

Mary Beth McCarthy JV Debate Invitational at Hayden Catholic
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Coaches,

You are cordially invited to the Mary Beth McCarthy JV Debate Invitational at Hayden Catholic High School on December 4, 2021

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its protection of water resources in the United States.

Division: JV. We define a JV debater as a competitor in their 1st or 2nd year. However if you have students whose skills or experience would otherwise define them as JV that would also be acceptable. If you're unsure send me an email and I'll mull it over.

Format: 8-3-5 with 8 minutes of prep.

Covid things: Hayden itself does not have a mask mandate. However I will be enforcing that everyone entering the building must be wearing a mask and must expect to keep it on all day. This is literally the last weekend of regular season competition, we should all know the drill by now. I will do my best to communicate this to the staff at Hayden that may enter the building throughout the day. Depending on numbers, I will try to assign squad rooms. Though this may be untenable. Best case scenario, everyone gets one. Mixed case scenario, some schools get one and the rest of you languish in the cafeteria. How is that determined? I guess put schools with big entries in the rooms, and schools with smaller entries in the cafeteria.

Fees: \$6.00

Entries: Entries will be accepted via Tabroom. We are able to accommodate 40 teams. Therefore, each school may enter up to 3 teams to begin with. All entries will be initially "wait listed." You may enter NEW entries in Tabroom up until Wednesday evening the week of the tournament. Should entries become an issue, entries will be prioritized as follows: first to Flint Hills, second to people who have reciprocated to Hayden, and third in the order received.

WiFi: We've got an open guest network. I'll talk to our IT guy, but it should be fine and available for your use.

(Different this year, please read) Schedule: Debaters will participate in 4 rounds of competition. This is different from past years. Our tournament is trying to avoid overlap with a hall of fame banquet awards ceremony on that evening. There will be no semi-finals or finals. The tournament schedule will be pre-set during rounds one and two and afterwards delay-power matched (Rd. 3 powered from Rd. 1, Rd. 4 from rounds 1 and 2, and Rd. 5 from rounds 1,2, and 3.

7:30 AM-Registration Begins

8:00 AM -Round 1

9:30 AM -Round 2

11:00 AM -Round 3

1:00 PM Round 4

Forfeits: Teams more than ten minutes late to a round, through no fault of the tournament, will forfeit the round on a 3-4 decision. Teams failing to arrive before 8:00 AM will forfeit the first round on the same 3-4 decision. Please arrive prior to the start time to ensure proper registration.

Awards: Medals will be given to the top six teams in the tournament and sweepstakes plaques will be issued to the top three schools with the best three-team record. The final rankings will be determined by win/loss record, speaker ranks, opposition record and opposition speaker ranks, in that order.

Lunch: There will not be a concession stand. Restaurants like Subway and Arby's are close, but we have a small window of time. Your best option is to have your students bring a lunch, but ultimately it's your call.

In case of problems or need of assistance, feel free to contact John Samqua at 785-220-0671 or by email: samquaj@haydencatholic.net

We hope that you will be able to compete in our tournament!

Sincerely,

John