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Dear Forensic Coaches,

The West Bend West Forensics Team is pleased to invite you to our asynchronous Forensics Tournament on Saturday, March 13th. Below you will find the details for the tournament.

West Bend West Forensics Asynchronous Tournament - March 13, 2021

Location: Online, asynchronous with live-streamed awards ceremony. The tournament website is west.tabroom.com.

Entries: You may enter as many students in each event as you would like. The computer will eventually determine your top 25 contestants for team trophies with 4 max in any category. This is a double entry tournament.

Events: We will offer all WFCA categories; rules can be found at http://www.wfcaforensics.org. In addition, we will offer Oratorical Declamation as a category for any freshman or sophomore competitor who wishes to enter. Rules for Oratorical Declamation will follow Catholic Forensic League rules which can be found at http://www.ncfl.org/declamation.

Registration: You must register your school using <u>Tabroom</u>. The deadline is 5:00 pm, Thursday, March 11th.

Judges: You need to provide 1 judge for every 5 entries or fraction thereof. This means, for example, that 10 entries require 2 judges and 11 entries require 3 judges. A limited number of hired judges will be available for hire at \$150 each. All judges must have linked accounts on tabroom.com in order to be registered and judge. Directions are posted on the tournament website. Specific directions will be emailed to judges when rounds are released.

Fees: Entry fees are \$10.00 per individual event and \$15.00 for group events. You will be responsible for all entry fees as of 5:00 pm on Thursday, March 11th. **Drops after March 11th do not reduce your fees or judge requirement.** Please make checks payable to: West Bend West High School Forensics. Mail to: 1305 E. Decorah Rd, West Bend, WI 53095

Video Uploads: Entry videos must be unedited and recorded in a single take. The same video performance will be used for all rounds, including finals. Upload videos to YouTube as **UNLISTED** (**not private**), and paste the video links into your registration in tabroom.com for each entry. Videos should be titled in the following format: LAST NAME FIRST NAME and EVENT (example: ARENS BLAISE MOMENTS). For entries requiring multiple videos (OIL and Storytelling), see instructions below. Because our tournament is near the end of the season, incorrect links or unviewable videos will be treated as no-shows.

OIL video titles should include whether the video is prose or poetry (example: ARENS BLAISE OIL PROSE). Instead of submitting a YouTube video link directly into your registration on tabroom.com, paste both video links into a Google doc, and paste the Google doc link into your registration on tabroom.com.

Storytelling video titles should include the storytelling topic (example: ARENS BLAISE STORY UNDEAD). Instead of submitting a YouTube video link directly into your registration on tabroom.com, paste all four video

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links into a Google doc. (The final

round video link must be the same link as one of the prelim round videos). Paste the Google doc link into your registration on tabroom.com. Storytelling video links should be pasted into the Google doc in the following order: Round 1: A story about finally being heard; Round 2: A fable; Round 3: A story of the undead; Final Round: students' choice.

Impromptu Speaking videos must include the full 5 minutes of allotted prep time and speaking time. Impromptu prompts will be available via Google form beginning Saturday, March 6th and videos may be uploaded any time before the registration deadline (Thursday, March 11th at 5 pm). **The same video will be used for all prelim and final rounds.** Videos must be uploaded to YouTube within 30 minutes of the time stamp on the Google Form.

Radio Speaking videos DO NOT need to record prep time, just speaking time. Students are allowed to cut packets electronically. Radio packets will be available via Google form beginning Saturday, March 6th and videos may be uploaded any time before the registration deadline (Thursday, March 11th at 5 pm). When a competitor completes the Google form, they will receive a confirmation email with a link to access the radio packet. The same video will be used for all prelim and final rounds. Videos must be uploaded to YouTube within one hour of the time stamp on the Google Form.

Extemporaneous Speaking videos DO NOT need to record prep time, just speaking time. Extemp questions will be available via Google form beginning Saturday, March 6th and videos may be uploaded any time before the registration deadline (Thursday, March 11th at 5 pm). The same video will be used for all prelim and final rounds. Videos must be uploaded to YouTube within one hour of the time stamp on the Google Form.

Group Events: For equity reasons, Duo, Play Acting, and Group Interp entries must be recorded in split screen, similar to the NSDA Nationals videos. Here is a helpful link for recording in split screen from the NSDA: https://www.speechanddebate.org/duo-interp-split-screen-demo-nats-2020/

Judging Schedule: All preliminary rounds will be released on Friday, March 12 by 11:00 am. All rounds must be started by 9 AM or may be reassigned with a fine. Judges must complete their ballots for all prelim rounds by 11:00am on Saturday, March 13. Final round postings will be announced via Google Meet at 11:30 pm on March 13. At that time links will be sent to judges and advancing entries will be posted on tabroom.com as well. Judges must submit final round ballots no later than 1:00 pm.

Awards will be presented via YouTube Live (link will be given to you on the day of the tournament) that will be recorded at 3 pm on Saturday, March 13th. The recorded awards will be made available after the tournament. Trophies will be awarded to the top three students in each event. Medals will be awarded to the finalists. Team awards will be awarded as follows: Places 1-3 in Small (based on quality), Medium (based on quality) and Large (based on total points). Team sizes for awards will be determined based on registration numbers. Points will be calculated based on each team's top 25 entries. All team results will be available for download at tabroom.com.

Ballots and trophies: Ballots and results will be available on tabroom.com after the tournament. Trophies will be mailed or delivered after the tournament. The tournament host will contact coaches to make arrangements for trophy distribution.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please feel free to contact West Head Coach Danielle Schumacher (<u>dschumacher@wbsd-schools.org</u>, 262-305-7818) or Tab Room Coordinator John Knetzger (<u>john.knetzger@gmail.com</u>, 414-378-2839). We look forward to hosting you.



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