

This is to invite you to the Monty Python tournament at Norman HS on Nov. 19 - 20.

The Monty Python will offer:

- 6A Qualifying
- 5A Qualifying
- Novice Division

Online: This year's Monty Python will be a Hybrid Tournament. Here are the following changes you need to aware of:

Every competitor will need to have a tabroom account and will need to be linked to your school tabroom account (I have instructions if you need them)

Every judge you submit will need to have a tabroom account and will need to be linked to your school account (I have instructions if you need them)

This tournament will be a HYBRID EVENT: All Prelims will be held virtually. That means your students will need to submit a recorded video of their memorized events which will be judged virtually on Wednesday & Thursday. I will publish a list of all students breaking by Thursday evening in order to allow teams traveling as much time as possible to modify their travel arrangements.

All students competing in debate will do their prelim rounds virtually on Friday via Zoom. **All Students that Break**, advance to out-rounds, **will be invited to the Norman HS campus to compete live and in-person.**

The ONLY event that will have a prelim round at Norman HS will be Extemporaneous speaking.

Students that are quarantined, sick, or don't want to compete live will have the options to compete virtually in all Interp events. If your student would not be allowed at your school due to Covid protocols (exposure, just getting over the virus, waiting on a test result, etc.) DO NOT BRING THEM TO MINE. Their performance will have to be done synchronously during the scheduled performance time. They will not be allowed to use their pre-recorded video in out rounds. Please let your students know this in advance. I know many students that would shrug it off and just assume it's nerves, but for the sake of their health and other competitors, please encourage them to take every precaution.

MASKS: all students, judges, and tournament officials are required to properly wear a mask at all times as long as they are not performing. The only person(s) not wearing a mask should be the performers. **This is non-negotiable and is a condition for entry to the tournament.**

Entourage: I know that we all like to have novices, family members, and "assistant coaches" come with us to tournaments. This year I humbly ask you to request that only those people who are competing or judging attend the tournament. We are taking every step possible to reduce the number of people on campus. That includes parents/novices who just want to watch. The

Loophole: If you have a parent that wants to watch rounds, ask them if they would like to judge as well.

Students will report to extemp draw where all first speakers will virtually receive the same 5 questions. Then all 2nd speakers will get 5 different questions. Then all 3rd speakers will get 5 new questions... and so on. We will conduct the draw using zoom just like we did last year, students will not need to "come up" and get questions. When their preptime as expired the draw official will release them to their competition rooms.

Awards: I am not sure what we are doing yet...

Schedule: Will be released by November 12th.

Entries: Entries are due on or before 5:00 PM Monday, November 15th. Please go to www.tabroom.com to register for the tournament.

Videos: The students recording should be uploaded no later than 8pm Tuesday. My goal is to have all the interp rounds paired and available to judge by 1pm Wednesday.

Judges: Judge Requirements adhere to OSSAA rules. Judges must be confirmed by 5:00 PM on Tuesday (this is so that we can start interp prelim rounds Wednesday afternoon). If you have judges that would like to help judge the interpretation rounds please enter them early!

§ All debate judges should be entered in the appropriate judge group (CX or LD/PF) even if they are also available to judge speech.

§ All non-debate judges should be entered in the speech judge group.

§ When entering judges, you may specify "No Friday" or "No Saturday" to indicate that a judge will not be available that day. Any judge which feels like they should not be on campus Saturday can judge virtually Wed/Thurs if you get them entered that early. If they can't judge Tues/Wed/Fri and they don't want to judge in-person Saturday then please don't sign them up to judge.

§ If a judge is unavailable for specific times, please leave it in the notes.

Debate Topics: For all qualifying divisions and novice we will use the November/December topics. Novice CX will use the novice packet, DAs, T, Case, and Counterplans (**not kritiks**) are allowed.

Drop/Add: Please email or phone in ASAP. Charges will follow OSSAA guidelines. Students competing virtually/Synchronously on Saturday will not be counted as a drop as long as they compete.

Fees: 6A, 5A, Novice fees will follow OSSAA requirements.

Times: All debate preliminary rounds will be on Friday starting at **3:30 pm** and we will only be doing 3 rounds on Friday. The elimination rounds will be on the following Saturday. All IE preliminary rounds will be on Wed/Thurs starting at **1:00 PM** with all out rounds on Saturday.

Food/Hospitality: The options are going to be pretty slim for students on Saturday. My hope is that I will only be selling food which is prepackaged and won't require my students to handle it much (this means no pizza/nachos).

Parking: Students/Coaches should be dropped off on the east side of the building and enter through door 18 (this is the lot closest to taco casa). More information on where to park buses will be coming shortly.

If I have left anything out, feel free to email me tpipkin@norman.k12.ok.us or call my cell at 405-420-5088.