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Dear Fellow Speech and Debate Coach,

The Liberty Middle Schools: Liberty, Heritage, South Valley, and Discovery, welcome you to a speech and debate tournament on **SATURDAY** February 1, 2025 at **Discovery Middle School**. To register, please complete the form linked below. Early and accurate registration is appreciated. The **registration deadline** is Friday **January 24, 2025 at 4:00pm**. In order to provide a well-run tournament, please be prepared to provide at least one judge if you have more than 3 entries in any event. If you do bring a judge, have them sign up on the form below. We will cap registration for categories, if necessary, on a first come, first served basis.

[Registration Link](#)

[Tournament Mechanics](#)

[Judges Volunteer Form](#)

The events we will be hosting are:

- Dramatic Duet Acting
- Humorous Duet Acting
- Poetry
- Prose
- Humorous Interpretation
- Dramatic Interpretation
- Storytelling
- Original Oratory
- Informative Speaking
- Improv Duet Acting
- Duo Interpretation
- Impromptu Speaking
- Public Forum Debate (Novice and Experienced)
- [Congressional Debate](#) (The tournament docket will follow the order as listed. **Please let me know if you have a student wanting to PO.**)

This Season's Public Forum Topic–

Resolved: Citizens in the United States should be guaranteed two years of free tuition to a community or technical college.

8:15 – 8:45 Registration

IE Schedule

9:00 – 10:15 Round 1
10:30 – 11:45 Round 2
12:00 – 12:30 Lunch Break
12:45 – 2:00 Finals

Debate Schedule

9:00 – 9:50 Round 1
10:00 – 10:50 Round 2
11:00 – 11:20 Powermatch & Post Rd3
11:25 – 12:10 Round 3
12:15 – 12:45 Lunch Break
(12:45 – Post Top 8 Debate Pairings)
12:50 – 1:45 Round 4 (Top 8 debate)

Congress Schedule

9:00 – 10:15 Session 1
10:30 – 11:45 Session 2
12:00 – 12:30 Lunch Break
12:45 – 2:00 Session 3

Awards Schedule

2:15 – Lip Sync Battle
2:30 – Tentative Awards Start Time
3:15 – Tentative Departure Time

Contestant Participation

If necessary, we may limit the tournament to 5 entries per event per team. Ribbons will be awarded 1st - 8th for all main events. Lip Sync competitors will compete for trophies (trophy quantity is dependent on the number of event entries). Sweepstakes awards will be divided amongst small, medium and large schools. The top 2 teams in each division will earn an award. This will be determined by grouping the entry numbers at the end of day of tournament registration. A quality points award will also be awarded based on sweepstakes points divided by total number of entries. The top 3 entries from each school will contribute to sweepstakes. Schools will not need to label A,B,C in order for entries to score. Those selected for participation will be included on a first registered, first participating basis. Debate points and Forensics points will be added together to determine sweepstakes winners on the sweepstakes spreadsheet according to the Tournament Mechanics. In the event that Liberty students participate, they will not be included in the tournament tabulations.

Registration Fees

When submitting payment, please make checks payable to Liberty Public Schools Middle School Debate. The fees will be **\$3.00** per contestant per category (partner events = \$6). Lip Sync entries are \$10. You will be charged and receive an invoice for the number of entries registered as of FRIDAY, January 30, 2025. When registering, please complete entries on tabroom.com. Any changes after the drop deadline need to be e-mailed to david.dempsey@lps53.org. Please be kind when determining entries that are needing to be fixed. On tournament day, a full team roster with student codes should be given to the registration table.

Results and Tabulation

This tournament will be have registered and preliminary scheduling on tabroom with paper tabulation grids in the physical tab room. Debate pairings will be powermatched in on debate cards. Paper ballots will still be utilized.

Concessions and Hospitality Room

Snacks and refreshments will be provided for the coaches, the bus drivers, and judges in our hospitality room. Snacks and drinks for the students will be available for purchase in our main commons. We ask that all food and/or drink be consumed in the cafeteria only. Thank you in advance for your assistance and cooperation.

Parking

- Students should enter through the front doors at Discovery Middle School (not to be confused with South Valley Middle School adjacent to DMS).
- Bus parking is in the north parking lot by the practice soccer field.
- Small vehicles may park in the main lot in front of the school.

We look forward to seeing you on **SATURDAY** at the tournament!

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