**Dell H. Robison Middle School Invitational Tournament**

January 24, 2022

Dear Middle School/Junior High School Speech & Debate Coaches:

The Dell H. Robison Middle School Speech & Debate Program and administration are excited to host a middle school/junior high Speech and Debate Tournament to be held **Saturday, February 26, 2022** at Dell H. Robison Middle School.  This tournament will offer *two speech event categories* **Platform events**- *Original Oratory and Expos* and **Oral Interpretation Events**- *DI, HI*, *Prose & Poetry, and Duo,* **Impromptu** will also be offered; as well as *two debate events* - **Student Congress** and **Public forum**. In addition, we will be offering two levels of congress debate: congress for students who are new to debate and senate for students who have previously participated in congressional debate. Students in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades are invited. We hope you can attend!

Each student may enter two speech events and one of the two debate events. Students are encouraged to enter in both speech events and debate events.  All of the following combinations for a student entry are possible:

* entered in original oratory/expos only
* entered in oral interpretation only
* entered in impromptu only
* entered in student congress only
* entered in public forum only
* entered in original oratory/expos and  either student congress or public forum
* entered in oral interpretation and either student congress or public forum
* entered in impromptu and either student congress or public forum
* entered in 2 oral interpretation events
* entered in 2 oral interpretation events and either student congress or public forum
* entered in 1 oral interpretation event and original oratory/expos
* entered in 1 oral interpretation event and original oratory/expos and either student congress or public forum
* entered in impromptu and either 1 oral interpretation event or original oratory/expos
* entered in impromptu and either 1 oral interpretation even or original oratory/expos and either student congress or public forum

Students should be dressed in business casual or business dress. Students should wear any of the following business/business casual outfits: a dress; a skirt and polo or blouse; slacks, and not jeans, with a polo or button down shirt (tie optional). All clothing must conform to the CCSD dress code.

\*Everyone must adhere to district Covid mandates throughout the tournament! Everyone on campus must be fully masked at all times! This includes coaches, judges, participants, and parents/families. Anyone refusing to wear a mask will be asked to leave.

**A teacher or administrator from your school must accompany the students for the entire day. NO Exceptions!**

There will be an awards presentation at the close of the tournament.

If you have any questions regarding the tournament, please contact: Bambi Frailey (702-799-7300 ext. 3603);

Email – frailb@nv.ccsd.net.  We look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,

Bambi Frailey and Robyn Rowland                      Immer Ravalo
Speech & Debate Coaches Principal

**Tournament Schedule**

7:45 – 8:15 Registration

8:30-12:25 Speech Rounds

8:30-9:25 Round 1 (Interp. Events, Impromptu~& Original Oratory/Expos.)

9:25-10:30 Round 2 (Interp. Events, Impromptu~& Original Oratory/Expos.)

10:30-11:15 Lunch Break

11:15-12:25 Finals (Interp. Events, Impromptu~& Original Oratory/Expos.)

12:30-4:00 Debate Rounds

12:30-2:10 Student Congress begins

12:30-1:30 Public Forum Round 1

1:35-2:35 Public Forum Round 2

2:40-3:40 Public Forum Round 3

2:10-2:20 Student Congress recess

2:20 –4:00 Student Congress continues

4:45 AWARDS! (We try very hard to run on time, but tournaments often run longer)

\*Every effort will be made to keep the tournament on schedule and start the awards ceremony on time; however, tournaments often run long due to a variety of factors.

**General Information**

**A teacher or administrator from your school must accompany the students for the entire day. NO Exceptions!**

Cost: $10 per student + $10 Team fee

Deadline to enter students: **Wednesday, February 23, 2022.**

Entries will be completed on-line via Tabroom.  If you have not already set up an account, please do so.

**$6.00 for pre-paid lunch option** - available for purchase to students and chaperones.  The price of the lunch will include pizza, drink, chips and a treat.

If you are **ordering lunches you will be responsible for the number of lunches listed as of Wednesday, February 23, 2022,**as I have to order the pizza ahead of time. We may be able to accommodate additional lunches requested after this date, however, they are not guaranteed.

There will be a snack bar serving food items.  It will be open up until the awards presentation. Please ask students to keep food and drink in the cafeteria.

You may pay your entry fees ($10.00 per entry plus $10.00 team fee) and pre-paid lunch option all with one school check made payable to Robison Middle School Speech and Debate. Please use invoice available through Tabroom and bring it with you to the tournament.

If you would like to mail the check ahead of time please send via school/district mail to:

Robison Middle School

Bambi Frailey, Debate Coach

825 Marion Drive

Las Vegas, NV 89110

**Event Information**

***Speech Events***

Oral Interpretation Events include – Dramatic Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Prose & Poetry and Duo.

Platform Events include – Original Oratory and Expos.

There is no minimum time for speech events, maximum time is 10 minutes. 7 minutes for PPI.

***Debate Events***

**Public Forum and Congress**

**Public Forum Topic – Resolved:**The United States federal government should substantially increase its protection of water resources in the United States.

 **Congress Resolutions** – Are attached to this email.

We will have two levels of Congress debate. Congress will be for new/beginning students to debate and Senate will be for students who have previous debate experience or students who are currently in grade 8. Please email in advance with a list of new students for congress debate to frailb@nv.ccsd.net or they will be placed into the senate rounds. We want to encourage students to participate in congress, but sometimes students new to debate become overwhelmed when debating against students with experience.

Each session of Congress will last for 1 hour and 30 minutes.  We will be following regular parliamentary procedure which allows for a 3 minute speech and then questions from the floor. We will be using motions to begin and suspend debate from the floor, etc.

If a student is registered for Public Forum debate and their partner does not show up they may switch to Student Congress on the day of the event.

IE and Debate events pairings are randomized by the computer tabulation program.