You are Invited to:
Billings LET’S GIVE ‘EM PUMPKIN
TO TALK ABOUT Kickoff
November 6th, 2021
Hosted by Billings Public Schools
at West High School
http://pumpkin.tabroom.com

Welcome to the 2021-2022 Montana High School Association Speech, Debate, and Drama season! We are so ecstatic to have you back for in-person competition this year, and we look forward to seeing you at Billings West High on November 6th for the Billings “Let’s Give ‘Em Pumpkin to Talk About” Kickoff Tournament! This tournament is a joint effort between all three Billings Public Schools high schools and Shepherd High School to bring you all events offered for Class AA, A, B, & C. Please carefully review all tournament procedures on this document.

The cost per entry is outlined in the following table:

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<td>Tabroom Fee</td>
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<td>Drop Fee after deadline*</td>
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The deadline for adds or drops is November 4th at 11:59 PM. Please note that if you must drop a student after the November 4th deadline, you will be charged for that student as though they attended the tournament. This is due to the new fees associated with Tabroom.com. All drops should be sent to Dan Johnson.

Additionally, judges will be piloting digital ballots this year via Tabroom.com. Please have your coaches register for tabroom accounts in case they are needed to judge.

Tab staff will be selected from participating schools by the Tournament Staff. If you have volunteers that would like to volunteer for a tab assignment, please email Steve Macartney. Tab staff will be notified of their assignment on November 4th. All tabbing will take place through Tabroom.com.

Cordially,

Senior
Jacob Music
Sonia Davis
Ben Norberg
Caden Kiedrowski

Shepherd
Christina Warren
Kathy Johnson
Oliver Nordlund
Catherine Wetmore

Skyview
Dan Johnson
Kathy Johnson
Oliver Nordlund
Catherine Wetmore

West
Stephen Macartney
Danni Brownlee
Thomas Smithlin
Myra Nurre
New Procedures for Coaches and Competitors

COVID Masking and Distancing
We ask that all coaches and competitors remain masked while not actively engaged in competition (i.e. speaking). This includes competition rooms, hallways, and team areas. Competitors should also strive to maintain 6 feet of distance where possible from judges and other competitors while performing. Competitors will also remain in rooms until the end of the round (all speakers have spoken) before returning to team areas. Competitors should not congregate in hallways.

A team area will be designated for each school and we ask for help in ensuring students stay in their designated area while waiting for rounds. Postings will happen digitally, so all competitors will need access to receive notifications from tabroom or their coach during posting.

Tournament Format & Procedures
As indicated on the schedule below, we are opting to offer all students four rounds of competition for this kickoff tournament instead of a break to elimination rounds. We believe that offering students, certainly new ones, more opportunities to perform in front of judges is a valuable experience, particularly early on. Also, any event with fewer than 5 entries will not be run.

With that said, final placing in speech and drama will be made based on prelim scores and tie-breaks according to AA tie-breaking. Debate will be based on record and AA tiebreaks after four rounds. Sweeps points will be awarded following AA speech and debate scoring (drama will follow this as well). Results will be sent out via video Saturday evening to all coaches registered via Tabroom. Awards for top 8 students in each event (up to a maximum of two) and top schools in each classification (AA,A,B,C for speech and debate, A,B,C for drama) will be mailed out following the conclusion of the tournament. Please refer to the MHSA Rule and Regulations pg. 46 (debate) and pg. 49 (speech, drama, and sweeps) for all relevant tiebreak and sweepstake information.

Judges will be piloting in-person digital ballots this year. For this to work most appropriately, please make sure all of your students have registered for Tabroom accounts and that those accounts are the ones you register as competitors. You may view results for your students throughout the tournament on tabroom, and students will get results posted to them Saturday evening when the awards video is sent out. Additionally, please make sure all of your coaches are registered on tabroom.com so if we require judges, they can be put in.

Debate Topics:
Students in Legi will debate the first topics of the season: foreign (Climate Change) and domestic (Voter Fraud).

Novice and Varsity Lincoln Douglas and Public Forum will debate the NSDA's Sept/Oct topics:

Lincoln Douglas: Resolved: The member nations of the World Trade Organization ought to reduce intellectual property protections for medicines.

Public Forum: Resolved: The North Atlantic Treaty Organization should substantially increase its defense commitments to the Baltic states.

Policy will be debating the following resolution: Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its protection of water resources in the United States.
Extemporaneous Speaking
Extemporaneous speaking will pilot allowing the use of internet-enabled devices.

A. Preparation: As soon as a question is chosen, the contestant will prepare a speech without consultation and without references to prepared notes. Students may consult published books, magazines, newspapers and journals or articles, including internet enabled devices either used in the draw or those materials published from internet sources, provided:
1. They are originals or copies of whole pages.
2. Provided those originals or copies are uncut.
3. There is no written material on that original or copy other than citation information.
4. Topical index without annotation may be present.
5. Files stored either on a computer or electronic device hard drive or cloud storage system. All files in this format must meet the same guidelines as printed sources.
6. Active research from the internet during the round that meets the established criteria found in the “Guidelines for Use of Internet Enabled Devices.”

B. No other material will be allowed in the Extemp prep room other than stated above. Extemp speeches, handbooks, briefs and outlines, including those stored on cloud storage systems or published on websites created for that purpose, are prohibited from the Extemp prep room. Students may not use the internet to gain help from coaches, other students, or any person, such that it would prevent the speech from being the original work of the competitor. Students are prohibited from accessing outlines and speeches that have been written prior to their draw time. Underlining or highlighting in Extemp will be allowed if done in only one color on each article or copy. Electronic device use must comply with the “Guidelines for Electronic Device Use in Debate Events.” Printed copies of information from online computer services may be used. Electronically retrieved evidence used in any Association Extemp competition must conform to the same citation standards as evidence used in debate events as described in the the MHSA Speech, Drama and Debate handbook.

Tournament Staff Contacts
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Dan Johnson (Tabroom.com, Add/Drops, Fees)
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Schedule
Saturday, November 6th
8:00 AM: R1 Check-in and digital posting test
8:30 AM: Extemp Draw R1
9:00 AM: All Events R1
10:30 AM: Extemp Draw R2
11:00 AM: All Events R2
1:30 PM: Extemp R3 Draw
2:00 PM: All Events R3
3:30 PM: Extemp Round 4 Draw
4:00 PM: All Events R4

Payment
Please make all checks payable to:
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