

November 3, 2013

Dear Forensics Colleagues:

On behalf of the Speech and Debate Team at Ygnacio Valley High School, we would like to invite you to participate in our 2013 Concord Cup and Warrior Invitational. Both competitions will be held on December 14th on the Ygnacio Valley campus. Ygnacio Valley High School is located in Concord, adjacent to Pleasant Hill and Walnut Creek. Our address is 755 Oak Grove Road, Concord, CA. It is easily accessible by Interstate 680 and Highway 4.

For the Warrior Invitational we are offering two divisions (Open and Novice) in every event offered including; Parliamentary, Public Forum, and this year we are adding Lincoln Douglas, and Policy Debate. Additionally 10 Individual Events will be offered. The Warrior Challenge is for serious speech and debate students who want the challenge of competing in multiple events

For the Concord Cup we will be offering a single division 12 team round robin. We will offer Parliamentary, Public Forum, Lincoln Douglas, and Policy debate in separate round robins. Schools will be allowed to register one team and waitlist another. In the event that 12 unique do not teams register for the round robin, schools will be allowed to enter their waitlisted team in order of initial registration until we have filled the round robin.

For both tournaments, we will be using the **November Public Forum topic** released and the November-December LD topic released on October 1st. For Parliamentary Debate we will be using a variety of policy, value, and metaphor topics. Parliamentary debaters will receive 20 minutes of prep prior to round start and will have no limitations on prep.

Entry website for Concord Cup: <http://www.forensicstournament.net/concordcup/13>

Entry website for Warrior Invitational: <http://www.forensicstournament.net/warriorinvite/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 are encourage to participate in the Forensic Warrior challenge
- One school fee of \$25 to enter both tournaments.
- Independant Entries welcome.
- AWARDS: Everyone loves awards 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.
 - Forensic Warrior: Top three in each division will be awarded. Plus everyone who registers will receive a souvenir.
 - 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 of the Warrior Invitational. 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). The Concord Cup has the following limits: 1 team in each round robin

- Hospitality: We will be serving food and other snacks all day. We will have our kitchen open and will be serving hot food for breakfast and lunch!

We would love to see you in December!

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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CONCORD CUP INFORMATION:

This year the Concord Cup will be a twelve team round robin. Each school participating in the tournament will be allowed to register one team and waitlist another. In the event that the round robin does not fill, schools will be allowed to register their waitlisted team in order of original registration to fill the bracket. The round robins will be single Open division and schools are encouraged to enter their best team in this tournament.

The school fee is \$25

Each school is allowed to register 1 team in each of the round robins if they choose. Schools can also waitlist an additional team.

Per team entry fee is \$25.

Students entering the Concord Cup will not be able to compete in the Warrior Invitational.

Judging: Schools will need to provide 1 judge per team. If you waitlisted a team, it will be added on a space available basis.

The top three teams will be awarded trophies, using the following system;

Debates in the round robin will be critiqued with two judges, placing in the tournament will be determined by number of total ballot pickups with 12 ballots being the maximum.

Schedule:

9AM- Round 1

10AM- Round 2

11AM- Round 3

12PM- Lunch

1PM- Round 4

2PM- Round 5

3PM- Round 6

Awards to follow.

WARRIOR INVITATIONAL INFORMATION

The Warrior Invitational will offer Open and Novice speech and debate events. The Invitational will also offer the Forensic Warrior Challenge, allowing you to triple-enter up to 5 students in both Open and Novice divisions. Every student that enters the Forensic Warrior challenge will receive a souvenir for participating. Students in the challenge can either triple enter in speech, or double enter and compete in a debate event.

The school fee is \$25 (schools also in Concord Cup, will only pay \$25 school fee)

No limit currently on entries.

Speech Events/LD \$10, PF, Parli, and DUO \$20, Warrior Challenge Fee \$5

Students entering the Warrior Invitational will not be able to compete in the Concord Cup.

Judging: Schools will need to provide 1 judge per 2 debate teams and 1 judge per 6 speech entries.

Awards:

Top 3 students placing in Speech events (in divisions).

Winning records in debate.

Top 3 students placing in the Warrior Challenge (in divisions).

Schedule:

8AM- Registration

830AM- Round 1 Debate

930AM- Round 1 Speech Events

1030AM- Round 2 Debate

1130AM- Round 2 Speech Events

1230PM- Round 3 Debate

130PM- Round 3 Speech Events

230PM- Round 4 Debate

330PM- Finals Speech (if needed)

430PM- Round 5 Debate

Awards to follow.