

September 5, 2013

Dear Colleagues,

The Administration of Oak Grove Middle School and I welcome you to Concord, CA for the first league tournament of the Bay Area Middle School Speech & Debate Association. Competition will be held on October 5th on the Oak Grove campus. Oak Grove Middle School is located in Concord, adjacent to Walnut Creek and Pleasant Hill. It is easily accessible by Interstate 680.

We are offering two divisions in every event offered including; Parliamentary, Public Forum, and Lincoln Douglas. Additionally all 12 California State Individual Events will be offered. We will be using the Sept/Oct Public Forum topic and the Sept/Oct LD topic both which were released on August 15th. For Parliamentary Debate we will be using a variety of policy, value, and metaphor topics.

Events:

Parliamentary (6-6-6-6-4-4)
Public Forum (Std NFL timing)
Lincoln-Douglas (Std NFL timing)

CAHSSA IE Events
Advocacy (10 min max)
Oratory (10 min max)
Expository (10 min max, VA's optional, not required)

Impromptu (2 mins prep, 5 min max speech. Students will get three topics to choose from per round. One round each of; abstract words, quotes, questions)
Extemporaneous (30 mins prep, 7 min max speech. Students will get three topics to choose from per round.)

Humorous (10 min max, book optional)
Dramatic (10 min max, book optional)
Duo (10 min max, book optional)
Oratorical (10 min max)
Thematic (10 min max, book optional)

Awards will be given out for both debate and individual events. The top three students in every event will receive a trophy, finalists will also receive recognition. In debate undefeated teams and those earning a winning record (3-1) will also receive trophies.

Locations:

Students Assembly in Multi-Use Room
Judges in Library

Tab Room in C-1 (Teachers Lounge)
Postings located outside C/D wings.
Registration in the morning will be in front of C/D wings.
Prep Room (Parli/Extemp) in D-1

Deadline Sept 27th to enter. Entry website: <https://www.forensicstournament.net/BAMSSDA1/13>

Judging:

1 judge per 2 entries in Debate

1 judge per 6 entries in Individual Events

You are welcome to bring High School competitors to fulfil your judging commitment provided;
(1) they have two years of competitive experience, and (2) they are at least in 10th grade.

Bring enough judges to cover your biggest entry. Judges may be used to cover both IE and Debate, but ensure you enter that your judge is covering both sets of entries. If you will be short on judges please contact me as soon as possible. I made have some reserve high school students that can be tapped to help.

As a side, this is the first time a middle school in my district has hosted a debate tournament. Please help me by reminding these students about the special trust and responsibility that we have privileged them with.

Sincerely,

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Schedule

Registration:	starting @	8:15
Announcements:		8:30
Debate 1:		9:00
Speech 1:		10:15
Debate 2:		11:15
Lunch:		12:30
Speech 2:		1:00
Debate 3: (Power H/H)		2:00
Speech 3: (Silent Finals)		3:15
Debate 4: (Power H/H)		4:15
Awards:		5:30/ASAP