The **Shrewsbury Oak and Sherwood Middle School Speech Teams**
cordially invite you to attend a virtual Middle School Forensics Festival
on **Sunday, January 24, 2021**
on NSDA Campus / Tabroom.com

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Students may not use material they have presented in a contest prior to this academic year.

Registration: Teams should confirm drops (or all competitors in attendance) by 8:30 am on the day of the tournament

Tentative Schedule:
  8:45 - Opening Meeting
  9:15 - Round 1
10:30 - Round 2
11:45 - Round 3
    Lunch Break
  1:45 - Final Round Announcements / Postings
  2:00 - Final Rounds
  4:00 - Awards Ceremony

Double Entry: Double-entry is allowed ONLY for well-grounded upper class students (no novices!)

Awards: Certificates will be awarded to the finalists in each category. Honorable mentions will be awarded as standings dictate.

Judges: One judge for every _five_ entries, or fraction thereof, is required.
One duo pair equals one entry. Parent, teachers, or other interested adults may serve as judges. High school students who have experience in speech are also welcome to judge.
Electronic tabulation will be used via Tabroom.com. Rounds will be conducted on the NSDA Campus platform. **Since we will be using a few new technologies and tools this year, we recommend ALL judges (new and returning) read the MMSSL 2020-2021 Judging Guide.**

Events: All 10 regular competition events will be offered at the virtual tournament. To see a complete list and descriptions for each event, please consult the MMSSL 2020 Judging Guide or our website at mmssl.weebly.com.

Please note that, due to the digital format of the tournament, the following events have had slight protocol changes:

- **Impromptu:** Judges will be sent a list of Impromptu topics via email, with a set of 3 topics for each competitor. During an Impromptu round, the judge will copy and paste a different set of 3 topics into the chat for each competitor when it is their turn to speak. Judges should *send topics to each competitor privately (if supported by the platform),* and not to the entire group.

- **Duo:** In order to conform to social distancing guidelines, Duo performers must join each round separately and perform separately. (This rule also applies to Duo pairs who may be quarantining together.) In Duo rounds, any students not performing should mute themselves and turn off their video so that the current performers are the only ones visible. (If the judge needs to give time signals, they can leave their video on as well.) Duo competitors will need to assume that their video windows may not be positioned near each other in the video chat screen.

Fees: No entry fees will be required. Schools are required to be members of the Massachusetts Middle School Speech League.

Entries are considered final as of 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 20th.
Schools remain responsible for judges.
NO ADDITIONAL ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE CLOSE OF ONLINE REGISTRATION.

Registration Information: Registration will be through www.tabroom.com.
Follow these steps to register at this site:
Select league (MMSSL)
Log in or create new account (easy and free)
Enter student roster BEFORE registering for the tournament.
Register for Shrewsbury Middle School Tournament 2021.
Please address any registration questions to Craig Powers at craig.powers@gmail.com .

We encourage you to confirm your registration with your students to catch any errors as soon as possible.

Registration is due by 9:00PM on Wednesday January 20.

The Morning of the Tournament Telephone Number is 574-309-6799.

Please! Every team should contact Craig Powers via text message or e-mail prior to 8:30 am to report drops or to indicate no change in registration.