoln-Douglas debate will use the 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 format. Public Forum debate will use the 4-4-3-4-4-3-3-3-2--2 format. Cross Examination debate will use the 8-3-8-3-8-3-8-3-5-5-5-5 format.
2. A 4-minute preparation rule will be enforced in Lincoln-Douglas. 3-minutes of preparation time will be enforced in Public Forum. 8 minutes of preparation time will be enforced in Cross Examination debate.
3. Debaters in Public Forum debate will use the NSDA January topic. Procedures for the debate will follow NSDA guidelines: Prior to the round, Tabroom.com will automatically decide the winner of the coin flip. The team that wins the flip has 5 minutes to choose one of two options: EITHER the side of the topic they wish to defend OR the speaking position they wish to have (begin the debate or end the debate). Once the coin toss winners select their favored option, the other team has 5 minutes to make a choice with the remaining option.
4. Time has been allotted in the schedule for screen breaks and for meals. Please use your time wisely throughout the tournament to take care of yourself.
5. Despite the virtual nature of the Cavalier Invitational, students and judges ought not partake in the use of tobacco (vape included), alcohol or drugs while participating in the tournament. Students, Judges and/or Coaches violating this directive risk disqualification from the tournament.
6. All teams with a 4-2 or better record will break in both Lincoln-Douglas and Public Forum debate. All teams with a 3-1 or better record will break in Cross Examination debate. No speaker awards are distributed at the Cavalier Invitational.
7. Power matching will occur at the end of Round 2 in all debate divisions. The Cavalier Invitational will never lag power debate nor power any round high/high. Each round will be power matched high/low within brackets. If we have to pull teams up, the computer will make those decisions. The presets will be randomly assigned by the computer.
8. Elimination Round participants will be determined in the following order: Ballots, H2H, Opp Wins, Drop H/L pts, Total pts, J. Var
9. Schematics for Round One will be available online at 8:30AM on Saturday.
1. Judges are required to serve to the first full elimination round or one round after their last team has been eliminated. Failure to comply with this will result in additional judge fines and denial of future entry in the Cavalier Invitational. Missing preliminary assignments will result in a fine of \$50. Missing elimination assignments will result in a fine of \$100. Repetitive absences or tardiness may prevent your school from receiving future invitations to the tournament and being assessed a missing judge fee of \$500. Hired judges are expected to stay until released by the Tournament Director. Each student deserves the best judging possible and this can only occur if everyone reports to the rounds assigned.
10. All debate ballots will be distributed electronically via Tabroom. Decision times will be notated on the ballot in both LD and PF.
11. Students not present ten minutes after the posted start time are eligible for forfeiture. Only the Tab Room can declare a forfeiture. No judge can declare a forfeiture.
12. Do not forget to give points to each debater in the round. You must give a decision in each round on your ballot. All debates must have one winner and one loser. Please check "low point win" if higher points are given to a losing team. Do not give points lower than 20 in any debate. The tab room will raise points to 20 if you forget. Tenth points for speaker points are allowed in VLD. Half points for speaker points are allowed in all other divisions

Tournament Guidelines for Debate Divisions (continued)

13. We encourage disclosure of decisions and discussion of all debates within reason after the round. Please keep us on time. If your discussion is going on too long, you will be stopped.
14. Judges not scheduled for a particular round should report to the Judges' Lounge. Not being initially scheduled does not translate into having no obligation for that particular round. Missing a stand-by assignment carries the same penalty as missing a published assignment. You will be released by the Tab Staff once all judges have checked in to their rounds and debates have begun.
15. For all debate events, use of laptop computers, tablet computers, smart phones and other electronic devices able to access the internet are permitted during events. The use of computers during debates is permitted for both flowing and research purposes including retrieval of evidence stored on hard drives and accessing resources via the internet. Students should not attempt to use electronic devices to initiate or respond to contact with outside parties during a debate. The penalty for violation of this rule is loss of the debate in question and zero speaker points assigned to the offending debater. This rule recommends, but does not require, that all text messaging devices and cell phones be turned off during debates. It is meant to restrict the debaters from initiating or responding to any outside contact during a debate round. Example: A student's cell phone ringing during a debate would not violate the rule. A student calling, emailing, chatting text messaging or responding to any contact from their coach during a debate would violate this rule.
16. More explanations of event rules and tournament procedures can be found in the Tournament Invitation located on www.tabroom.com



Lincoln-Douglas Debate Schedule

All times listed in Eastern Standard

Friday, January 15th, 2021

5:00 PM	Pairings Released for all Debate Events	Tabroom.com
5:30 PM	Round 1 - Preset	NSDA Campus
7:30 PM	Round 2 – Preset	NSDA Campus

Saturday, January 16th, 2021

8:30 AM	Pairings Released for all Debate Events	Tabroom.com
9:00 AM	Round 3 – Powered High/Low	NSDA Campus
11:00AM	Round 4 – Powered High/Low	NSDA Campus
2:00 PM	Round 5 – Powered High/Low	NSDA Campus
4:00 PM	Round 6 – Powered High/Low	NSDA Campus
6:00 PM	Partial Double-Octafinals (VLD)	NSDA Campus
	Partial Semifinals (JVLD)	NSDA Campus
	Partial Quarterfinals (NLD)	NSDA Campus

Sunday, January 19th, 2020

8:30 AM	Pairings Released for all Debate Events	Tabroom.com
9:00 AM	Octafinals (VLD)	NSDA Campus
	Semifinals (NLD)	NSDA Campus
	Finals(JVLD)	NSDA Campus
11:00AM	Quarterfinals (VLD)	NSDA Campus
	Finals (NLD)	NSDA Campus
2:00 PM	Semifinals (VLD)	NSDA Campus
4:00 PM	Finals (VLD)	NSDA Campus



Cross-Examination Debate Schedule

All times listed in Eastern Standard

Friday, January 15th, 2021

5:30 PM	Pairings Released for all Debate Events	Tabroom.com
6:00 PM	Round 1 - Preset	NSDA Campus

Saturday, January 16th, 2021

8:30 AM	Pairings Released for all Debate Events	Tabroom.com
9:00 AM	Round 2 – Preset	NSDA Campus
11:30 AM	Round 3 – Powered High/Low	NSDA Campus
2:00 PM	Round 4 – Powered High/Low	NSDA Campus
4:30 PM	Partial Semifinals	NSDA Campus
7:30 PM	Finals	NSDA Campus



Public Forum Debate Schedule
All times listed in Eastern Standard

Friday, January 15th, 2021

5:00 PM	Pairings Released for all Debate Events	Tabroom.com
5:30 PM	Round 1 - Preset	NSDA Campus
7:30 PM	Round 2 – Preset	NSDA Campus

Saturday, January 16th, 2021

8:30 AM	Pairings Released for all Debate Events	Tabroom.com
9:00 AM	Round 3 – Powered High/Low	NSDA Campus
11:00AM	Round 4 – Powered High/Low	NSDA Campus
2:00 PM	Round 5 – Powered High/Low	NSDA Campus
4:00 PM	Round 6 – Powered High/Low	NSDA Campus
6:00 PM	Partial Triples-Octafinals (VPF)	NSDA Campus
	Partial Quarterfinals (JVPF)	NSDA Campus
	Partial Octafinals (NPF)	NSDA Campus

Sunday, January 19th, 2020

8:30 AM	Pairings Released for all Debate Events	Tabroom.com
9:00 AM	Double-Octafinals (VPF)	NSDA Campus
	Semifinals (JVPF)	NSDA Campus
	Quarterfinals (NPF)	NSDA Campus
11:00AM	Octafinals (VPF)	NSDA Campus
	Finals (JVPF)	NSDA Campus
	Quarterfinals (NPF)	NSDA Campus
2:00 PM	Quarterfinals (VPF)	NSDA Campus
	Semifinals (NPF)	NSDA Campus
4:00 PM	Semifinals (VPF)	NSDA Campus
	Finals (NPF)	NSDA Campus
6:00 PM	Finals (VPF)	NSDA Campus



Individual Events Tournament Guidelines

1. NSDA rules will be used for all events except for Oratorical Declamation & Oral Interpretation of Literature. NCFL rules will be used for Oratorical Declamation & Oral Interpretation of Literature.
2. Time limits for DEC, HI, DI, POI, OI, OO, and INF will be 10 minutes maximum. The time limit for EXT and IMP are 7 minutes. Contestants should clarify with the judge how time signals will be given in the round. Contestants are permitted and encouraged to time themselves since lag does cause confusion at times.
3. Time has been allotted in the schedule for screen breaks and for meals. Please use your time wisely throughout the tournament to take care of yourself.
4. Despite the virtual nature of the Cavalier Invitational, students and judges ought not partake in the use of tobacco (vape included), alcohol or drugs while participating in the tournament. Students, Judges and/or Coaches violating this directive risk disqualification from the tournament.
5. Between 20 and 28 (inclusive) competitors will advance to the Quarterfinals based on cumulative ranks in events that have more than 60 entries. Between 12 and 14 (inclusive) competitors will advance to the Semifinals based on cumulative ranks in events that have more than 24 entries. In events with less than 24 entries, between 6 and 7 (inclusive) competitors will advance to Finals based off of cumulative ranks.
6. Schematics for Round One will be available on Tabroom.com at 8:30AM. Please be prepared to move to rounds immediately after the schematics are distributed. We reserve the right to move the schedule forward or backwards as needed to guarantee the smooth running of the tournament.
7. The Extemporaneous Speaking Preparation Room will be conducted via Zoom. We will be following the pilot NSDA guidelines and rules in regards to the use of laptops and internet in the prep room.
8. Coaches & school judges should be available for all prelims and elims. Missing preliminary assignments will result in a fine of \$50. Missing elimination assignments will result in a fine of \$100. Repetitive absences or tardiness may prevent your school from receiving future invitations to the tournament and being assessed a missing judge fee of \$500. Hired judges are expected to stay until released by the Tournament Director. Each student deserves the best judging possible and this can only occur if everyone reports to the rounds assigned.
9. All speech ballots will be distributed electronically via Tabroom. All judges should report for their room at least ten minutes in advance of the start. If a replacement is needed, the computer will select a judge, and they will be notified electronically.
10. At the end of each round, ballots should be submitted electronically via Tabroom. No oral critiques are permitted in Individual Events at the Cavalier Invitational. Ballots will be made available online after the tournament. Coaches wishing to review a ballot may make that request to the Tournament Director.
11. Please do not delay in going to your round. The tournament will stay on schedule only if your rounds start on time. Hopefully, a reasonable amount of time has been built into the schedule this year; do not abuse it. Remember that many students are double-entered. Be reasonable with these contestants.
12. Please understand that because so many students are cross-entered in two or three events that are scheduled to take place at the same time, it was extremely difficult for the computer to place them in totally satisfactory speaker positions. In some instances, a student in two events is scheduled at the same time may be first speaker in one event and third or fourth speaker in another. Tell your cross-entered students during a particular time slot to go to the rooms and check in via the chat and then return to where they are to perform first. Then return to their other event(s).
13. Students should be sure that each judge knows their names when they perform. If there are no-shows or the performance order gets confused somehow, judges can mix up names on ballots.



Individual Events Schedule
All times listed in Eastern Standard

Friday, January 15th, 2021

All Day	Tech Checks	NSDA Campus
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Saturday, January 16th, 2021

8:30AM	Pairings Released in All Events	Tabroom.com
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9:00AM	Round 1 – Pattern A Speech Events	NSDA Campus
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10:30AM	Round 1 – Extemp Draw	
11:00AM	Round 1 – Pattern B Speech Events	NSDA Campus

1:00PM	Round 2 – Pattern A Speech Events	NSDA Campus
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2:30PM	Round 2 – Extemp Draw	
3:00PM	Round 2 – Pattern B Speech Events	NSDA Campus

5:00PM	Round 3 – Pattern A Speech Events	NSDA Campus
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6:30PM	Round 3 – Extemp Draw	
7:00PM	Round 3 – Pattern B Speech Events	NSDA Campus

Sunday, January 17th, 2021

8:00AM	Round 4 – Pattern A Speech Events	NSDA Campus
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9:30AM	Round 4 – Extemp Draw	
10:00AM	Round 4 – Pattern B Speech Events	NSDA Campus

11:30AM	Quarterfinals – Extemp Draw	
12:00PM	Quarterfinals – OO & EXT	NSDA Campus

1:30PM	Semifinals – Extemp Draw	
2:00PM	Semifinals – All Events	NSDA Campus

3:30PM	Finals – Extemp Draw	
4:00PM	Finals – All Speech Events	NSDA Campus



Congressional Debate Tournament Guidelines

1. NSDA rules will be used for all Congressional Debate procedures.
2. Time limits for all speeches will be 3 minutes maximum. The cross-examination period for sponsorship speeches will be 2 minutes maximum. The cross-examination period for all other speeches will be 1 minute maximum. Suspension of the rules regarding extending questioning is not permitted. Contestants should clarify with the Presiding Officer how time signals will be given in the round.
3. All cross-examination in Congressional Debate will be direct questioning.
4. Time has been allotted in the schedule for screen breaks and for meals. Please use your time wisely throughout the tournament to take care of yourself.
5. Despite the virtual nature of the Cavalier Invitational, students and judges ought not partake in the use of tobacco (vape included), alcohol or drugs while participating in the tournament. Students, Judges and/or Coaches violating this directive risk disqualification from the tournament.
6. Three preliminary sessions will be held with chambers ranging from 10 to 12 students. Approximately one-third of students will advance to the Semifinal Session with chambers ranging from 10 to 12 students. We will advance 12 students to the Final Session of Congressional Debate.
7. Chamber Assignments for preliminary rounds will be available at 8:30AM EST on Tabroom.com. Please be prepared to move to rounds immediately after the schematics are distributed. We reserve the right to move the schedule forward or backwards as needed to guarantee the smooth running of the tournament.
8. Coaches & school judges should be available for all prelims and elims. Missing preliminary assignments will result in a fine of \$50. Missing elimination assignments will result in a fine of \$100. Repetitive absences or tardiness may prevent your school from receiving future invitations to the tournament and being assessed a missing judge fee of \$500. Hired judges are expected to stay until released by the Tournament Director. Each student deserves the best judging possible and this can only occur if everyone reports to the rounds assigned.
9. For Congressional Debate, use of laptop computers, tablet computers, smart phones and other electronic devices able to access the internet are permitted during events. The use of computers during debates is permitted for both flowing and research purposes including retrieval of evidence stored on hard drives and accessing resources via the internet. Students should not attempt to use electronic devices to initiate or respond to contact with outside parties during a debate. The penalty for violation of this rule is loss of all judge ranks in that session. This rule recommends, but does not require, that all text messaging devices and cell phones be turned off during debates. It is meant to restrict the debaters from initiating or responding to any outside contact during a debate round. Example: A student's cell phone ringing during a debate would not violate the rule. A student calling, emailing, chatting text messaging or responding to any contact from their coach during a debate would violate this rule.
10. All congress ballots will be distributed electronically via Tabroom. All judges should report for their round ten minutes in advance of the start. If a replacement is needed, the computer will select a judge, and they will be notified electronically.
11. At the end of each round, ballots should be submitted electronically via Tabroom. No oral critiques are permitted in Congressional Debate at the Cavalier Invitational. Ballots will be made available online after the tournament. Coaches wishing to review a ballot may make that request to the Tabulation Director.
12. Please do not delay in going to your round. The tournament will stay on schedule only if your rounds start on time. A reasonable amount of time has been built into the schedule this year; do not abuse it.
13. Students should be sure that each judge knows their names when they speak - judges can mix up names on ballots.



Congressional Debate Schedule
All times listed in Eastern Standard

Saturday, January 16th, 2021

- 9:00AM Opening Assembly for Judges
9:30AM Opening Assembly for Students

10:00AM Preliminary Session 1

1:30PM Preliminary Session 2

5:30PM Preliminary Session 3

Sunday, January 17th, 2021

- 9:00AM Assembly for Semifinalists

9:30AM Semifinals Session

1:30PM Assembly for Finalists

2:00PM Finals