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Dear Forensics Family:

Welcome to the annual Murray Middle School Invitational Speech Tournament hosted by Murray High School! We look forward to having you join us ONLINE on Saturday, January 9thth. Our tournament normally takes place on the campus of Murray High School in Murray, Kentucky. Out of an abundance of caution for the safety of our participants because of the COVID-19 global pandemic, the Murray Middle School Invitational Speech Tournament will be held online through NSDA Campus. We look forward to welcoming you back to the Murray High campus in the fall of 2021.

EVENTS

The tournament will host the following twelve Forensics events and will follow the Kentucky High School Speech League (KHSSL) rules for competition:

- [Broadcasting](#)
- [Declamation](#)
- [Dramatic Interpretation](#)
- [Duo Acting](#)
- [Extemporaneous Speaking](#)
- [Humorous Interpretation](#)
- [Impromptu Speaking](#)
- [Improvisational Duo](#)
- [Oratory](#)
- [Poetry](#)
- [Prose](#)
- [Storytelling](#)

Click on the event name for a ballot that explains competition rules. More information about competition guidelines can be found in the [Kentucky High School Speech League handbook](#) and at [the official KHSSL website](#). Also, please take time to review the [KHSSL ratings guidelines](#) as you prepare both your students and judges for competition.

ENTRY FEES

Noting how the COVID-19 global pandemic has affected many programs, we have decided to adjust entry fees this year to help our fellow Forensics families. Each school will be charged the ***lesser*** of these two options: a school fee of \$100 **OR** individual entry fees. The cost for students to participate in individual events is \$6, with Duo Interpretation and Improvisational Duo charging \$12. Teams may have unlimited entries, but a student may enter up to three events in the 14 KHSSL categories. This will be a LIVE tournament and students are expected to be prompt and on-time for competition. Students who do not show up for competition will be marked as a “no show” and may be dropped from competition and fined as appropriate (see DROP FEES below). We will work together to keep the tournament running smoothly and on time.

DEADLINE for entries is 6pm Central on MONDAY, JANUARY 4th, 2021.

JUDGES

Teams are required to provide 1 judge for every 6 entries into the competition. 6 entries = one judge, 7 entries = 2 judges, etc. Remember that Duo Interpretation and Improvisational Duo count as 1 entry here. ***We want your judges!*** In the event you cannot provide the required number of judges, you may hire judges for \$30 each. ***Schools must provide at least one judge.*** Any judging drops will be charged \$50 each. Your judges should be familiar with KHSSL rules and ballots, and are expected to be in the judge pool during rounds where they are not explicitly scheduled. ***Please email me at michael.robinson@murray.kyschools.us if you have judges with special concerns. This will help with overall flow of the tournament. Remember, all judges will be considered for all events and should be prepared for competition accordingly.***

AWARDS

During a traditional in-person tournament, our school would give students medals and/or trophies as awards for placing in the top six. Taking into consideration the cost for shipping and how the pandemic has affected many facets of our daily lives, we will be awarding **certificates** for the top six performers in each event. Also, the top three schools will be recognized in overall sweepstakes competition. The awards ceremony will be held in the evening to accommodate students and parents so they may have time to eat dinner and share in the awards experience together. Get everyone around the computer to watch awards! Make some popcorn! Celebrate as a speech community and with your family in the safety of your home!

PLATFORM

We will be using NSDA Campus for competition. All competitors and judges will need to have registered Tabroom.com, NSDA accounts, and have technology available to effectively compete in or judge rounds. Competitors AND judges must have access to a camera and microphone in order to participate in the tournament. It is recommended that students are prepared to enter their competition/prep room half an hour before the round begins. More information about NSDA Campus will be shared as it is made available. Watch this space for more details!

DROP FEES

Teams will be assessed a drop fee of \$10 per entry after Monday, January 4th at 6pm central. If a team adds an entry to the tournament after Monday, January 4th at 6pm, they will be assessed a \$10 add fee per entry in addition to their entry fee. Any adds or drops on the day of the tournament will result in a \$20 fine per entry. As noted above, any judge drop will result in a \$50 fine.

ALL TEAMS ARE REGISTER ONLINE AT THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE:

<http://murrayhigh.tabroom.com>. The tentative schedule for the day is listed below. The schedule is subject to change.

TENTATIVE Tournament Schedule (*subject to change*)

8:00-8:30am	Registration
8:30am	Extemp Draw
9:00am	Round 1
10:00am	Extemp Draw
10:30am	Round 2
11:30am	Broadcasting/Extemp Draw
12:00pm	Round 3
2:00pm	FINALS POSTINGS
2:00pm	Broadcasting/Extemp Draw Finals
6:00pm	AWARDS

HOW TO ENTER

Please register online at www.tabroom.com. Select the KY league, register your school, then register for our tournament. Registration will open August 1st. If you have any questions regarding the process, please let me know. Hope to see you on January 9th!

Thanks,

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