

Forensics Coaches!

Consider signing up for this year's Eagle Invitational. We're excited to have you back and think it'll be a great day! We will be your hosts on March 4, 2023

**Events:**

Dramatic Interpretation	Broadcasting
Duo Interp	Extemporaneous
Multiple	Impromptu
Poetry	Informative
Prose	Oratory
Storytelling	Sales
Program Oral Interp	Duo Commentary
Storytelling 9/10	Impromptu 9/10

**Schedule:**

Registration 7:15am - 8:15 am (Call if running late)  
General Meeting/Judges Meeting: 8:30 am in the Center for Arts and Worship  
Extemporaneous/Broadcasting Draw: 8:30am  
First Preliminary Round: 9:00 am  
Second Preliminary Round: 10:30 am  
Final Preliminary Round: 12:00  
Semi-Finals: 1:30  
Finals: 3:00  
Awards: 5:30pm (tentative) in the Center for Arts and Worship

**Entries:** You may enter a maximum of five (5) entries per event except in Multiple Interpretation, where the limit is two (2). If you have more than 5 entries, exceptions may be made after the registration deadline (depending on section sizes). All contestants will be guaranteed three preliminary rounds of speaking with elimination rounds of semifinals and finals to those who qualify.

**Rules:** All events will run under the rules of the Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Association as revised in the Speech Activities Handbook. There are rule changes every year—and the last couple years have seen some significant ones. PLEASE make sure your hired judges are aware of them. A review of the rule changes are available on MIFA's home page: [www.theMIFA.org](http://www.theMIFA.org)

**Awards:** All contestants in the final round will earn a trophy. There will also be team sweepstakes awards. Contestants with ranks of 3 or better in prelims

and any contestant in semis and finals will earn points for sweepstakes. GRCHS will not be eligible for sweepstakes awards.

**Sweepstakes:** TWO divisions for sweepstakes will be presented. These divisions will be determined by the size of the team registration.

**Judges:** CERTIFIED JUDGES ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. Each school must provide one judge for each five (5) entries or fraction thereof: Duo, Duo Commentary, and Multiple Interpretation count as two (2) entries. If a team is large enough to require over 5 judges, the tournament director will hire non-affiliated judges to meet this requirement with the cost of \$100 being added to the team's registration costs. The necessary number of qualified judges (up to 5 judges) is the responsibility of the team's coach. All judges MUST plan on being available from the beginning of the judges meeting through the end of finals or else the school hiring them assumes an extra fee levy. If a judge misses a scheduled round, then the school will be charged an extra levy. All judges MUST be familiar with MIFA rules before attending the tournament.

PLEASE SEEK THE VERY BEST IN QUALIFIED PERSONNEL AND  
MAKE SURE THAT EACH HAS A STOPWATCH AND TIME CARDS.

Judges will also be submitting critiques digitally. We can collect written critiques, but would prefer them submitted online, so bring a laptop if possible!

**Fees:**

\$30.00:	School Registration
\$8.00:	For each Individual Entry
\$11.00:	For each Duo / Duo Commentary entry
\$16.00:	For each Multiple entry
\$100.00	For each judge the tournament director needs to hire over the first initial 5 judges.

**Food:** Lunch items will be sold starting at 11:00am. Quite a variety of foods will be available. We will be sure to have enough food for all including food for vegetarians. There is no time scheduled in the tournament to allow people to travel for lunch, so please plan on having students purchase items in the cafeteria.

**Registration:** Registration will be closed at 11:55pm on Tuesday, February 28th with entry fees and judge assignments also being frozen at that time. Even if weather problems arise you must meet your judge commitments as well as pay your initial fees the day of the tournament. The tournament will be filled on a first come, first served basis. However, standbys will be accepted and filled as vacancies occur. A \$10 drop fee will be assessed on Saturday for all drops.

**Phones:** My cell phone number is 616-322-1877. Feel free to leave a voicemail or text (but include your name and school if texting). My cell phone will be available the day of the tournament.

**Registration:** [GRCEagle on Tabroom](#)

**E-mail:** [bkarsten@grcs.org](mailto:bkarsten@grcs.org)

**Mailing address:** 2300 Plymouth Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506

**Checks:** Make checks payable to GRCHS.

**Digital Payment:** [www.grcs.org/forensics](http://www.grcs.org/forensics)

**Directions:** Enter the school parking from Plymouth Ave. Buses can drop students off in front of the Center for Arts and Worship (and then may park behind the school). Smaller vehicles can park in the Stadium Lot on the South side of the building.

We hope you decide to make the Eagles Invitational a part of your season. Thank you for your participation. See you on March 4, 2023!

Brian Karsten