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TO: ACTIVITY DIRECTORS AND COACHES
SPEECH, DRAMA, AND DEBATE

FROM: LIZ SCHWARTZ, TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR
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RE: LAUREL INVITATIONAL SPEECH, DRAMA, AND DEBATE TOURNAMENT

Laurel High School cordially invites you to attend the Laurel High School Speech, Drama and Debate Virtual Tournament on Friday and Saturday, December 11-12, 2020.

REGISTRATION:

An entry fee of \$5.00 will be charged for each participant. Registration will take place on tabroom.com at <http://classalaurel.tabroom.com>. All entries (including adds and drops) must be finalized by Monday, December 7th at 11:59 PM. After that, email drops to jw.mcclintic@gmail.com.

Each school may enter up to three entries in each event. Double entry is allowed. All entries (including adds and drops) must be finalized by Monday, December 7th at 11:59 PM. Students cannot be added once the deadline has passed. Also, you will still be charged for any students dropped after this point because rooms for the tournament will be purchased based on your entry as of 11:59 PM on December 7th. This year, teams will be asked to provide judges in order to cover your entries. You may assign multiple people to cover one judge bond requirement, but you must have a person available to cover every round that judge owes. All judge entries must be submitted via Tabroom by no later than Monday, December 7th (the registration deadline). All coaches, judges, and competitors will need a tabroom.com account.

If you need any help with registering judges or students, please review the [Online Master Resource Document](#) for more information and video/information tutorials.

Also, tab/tech staff will be selected from participating schools by the Tournament Manager. If you have preference for assignments, please email Dubbz at jw.mcclintic@gmail.com. I will get assignments out a few days before so coaches know their assignments.

Judge Bond Requirements:

--A/B/C(6 Rounds)--

Event	Judges (6 rounds debate/6 rounds speech & drama)
Policy	1 judge for every 2 entries (or fraction thereof)/per round
Public Forum, Lincoln-Douglass	1 judge for every 4 entries (or fraction thereof)/per round
Speech and Drama	1 judge for every 6 entries (or fraction thereof)/per round

COMPETITION:

Day	Round	Round Begins	Extemp Draw
Friday	Rd. 0	4:00PM	Draw Room at 4:00
	Rd. 1	5:00PM	4:30
	Rd. 2	7:00PM	6:30
Saturday	Rd. 3	8:00AM	7:30
	Rd. 4	10:00AM	9:30
	Semis	12:00PM	11:30
	Finals	2:00PM	1:30

Round 0 will be an unscored “tech practice” round for judges and students. Extempers will join their draw rooms at 4:00PM. No early draw is necessary.

Awards video will be recorded the following Sunday and emailed to schools for viewing.

All events will be conducted in accordance to the MHSA Handbook.

LD topic will be the December topic:

Policy Debate

Resolved: The United States federal government should enact substantial criminal justice reform in the United States in one or more of the following: forensic science, policing, sentencing.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate

Resolved: The United States ought to provide a federal jobs guarantee.

Public Forum Debate

Resolved: The United States should adopt a declaratory nuclear policy of no first use.

If you have any questions, contact Liz at Liz_schwartz@laurel.k12.mt.us 406-628-3953 during the day or 406-546-4798 in the evening.

(Voice mail will be available if I am out.)