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Western Class A Speech, Debate, and Drama Divisionals

Dear Coaches:

You are cordially invited to attend the Western Class A Divisional Speech/Debate/Drama Tournament on Saturday, January 21, 2017.

Tournament Registration: Registration must be completed online no later than **January 9 by 6:00 pm** at. **After January 9 the Forensic Tournament site will set to no new schools. Please, finalize all changes to your team by 4PM on January 16 so that we may begin sectioning events and finalize rooms and judges.**

Entry Fees: Entry fee will be \$5.00 per competitor in each event. All registration will be online and check-in will take place through email. Drop fee of \$5 on the day of the tournament.

Rules: MHSA rules for Divisional/State Class A Competitions will be followed. Debate topics are as follows:

Policy: Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its economic and/or diplomatic engagement with the People's Republic of China.

LD: Resolved: Public colleges and universities in the United States ought not restrict any constitutionally protected speech.

Public Forum: Resolved: In order to better respond to international conflicts, the United States should significantly increase its military spending.

Registration: You will be emailed your entry sheets with codes, maps, and other information on Friday, January 20. Invoices will be emailed following the tournament.

PLEASE CALL OR TEXT IN ANY CHANGES FROM THE BUS TO TARA NORICK AT (406) 249-6177. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE VOICEMAIL.

Meals: We are offering box lunches for students including a turkey/ham/cheese sandwich choice with fruit, chips, cookie, and water for \$6. All student box lunches must be preordered by January 16. There will be no onsite concessions. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for all coaches and drivers.

Tournament Conduct: We ask that students use designated common areas between rounds, keep out of the hallways during competitions, remain quiet during passing from room to room during rounds, and respect the facilities and tournament supervisors. Remind students not to write on Smart Boards or touch any computer equipment in the classrooms.

Tournament Schedule: Speech will be at Columbia Falls High School and Debate and Drama at Columbia Falls Junior High. We designed the tournament schedule with the intent of a fair break for the top 12 competitors headed to state. We will have 5 prelim rounds and finals in every event except Policy Debate and Drama. Policy and Drama will have 4 rounds and finals. Certificates and ribbons will be awarded to the top six places and 7-12 will be announced at awards as state competitors in each event. LD and PF will be single flighted all day to facilitate staying on schedule. Awards will be held in the Theatre at the High School when tabbing is finished.

<u>Round</u>	<u>Speech</u>	<u>Drama</u>	<u>PF/LD Debate</u>	<u>Policy Debate</u>
1	8:00 am	8:00 am	8:00 am	8:00 am
2	9:30 am	9:30 am	10:00 am	10:00 am
3	11:00 am	11:00 am	11:30 am	12:00 pm
4	1:00 pm	1:00 pm	1:00 pm	2:00 pm
5	2:30 pm		2:30 pm	
Finals	4:30pm	2:30 pm	4:00 pm	4:00 pm

QUESTIONS: Please direct all questions to: Tara Norick, Tournament Director, Head Coach, Columbia Falls High School. Phone: 249-6177. **Email:** tnorick@gmail.com