

Deering High School Debate and Student Congress
370 Stevens Avenue
Portland, Maine 04103

The Deering High School Debate Team is pleased to invite you to an all divisions Debate and Student Congress tournament on Saturday January 16, 2010.

Registration: All Registrations are due by 8:00 pm, Wednesday January 13th, through Tabroom.com:http://www.tabroom.com/index/index.mhtml?tourn_id=620

No late adds will be accepted, no exceptions.

Any questions? Call or e-mail Sean Lent at:

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Note that drops and changes can be made online up to 8:00 pm on Friday, January 15. Saturday drops will be assessed an additional \$10 nuisance charge, unless they are phoned in before 7:00 am to 450-3301.

Registration Fees: \$7.00 per entry.

Lunch: Deering will provide the opportunity for students to purchase lunch in the cafeteria. They can always bring their own lunch, but they should not leave campus and run the risk of forfeiting a round. Deering will provide complimentary lunch for all judges and coaches.

Judges: Please provide one judge for every two debaters. Fractional entries must provide a judge. For example, if you bring five debaters, you must bring three judges. You must bring an unaffiliated judge for every third, fifth and seventh judge required in a division. Remember also that parents cannot judge the division in which their child participates. Related to that, please mark the corresponding box for parent judges on Tabroom registrations.

There will be a limited number of extra judges available if you are short. The cost will be \$50. Please clear it with the tournament director by Wednesday January 13th.

Events: The tournament will hold competition in Novice, Junior Varsity and Varsity Lincoln-Douglas debate, Novice and Varsity Public Forum debate, Policy debate (if numbers allow) and Student Congress Senate and House. The tournament director reserves the right to combine debate divisions should numbers necessitate it.

Debate topics:

Lincoln-Douglas 2010 January/February Topic

Resolved: Economic Sanctions ought not be used to achieve foreign policy objectives.

Public Forum 2010 January Topic

Resolved: President Obama's plan for increasing troops in Afghanistan is in the United States' best interest.

Policy 2010 Topic:

Resolved: The United States government should substantially increase social services for persons living in poverty in the United States.

Awards: Trophies will be awarded to the winner, the runner-up, and the semi-finalists in each LD and Public Forum division. Trophies will be awarded to the top three in Student Congress. A first-place trophy will be awarded in Policy. Sweeps will be awarded to the top three schools covering both divisions.

Ties in record will be broken first by head to head, then strength of competition, and finally speaker points.

Schedule:

Registration: 7:45 – 8:15 in main lobby. BE PROMPT! (These times are 15 minutes earlier than Cape Elizabeth's Registration to allow schools with both speech and debate to drop their debaters off at Deering first).

Judges meeting in Judges' Lounge (conference room next to cafeteria) - 8:30

Student meeting in Cafeteria - 8:30

Round I - 8:45

Round II - 9:45

Round III -10:45

Lunch - 11:45

Round IV -1:15

Semi-Finals - 2:30

Finals - 3:45

Awards - 5:00

Tentatively, we are planning on having Tom Major run a smaller version of our raffle, which has become a tradition at our tournament. This has not yet been confirmed.

At the end of the tournament (after the awards ceremony) and when all the coaches have arrived from Cape Elizabeth, we will hold the vote on the proposed Public Forum by-law change. The proposed change is to align with NFL guidelines by adopting the two-minute Final Focus. If you are traveling from Cape, please come to the Auditorium at Deering for this vote.

The Tab Room will be located in the library on the third floor across the walkway. The cafeteria and judges lounge will be located across the second floor walkway. Signs will be posted.