

November 15, 2022

TO: ACTIVITY DIRECTORS AND COACHES
SPEECH, DRAMA, AND DEBATE

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RE: LAUREL INVITATIONAL SPEECH, DRAMA, AND DEBATE TOURNAMENT
LAUREL HIGH SCHOOL

Laurel High School cordially invites you to the Laurel Locomotive Speech, Drama and Debate Tournament on Saturday, December 10, 2022. Please register ASAP with all expected entries at <http://laurel.tabroom.com/>

REGISTRATION:

There will be no live registration the morning of the tournament; invoices will be handed out in the tabroom. Any drops can be texted the morning of the tournament to Liz_Schwartz@laurel.k12.mt.us (406)546-4798. An entry fee of \$6.00 will be charged for each participant. Registration and adds must be completed on tabroom.com by Monday, December 5, 2022 at 5:00pm. Please sign up as early as possible, so we can start figuring out judges.

Each school may enter up to three entries in each event. Dual Entry will be allowed when possible for class A and AA. AA schools are allowed to Students who drop after Thursday 12/8 at 6:00pm will be charged as if they are competing. If you have drops after this time, please call Liz at (406) 546-4798 or email them to her at Liz_schwartz@laurel.k12.mt.us.

MHSA Rules:

All events will be conducted in accordance to the MHSA Handbook with the FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

- **Coaches will be asked to judge.**

EXTEMP Topics: December topics for Extemp

Lincoln Douglas Debate Topic: **Resolved: The People's Republic of China ought to prioritize environmental protection over economic growth.**

Public Forum Debate Topic: **Resolved: The United States' strategy of Great Power Competition produces more benefits than harms.**

Policy Topic: **Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its security cooperation with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in one or more of the following areas: artificial intelligence, biotechnology, cybersecurity.**

LUNCH:

The Concession Stand will be open for students at Laurel High School from 8am-3pm and at Laurel Middle School (hopefully) from 8am-12pm. There are several restaurants nearby that deliver also. Food will be provided in the hospitality room in both buildings for judges, coaches and drivers.

COMPETITION SITE:

Speech/Debate events will be held at Laurel High School, and Drama events will be held at the Middle School. *All finals will be held at Laurel High School.* The depot (cafeteria/commons) will be the commons area for contestants in the High school and the cafeteria at the Middle School. Students should be in the commons area when not in rounds and will have designated areas. The awards assembly will be in the Laurel High School auditorium at approximately 5:00 pm.

COMPETITION:

There will be three preliminary rounds, and finals in all. The schedule for the day is:

<u>Individual Events</u>	<u>Extemp Draw</u>	<u>Debate</u>
8:30	8:00	8:00
10:00	9:30	10:00
11:30	11:00	12:00
2:00	1:30	2:00

Awards Assembly will be at 5:00
Extemp Draw will be in Room 122 at the High School.

AWARDS: Sweepstakes trophies will be awarded for first in Speech and in Drama in AA, A, B & C classes. Medals and ribbons will be presented to individual finalists.