**Shawnee Heights Debate Invitational**

*Shawnee Heights High School*

*4201 Shawnee Heights Rd*

***November 2, 2023***

We invite you to attend the Shawnee Heights Debate Invitational on November 2nd, 2024. The Tournament will have two divisions: Novice and Open.

**Novice** will be limited to those students who have not participated in debate prior to this season. Novice will have five rounds. The top eight teams in this division will receive medals. Novice debaters should be prepared to debate in front of both lay judges and responsible/successful junior/senior debaters.

* **Teams will NOT be limited to the Novice Case-list.**

**Open** division teams should be prepared to debate in front of community members.

**Payment must be submitted with the attached invoice from tabroom.com.** Entry fees are $5.00 per novice team and $6.00 per open team.

There is **no judge requirement in either one of our divisions, although we would greatly appreciate any support you can send our way**. All entries will initially be placed on the waitlist. We will initially allot **5 entries per school**. We will admit as many extra entries as possible.

**Tournament Guidelines**

1. The tournament will be cross-examination style with 8-3-5 time limits with 8 minutes of prep time.
2. Rounds 1 and 2 in all divisions will be pre-set. Rounds 3, 4 and 5 will be power matched.
3. **Every school** entered in the tournament is required to have a responsible adult in charge for the **full day**. Coaches and sponsors will be asked to judge if necessary.
4. All ballots will be done on paper
5. Tournament management reserves the right to handle difficulties, or things otherwise not clarified in the invitation, in a way that seems fair to us.
6. Everyone will be given in an initial 5 entries. Additional entries will be granted in the order of:
   1. Flint Hills Schools
   2. Schools whose tournament we have attended or will be attending
   3. Everyone else

**TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

(Projected / Tentative)

Saturday

Round 1 - 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM

Round 2 - 9:30 AM to 11:15 AM

Round 3 - 11:00 AM to 12:300 PM

Lunch 12:30-1:00 pm

Round 4 - 1:00 PM to 2:30pm

Round 5 - 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM

Awards Grab n’ Go

**Awards**

* Sweepstakes trophies will be given out to the top 3 teams.
* The top 6 teams in each division will medal.
* The top 8 individual speakers in each division will medal
* Tiebreakers will be set in the order of:
  + Win/Loss
  + Opponents’ average wins from prelims
  + Ranks from prelim rounds
  + Opponents’ average ranks from prelim rounds
  + Head to Head wins (if tied) from prelim round(s)
  + Coinflip from prelim rounds
* Sweeps will be determined by a school’s top two entries in each event (Novice and Open). Only schools entered in both divisions will be eligible for sweeps