

September 5, 2013

Dear Forensics Colleagues:

On behalf of the Speech and Debate Team at Northgate High School, we would like to invite you to participate in our 2013 tournament. Competition will be held on November 2nd on the Northgate campus. Northgate High School is located in Walnut Creek, adjacent to Pleasant Hill and Concord. It is easily accessible by Interstate 680 and Highway 4. We are offering two divisions in every event offered including; Parliamentary, Public Forum, and Congressional Debate. Additionally all 12 California State Individual Events will be offered. We will be using the November Public Forum topic released on October 1st. For Parliamentary Debate we will be using a variety of policy, value, and metaphor topics. Congress Bills for the tournament will also be posted on October 1st.

Entry website: <http://www.forensicstournament.net/northgate/13>

Notable reasons to attend:

- We're running a one day tournament! This respects your time and budget without the need for hotel costs.
- Students in Individual Events will get **four** rounds and debater will get **five** rounds to maximize education! (We will run a silent finals to determine ranking)
- Simple entry fee structure of \$10 per student per event.
- AWARDS: Everyone loves hardware and we will be giving a bunch out.
 - Debate: All students with a winning record will be recognized.
 - Individual Events: Top speakers and finalists will be recognized.
 - Sweepstakes Awards: We will recognize the top 3 school in two divisions; small schools and large schools (6+ entries).
- Limits: Currently we have no entry limits in any division. Novice entries should be in their first year, or second year if they have limited experience. Middle School teams are welcome to compete in appropriate divisions (at coach's discretion).
- Hospitality: We will be serving food and other snacks all day. There are a couple places nearby (Taco Bell, Applebee's, Safeway, independent deli), but we will only have a short lunch break built in to the schedule. You are more than welcome to have things picked-up or delivered to the campus. For the sake of the tournament, students are advised not to leave the campus for lunch.

We would love to see you in November!

Please contact us with any questions you may have about our tournament. We will do our best to make the event fun and healthy for competitors and coaches.

Sincerely,

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