

February 17, 2017

Dear Colleague:

I am pleased to invite your school to participate in March Madness Speech Tournament on Sunday, March 5, 2017 at The Pike School, 34 Sunset Rock Road, Andover, MA.

Competition is open to students in grades six through eight. Dual entry is allowed. There will be three rounds with a single judge in each section, plus a finals round for the top eight competitors in each event.

Currently there are no limits on the number of entries from a given school. However, if you plan on bringing more than 40 students, please contact me.

Schools must furnish one judge for every *five* students (note: one duo pair equals a single entry when calculating your judge quota). Parents, teachers and high school students who have experience in speech may serve as judges.

Please email me at <u>evenetiou@pikeschool.org</u> with any questions. For emergencies the day of the event, you can text or call me at 928-863-0000.

Looking forward to a great tournament!

Sincerely,

Elisabeth F. Venetiou, Head Coach The Pike School Speech Team evenetiou@pikeschool.org

SCHEDULE

8:00 A.M.	Registration. Check in table by the front door. Students may go to the Cafeteria.
	Students can warm-up in an empty class room with adult present.

8:45 Judges meet in the Community Room. Students meet in the Cafeteria.

9:30	Round I	All Events
10:30	Round II	All Events
11:30	Round III	All Events

12:30 Lunch: Pizza and snacks available for purchase.

1:30 Finals: Top eight competitors in each event.

3:15 Awards in the Theater

EVENTS:

Children's Literature Declamation

DemonstrationDramatic PerformanceDuoFree Verse/PoetryImpromptuOriginal OratoryProseStorytelling

JUDGES:

Each school must provide at one judge per *five* entries.

FEES

\$7 per solo student entry; \$14 per duo. Checks payable to The Pike School.

DEADLINE:

Competitors must be registered on Tabroom.com by *Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 9:00 p.m.* Fees and the number of judges your school is bringing are considered final at that time.

PARKING:

The parking lot at Pike is small. If you are able to carpool it may save you the need to park off site or in our fields on the grass.

SUSTAINIBILITY:

Pike practices sustainability. Therefore, reusable water bottles, which can be filled throughout the school, will be given to all participants. No bottled beverages will be available for sale.

OUESTIONS:

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