

Fall Festival

XAVERIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 1, 2025

We welcome you to Xaverian's First Annual Fall Fest!



We look forward to starting the 2025-2026 MSDL season with you.

Expectations

The Massachusetts Speech and Debate League fosters a culture of diversity and inclusion (see MSDL Community Standards - [here](#)). We expect all members of our community to treat one another with respect. Should you have any issues, please come to the TAB room and ask to speak with our equity officer. All those in attendance will be expected to conduct themselves with appropriate respect for their fellow competitors, judges, our school, and all private property at all times during the tournament. We appreciate your courtesy.

We will feature the following events:

- Speech Events
- Congressional Debate

Anticipated Schedule:

8:15 to 8:45 - Registration (make sure to text** before 8 AM!)

8:30 AM – Judges' Meeting & Opening Ceremonies

Speech and Debate rounds will run according to the Live Doc.

3:00 PM – Finals

5:00 PM – Closing Ceremonies! (Awards)

****Check-ins: the MSDL rules require each team to check in on the morning of the tournament.**

Please text Joyce Albert at (508)-397-5143 with drops (or no drops) between 7:00 and 8:00 a.m

General Information

1. Deadlines: Registration for the tournament is now open and will end on Wednesday, October 29th, at 5:00 PM. The deadline for drops and judge registration is Thursday, October 30th, at 5:00 PM.
2. Entries: We host a double-entry tournament, excluding Group Discussion and Congressional Debate. In addition, any Speech competitors with the exception of those entered in Congressional Debate may also enter Multiple Reading.
3. Fees: There is a \$10 registration fee per entry; while Multiple Reading is counted as one entry at the standard \$10. Fees may be paid in cash or by checks made out to “Xaverian Brothers HS.”
4. Judges: For every five competitors (or fraction thereof) in speech events, each school must provide one judge. In Debate events, each school must provide one judge for every two competitors. Extra judges are always welcome. There is a \$50 fee to pay for a judge’s drop or failure to cover your team’s judging obligation.

Please remember that numbers of required judges are determined at the time of registration, not on the day of the tournament. All judges will need an electronic device, preferably a laptop, and will need to register for a free account at Tabroom.com, as we will be using electronic balloting.

Concessions

Eats: Food and beverages will be available for purchase in the cafeteria throughout the day! Breakfast and lunch will be offered, along with snacks and dietary-restriction-friendly options.

**Payment for concessions is CASHLESS.
Payment can be made through card or digital pay (ex. Apple Pay)**

Including:

A variety of breakfast items

Pizza

Chicken and fries

Chips

Candy

Water

Sandwiches

...and more!

Events

Children's Literature+
Original Oratory
Declamation
Play Reading+
Dramatic Performance
Poetry Reading+
Duo Interpretation
Programmed Oral Interp
Novice Extemporaneous Speaking

+Please also register your novices for Novice Oral Interp if they are competing in Children's Lit, Play Reading, Poetry or Prose so they may be included in Novice Oral Interp finals if qualified.

Extemporaneous Speaking

Prose Reading+
Group Discussion
Radio Broadcasting
Impromptu

Congressional Debate
Informative Speaking

Multiple

Event Specific Information

Congressional Debate

- Submit legislation to Mr. Bowden by Friday, October 24, at 5:00 pm.
- Contact Mr. Bowden, VP Congress, if you have questions. joe.bowden@gmail.com
- If you have any judges who are particularly interested in judging Congressional Debate or in being a parliamentarian, please let us know.

Group Discussion:

- The topic area will be: • American International Policy with a focus on tariffs, the Russia-Ukrainian War, the Israel-Hamas War, and China.

Multiple

- If there are 5 or fewer Multiples competing at the tournament, there will be no final round held in that event.
- If there are more than 5 multiples, then between 3 and 4 will break to finals. The goal will be to make a clean break and the number that will advance will be determined by the tournament director.

Novice Oral Interp

- A final round will be held in Novice Oral Interpretation for all non-advancing novices in Children's Literature, Play Reading, Poetry Reading, and Prose Reading.

Closing

Trophies will be awarded to the top six competitors in each Speech and Debate event.

Top novices will receive a special memento. Top speakers will also be recognized.

Sweepstakes trophies will be awarded to the top 6 large schools and top 3 small schools by ranking the highest finishers in 10 events, plus the next three top finishers.

Directions

Just plug in 800 Clapboardtree St, Westwood, MA, in your GPS.

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/M3VtVpzUeRzzrhbm9>

Thanks!

See you on Clapboardtree Street on 11/1!