Dear Colleagues,

We would like to formally invite you to Collierville High School’s Dragon Invitational Speech and Debate Tournament to be held in person on December 4, 2021 at Collierville High School. This year, as we have for the past few years, we will offer competition for both high school and middle school. In order to do our best to cooperate with Shelby County health directives concerning Covid-19 we will be following competition guidelines to limit risk of exposure.

Competition

High Schoolers will be allowed to triple in speech events but will not be allowed to participate in both Extemporaneous Speaking and Television Newscasting.

Public Forum Debate competitors in high school and middle school will not be allowed to compete in any other categories. PF will utilize the NSDA November/December Topic.

THSSDL rules will be followed for all events.

High School Events

Dramatic Interpretation, Duet Improvisation, Duo Interpretation, Extemporaneous Speaking, Humorous Interpretation, Impromptu Speaking, Informative Speaking, Original Oratory, Poetry, Program Oral Interpretation, Prose, Storytelling, TV Broadcasting, and Public Forum Debate

Middle School Events

Audition Monologue, Duet Acting, Duet Improvisation, Duo Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Impromptu Speaking, Prose, Storytelling, and Public Forum Debate

Awards will be given out recognizing the top 6 in each category and the top three teams in sweepstakes points.

Fees

Single entries are $7 and two person entries are $14.

Registration

We will be utilizing Tabroom.com for running our tournament. We ask that all judges have a device for using online ballots and to please have all judges registered on Tabroom prior to the tournament.

Registration will open on 11/13 and will be available online through 12/3 at 5pm. When online registration is closed, we ask that you contact Jeff Robbins at jrobbins@colliervilleschools.org with any adds or drops.

Judging

Schools are asked to provide one judge which covers up to the first six speech entries and one judge each additional six after that. Schools are asked to provide one judge for the first two Public Forum entries and one judge for each additional two entries. Judges must be available all day to count for this requirement.

Judges should expect to be asked to judge both high school and middle school sections.

Fee for a missing judge is $25.

Hospitality and Concessions

We ask that teams plan to stay on campus for lunch in order to facilitate a more efficient tournament. We will have concessions for sale in the cafeteria.

We will, as always, have a hospitality room for judges and coaches for breakfast and lunch.

Logistics

Collierville High School is located at 11605 E Shelby Drive, Collierville, TN 38017.

There are ample lodging and food options in the area.

Please make checks payable to Collierville Communication Arts and Theatre Department or CCATD.

Covid-19 Procedures

* Masks are required to be worn by all persons over their mouth and nose while indoors and in places where maintaining appropriate social distancing is not possible.
* Competitors may remove their face mask/covering to perform, provided they are located within an area that is no less than 12 feet from others.
* Competitors should maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between each other in classrooms to reduce risk of transmissions.
* Schools will sit together at meals and in assemblies with a minimum of 6 feet in between schools.
* All competition attendees should stay home when they have signs of any infectious illness and be referred to their healthcare provider for testing and care.
* All attendees will have their temperature checked at registration.
* Only competitors and judges assigned to a room may be present in a competition room
* Any competitor or coach not in compliance with the above guidelines will be removed from the competition.

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If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Robbins.

Sincerely,

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