

The Vendlinski Invitational

at Bishop O'Dowd

O'Dowd Debate cordially requests your presence on April 23, 2011 at the Vendlinski Invitational at Bishop O'Dowd High School in Oakland, California.

The tournament will bring together 32 brilliant parliamentary debaters to compete in a novel format.

Teams will be selected by lottery before each of the four preliminary rounds. Debaters from the same school will not be paired. For example, the first round could be Vastola (O'Dowd) & Mabie (James Logan) against Morris (Mira Loma) & Wong (Granite Bay).

The tournament will break to blind winner and loser brackets for the elimination rounds. Teams will be redrawn before each elimination round from debaters within the bracket.

The winning team will receive large trophies.

Resolutions will not be serious (except for one round) and may cover zombies, alien invasion, and lycanthropy.

For many of the invitees, this tournament may mark their final rounds of high school parliamentary debate. This tournament offers the opportunity to work across the aisle and gain insight into what makes your opponents tick.

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ADDRESS: Bishop O'Dowd High School, 9500 Stearns Avenue, Oakland, California

DATE: April 23, 2011, 8:30 a.m., first round commences at 9 a.m.

ROUNDS: Four preliminary rounds + three elimination rounds, all rounds single flighted

PREP RESTRICTIONS: None

FEE: \$50 per debater (checks can be made out to O'Dowd Debate)

JUDGING REQUIREMENT: Each school in attendance (not each debater) should provide 1 qualified judge (either a coach, experienced judge, or former high school parli debater). Schools can buy out of the judging obligation for \$50.

REGISTER: Please email jthorpe@bishopodowd.org by Monday April 11 if you plan on attending.