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December 14, 2017

Dear Colleague:

We hope you will join us for our MMSSL “Happy New Year” Novice Speech Tournament to be held at Nashoba Brooks on Sunday, January 7, 2018.

This will be a **novice meet**, so competition is open to students in grades 6 through 8 who attended two or fewer tournaments during last year's speech season (2016-2017). **Teams may bring up to twenty five entries.** Schools must provide one judge per five entries or fraction thereof. Parents, teachers, or other interested adults as well as **veteran team members** are invited to judge at the meet. High school students who have experience in speech are also welcome to judge. This is a single-entry meet, so students are only allowed to enter into one event each. There will be three straight rounds with a single judge in each section. There is a final round for the top eight competitors in each category. Medals and honorable mentions will be awarded.

Enclosed, you will find a tentative schedule for the day, a listing of events to be offered, and other important logistical information. Students should bring their own lunches. **Please note: Nashoba Brooks is a nut-free school.**

The deadline for registration will be Wednesday, January 3 at 9:00 p.m. We look forward to hearing from you, and we hope to see you and your students on January 7!

Sincerely,

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**“Happy New Year” Novice Speech Tournament 2018**

**For 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Speakers      Sunday, January 7, 2018**

**Nashoba Brooks School, 200 Strawberry Hill Road, Concord, MA 01742**

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

- 8:00 a.m.      **Registration.** Courtyard Entrance to Wallace Dining Commons. Complimentary granola bars and juice (kids), and coffee (adults), will be provided in the morning. Students can warm-up in an empty classroom (with adult present) or common area.
- 8:45            **Orientation meetings.** Judges will meet in the Tucker Auditorium. Competitors will meet in Wallace Dining Commons.
- 9:30            **Round I** – All Events
- 10:30          **Round II** – All Events
- 11:30          **Round III** – All Events
- 12:30          **Lunch** – Please bring a bag lunch and remember that Nashoba Brooks is a NUT-FREE school
- 1:30            **Finals Round** (top eight competitors in each event)
- 3:15            **Announcement of Awards.** Tucker Auditorium. Students Ballot result packets available for coaches to pick up directly thereafter.

Events (For a complete description of the events, see the MMSSL website)

Prose Reading  
Dramatic Reading  
Original Oratory  
Children’s Literature  
Declamation

Demonstration Speaking  
Free Verse / Poetry  
Duo Interpretation  
Impromptu Speaking  
Storytelling

## Entries and Judges

**Each school may provide up to 25 entries total per school. No double entries in any event.** Each school must provide one judge per five entries or fraction thereof. Parents, teachers, or other interested adults as well as veteran students in 7th or 8th grade with sufficient tournament experience and coaches' approval may judge. High school students who have experience in speech are also welcome to judge. **Please remind judges to review our wonderful judge's training video on the resources page of our MMSSL website.**

## Entry Fees

\$7 per solo student entry; \$14 per duo. Each school's coach/advisor should pay the entry fees during check-in, using either cash or check. Checks should be made out to Nashoba Brooks School.

## Entry Deadline

Competitors must be registered on Tabroom.com by Wednesday, January 3 at 9:00 p.m. Fees are considered final at that time, as is your school's commitment to bring a certain number of judges.

## Gender Neutral Bathrooms

Two gender neutral bathrooms are located outside the faculty room and conference room.

## Directions to Nashoba Brooks School

**From the East:** Take Rt. 2 West to the Cambridge Turnpike exit, crossing Rte. 2A. Continue on Cambridge Turnpike approximately 1.3 miles to the stop sign. Bear left at stop sign and follow Lexington Road into Concord Center. Proceed straight toward the Colonial Inn. With the Inn immediately in front of you bear left and take a quick right onto Lowell Road. Continue 1.2 miles to the stop sign. Turn left onto Barrett's Mill Road and follow it 0.7 miles. Turn right onto Strawberry Hill Road. Nashoba Brooks School is 0.4 miles on the right.

**From the West:** Take Route 2 East to the Concord Rotary. Take the third right off the rotary onto Barrett's Mill Road. Follow Barrett's Mill Road 1.2 miles. Turn left onto Strawberry Hill Road. Nashoba Brooks is 0.4 miles on the right.

## For More Information

Email Hannah Flint, [hflint@nashobabrooks.org](mailto:hflint@nashobabrooks.org). For emergencies or drops the day of the event, call Hannah's cell 718-514-3534.