Debate Coach:

You and your debaters are cordially invited to the Piper High School Invitational Debate Tournament on Saturday, October 9, 2021. This will be a one day tournament consisting of five rounds. There will be two divisions: Open & JV. Only debaters in their first or second year of debate should be entered into the JV division.

COVID 19 Mitigation Measures:
- This entire invitation is subject to change at the discretion of our building administration. We will communicate those changes via emails pushed out through Tabroom.
- Per Piper Schools mitigation guidelines, all who wish to enter our school buildings must wear a mask which properly covers nose and mouth at all times when not actively eating or drinking. This includes times when a student is presenting a speech for judges.
- It is the stance of the Piper debate program that the appropriate accommodation for students who require a mask exemption is to compete in virtual debate tournaments. Please do not bring students (or adults) who expect to be permitted to remove their mask while indoors.
- Anyone who has tested positive, has been instructed by their county health department to quarantine, or who is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 should not enter our building. We will waive the entry fees of anyone who has to drop the tournament as a result of late-breaking quarantines or symptoms.
- Hospitality will be served from the and may be eaten in the Commons or Courtyard (weather permitting).
- Concessions will be served from our commons. We do plan to offer an affordable lunch deal on Saturday for those who wish to partake.

Please find our competition rules, details and schedule below:

1. We will use the KSHSAA approved 2021-2022 high school debate topic.
2. Entry fees are $5.00 per team. Initially we will be accepting 4 teams per school. Priority will go to schools who have given us extra entries.
3. Any cancellation after 5 p.m. on October 6th (for non-COIVD reasons) will still result in registration fees being charged.
4. In accordance with KSHSAA rules your sponsor may be asked to judge up to 2 rounds the day of the tournament so we can accommodate the most teams possible.
5. Any team more than 10 minutes late to a round, through no fault of the tournament, will forfeit and receive a 3/4 ranking.
6. The first two rounds will be preset and we will delay power match the remaining rounds.
7. All debates will be the 8-3-5 Cross Examination format with 8 minutes of prep for each team.
8. Tab will be open and posted on Tabroom.
9. We will medal the top six teams in each division.
10. Sweeps will be calculated based on each school’s best two entries in each division.

The schedule we hope to follow…

7:30 a.m. - Registration
8:00 a.m. - Round 1
9:30 a.m. - Round 2
11:00 a.m. - Round 3
12:30 p.m. - LUNCH
1:15 p.m. - Round 4
2:45 p.m. - Round 5
Awards ASAP

Our tournament will be judged by some high school graduates from our debate program, but primarily the judging pool will be parents of our debaters so please plan accordingly.

If you are interested in attending our tournament please register via http://piperhsinvitational.tabroom.com

Please let us know if you have questions,

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