



Princeton University Debate Panel

One Whig Hall
Princeton University
Princeton, NJ 08544



October 16th, 2013

Dear Forensics Coach,

On behalf of the Princeton Debate Panel, it is our pleasure to invite you and your forensics team to the **17th Annual Princeton Classic**, to be held from **Friday, December 6, 2013 to Sunday, December 8, 2013**. The tournament will consist of competition in Varsity and Novice Lincoln Douglas Debate, Public Forum Debate, Congressional Debate, and six Speech events. We offer 5 prelim rounds in IE and 6 in LD and Public Forum. Tournament of Champions or NIETOC bids will be earned by Semi-finalists in Varsity Lincoln-Douglas, Octofinalists in Public Forum debate, and IE and Extemporaneous Speaking participants that reach a round to be determined based on the number of entries (see <http://www.nietoc.com/how-to-qualify.asp> and <http://comm.soc.northwestern.edu/toc/> for more details). ALL finalists in EX and OO will receive invitations to compete in the respective Round Robins at the TOC in April.

Last year our tournament made another strong leap forward in tournament administration and policies, drawing over 1000 participants from more than 100 schools, and we hope to continue and build upon that success. Joining us this year as Tab Director is **Jim Menick** of Hendrick Hudson (NY), who will run LD tab with **Jon Cruz** of Bronx Science (NY). **Dario Camara** of Columbus (FL) and **Carol Cecil** of Braddock (FL) will direct Public Forum tab, **Brother John McGrory** of Chaminade (NY) will oversee Congress tab, and **Joe Vaughan** of Scarsdale (NY), **Lydia Esslinger** of Syosset (NY), and **Barb Guiliano** of St. Joseph's (PA) will run Speech tab.

If you need any additional information or assistance, please email us at princetonclassic2013@gmail.com.

We hope your school year and forensics season are off to a great start, and look forward to seeing you all in Princeton this December!

Yours Sincerely,
Charlotte Chun '16, Brian Litchfield '16, and Hannah Schoen '16
Tournament Co-Directors



2013 PRINCETON CLASSIC
High School Forensics Tournament
Princeton University
Friday, Dec 6 – Sunday, Dec 8



Complete tournament information at:

princeton.tabroom.com

Questions? Please contact:

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Registration will occur at Whig Hall.

Event Rules

Double Entry

A participant may enter up to two different speech events. Debate or congress entries may not double enter.

Varsity and Novice Lincoln-Douglas Debate

The resolution will be the November-December National Forensic League topic. Both LD divisions will follow the 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 format. Debaters will have 5 minutes of prep time. Ties will be broken based on record, adjusted points, total points, double-adjusted points, judge variance, opponents' record, and flip of a coin, in that order. The break will likely be to double-octafinals in Varsity and Novice LD debate. Novice is limited to first-year forensics competitors only. Novice LD will also be using the November-December topic; the Northeast Modest Novice topic does not extend into December. The TOC bid is at VLD semi-finals.

Public Forum Debate

There will be a single, open division of public forum debate. We will follow all of the NFL rules for the event as they stand for the start of the school year. The tournament will use the NFL topic for December 2013. Ties will be broken using the same criteria as Lincoln-Douglas Debate. The event will break to an appropriate level. As with last year, Public Forum will feature limited open tab of the kind used at other invitationals around the country. The TOC bid is at octafinals.

Public Forum competition Friday will be held entirely at Princeton High School and Saturday on campus.

Congressional Debate

There will be a single, open division of Congressional Debate. Chambers will be composed of no more than 25 members, although 20 is the target. Sunday's competition will again feature a semifinal round in the morning and a final round in the afternoon. Chamber assignments will be posted on Monday, December 2. Semisupersession legislation, as well as supersession topic areas, will be posted on Wednesday, December 4. Supersession legislation will be posted on Friday, December 6.

Speech Events

This year we are an NIETOC bid school. Extemp, Oratory, DI, HI and Duo will follow NFL rules. We will use the NCFL's guidelines for published material in interpretation events. The grace period will be 30 seconds for all speech events. Any IE participant who exceeds the grace may not receive a rank of 1 in the round; any further penalty will be at the discretion of the judge. A participant may only be penalized for a time violation if the judge has used a precise timing device and notes the penalty on the ballot. There will be 5 preliminary rounds unless noted at the tournament. Speech events will break to quarterfinals, "super-semifinals", or semifinals. Tabbing is cumulative, with the worst preliminary rank dropped after the initial elimination break. The Extemporaneous final round will feature cross-examination in accordance with NFL rules. The TOC bid is dependent on the number of entries.

Speech competition Saturday will be held entirely at John Witherspoon Middle School.

Fees and Fines

Entry Fees

VLD \$60/entry
NLD \$40/entry
PFD \$70/entry
Duo \$30/entry
Other IE \$25/entry
Congress \$30/entry

Hired Judge Fees

LD Hired Judging \$50/ uncovered entry
PFD Hired Judging \$50/ uncovered entry
IE Hired Judging \$30/ uncovered entry
CON Hired Judging \$30/ uncovered entry (max charge 5 entries)

Fines and Deadlines

Fees are frozen on Mon. 12/2 at 9:00 PM
Late drops/adds after Thurs. 12/5 at 9:00 PM:
\$10/change
Unreported drops after Thurs. 12/5 at 9:00 PM:
\$50/drop
Judge missed a preliminary round: \$25
Judge missed an elimination round: \$50

All payment is due at registration. Please make checks out to: Princeton Debate Panel

Judging Policies

Judging Requirements

Teams should bring the following number of qualified judges:

LD: 1 judge/ 3 entries

PF: 1 judge/ 3 entries

Speech: 1 judge/ 5 entries

Congress: 1 judge/ entire entry

The VLD and Novice LD pools are completely separate and must be covered separately; e.g., if you have one VLDer and one NLDer, you need one judge for VLD and another judge for NLD.

Congress judges might be swapped into another judging pool; please indicate which other pool a Congress judge would like to judge if we cannot use him/her in Congress when registering. Likewise, qualified Speech judges may be asked to judge a round of Congress. **Judges in all divisions except speech are obligated to stay and judge one round past any round in which their students are**

actively competing. If there are run-off rounds in debate, all judges are obligated for that round, and for the following round (i.e., if there is a run-off, all judges are obligated for the doubles round). Judges in speech are required to stay for all rounds.

MJP

Any Varsity LD school with proper judge coverage will be able to select rankings for the pool using Mutual Judge Preferencing on tabroom.com. We will note on the list the rankings (prefers circuit, prefers traditional, trained newcomer) given by the submitting schools. MJP will begin the Tuesday morning prior to the tournament, and end Thursday evening. Any schools that drop judges after MJP starts will lose their own rankings.

We reserve the right to assign Varsity judges to the Novice pool, as we see fit. This will improve the quality of the novice judging and, as we have seen at other tournaments, best use the resources at hand. As they run Saturday on different schedules, tab will work with judges directly so that they know for which rounds they need to be available.

Paradigms

We expect varsity judges to publish paradigms at <http://judgephilosophies.wikispaces.com/> Novice judges should be willing to indicate to competitors before a round a general sense of their vision of LD (if any) or a sense of their experience, to aid competitors in choosing how best to make their arguments

Open Tab & Ballots

Open Tab & Results

We will publicly post the results of each round in each Debate event (PF, LD) after each round is tabbed, to serve as a double-check. Judges in debate events are encouraged, but not required, to give feedback and critiques to the debaters and disclose their decisions. However, please be sure the tab room knows the results of the round before you give extended critiques. We will use a text-messaging system to allow you to quickly send results into the tab room. Judges **MUST** disclose following all elimination rounds.

Speech coaches will be welcome to enter the ballot sorting room and read ballots of their students during the tournament, so long as they do not hamper the ballot sorting and tabbing process. Coaches may enter the tab room to do the same. Coaches may not remove ballots from the tab or ballot room until the tournament ballots are released.

Ballots and Awards:

Awards will be given to all competitors reaching eliminations. Please pick them up during the awards ceremony, or arrange to have someone else do so on your behalf. We do not mail trophies.

We also do not release ballots early to teams who cleared entries into elim rounds. Non-clearing teams can pick up ballots, but they may not be ready & sorted until Sunday morning after the first elim round. If you anticipate leaving early, bring an envelope of sufficient size and postage, label it with your school name, and deliver it to tab so we can send it after the tournament.

Registration and Caps

Caps and Limits

Each school will be able to register six debaters in each LD division. If a school registers more than six in either division, debaters beyond the first six will be placed on the wait list. We will release names from the waitlist in as timely a manner as possible.

Eligibility, Adult Supervision & Independent Entries

All students must be actively enrolled in high school, unless they are home schooled, in which case they must be of high school age (14-19 years). All students must comply with the safety policy below. No independent entries will be accepted without specific approval from the tournament.

Safety Policy

All students must be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian, or a school-approved guardian or coach empowered by the student's school and/or parent to care for that student in the event of a medical or other emergency. The contact information for this adult must be given to the Tab

Room on registration. The Princeton Classic and the PDP can take no responsibility for the health and safety of students beyond notifying this accompanying adult of concerns or problems as we become aware of them.

Tournament Hotel

The official tournament hotel for this year will be the Homewood Suites in Princeton. Tournament participants can book rooms at a discounted rate of \$95 per night for a queen studio suite with a full size sofa bed (sleeps 4), \$105 per night for a one bedroom suite with a king bed and a full size sofa bed (sleeps 4), and \$115 per night for a one bedroom suite with 2 queen beds and a full size sofa bed (sleeps 6). All rates include a full breakfast buffet and wireless high speed internet. You may make reservations at the hotel by calling Young Song at (609) 720 0550 ex. 6008 and telling her you are part of the Princeton Debate Panel group, or by going to our personalized webpage at http://homewoodsuites.hilton.com/en/hw/groups/personalized/P/PTNHWHW-PDP-20131206/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG.

Schedule

For an up-to-date tournament schedule, please check our tournament website, <http://princeton.tabroom.com>.

Any schedule that is posted will be tentative and please be aware that the schedule may be changed during the tournament.

All rules are subject to change. The tournament will make you aware of any changes at registration.

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SAT AND SUN**

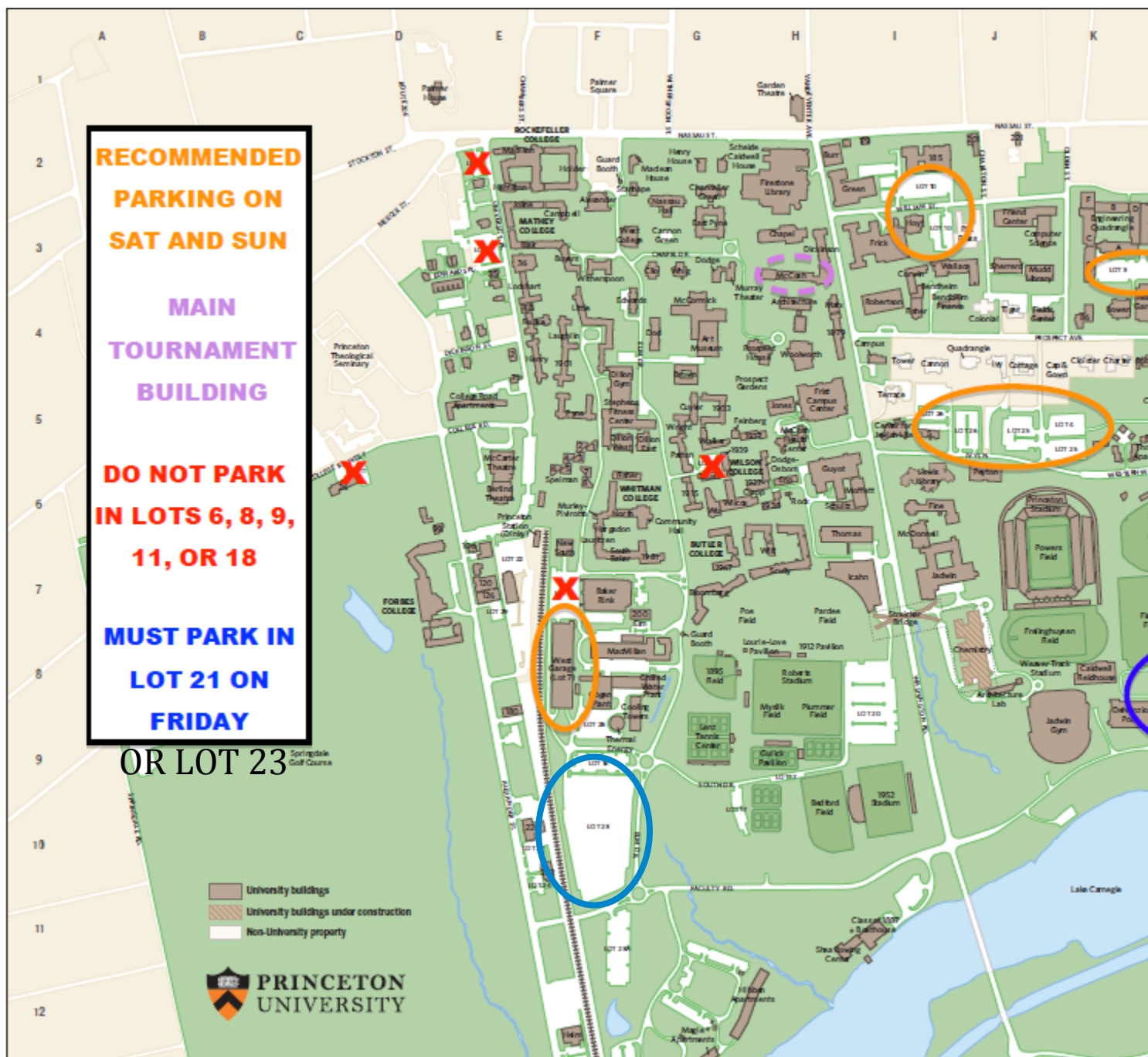
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BUILDING**

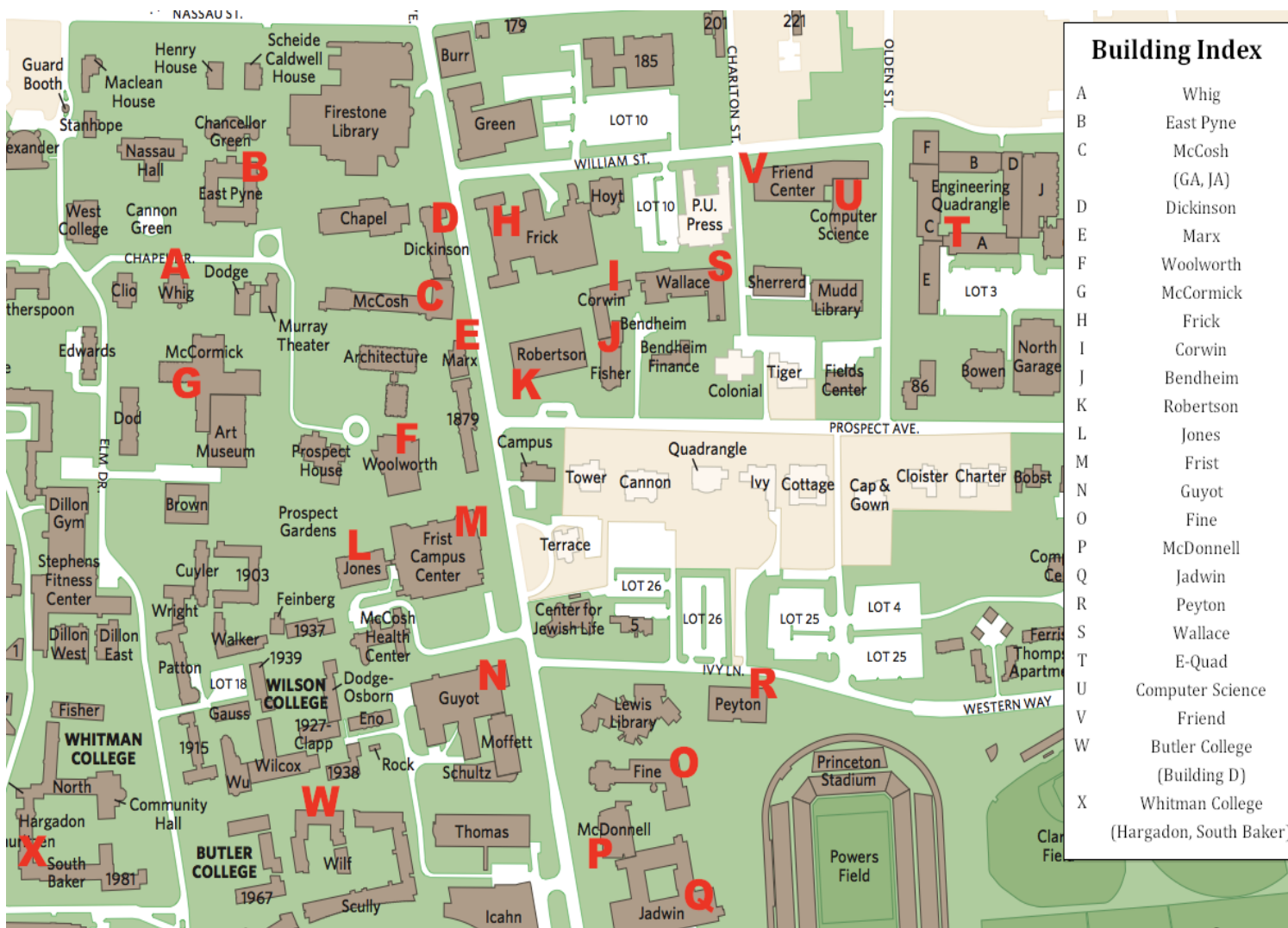
**DO NOT PARK
IN LOTS 6, 8, 9,
11, OR 18**

**MUST PARK IN
LOT 21 ON
FRIDAY**

OR LOT 23

- University buildings
- University buildings under construction
- Non-University property





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W	Butler College (Building D)
X	Whitman College (Hargadon, South Baker)

**Walking/Driving Directions to Princeton High School
151 Moore St, Princeton, NJ 08540**

Distance: 0.8 miles

Time: 15 minutes walking, 5 minutes driving

1. Once on Princeton campus, make your way towards Nassau Street. Our map gives Whig Hall as the reference point to help you get to Nassau Street.
2. Once on Nassau Street, turn right and walk down the street for roughly a quarter mile until you reach Moore Street.
3. Turn left on to Moore Street. Continue walking for about a half mile. Princeton High School will be on your right.

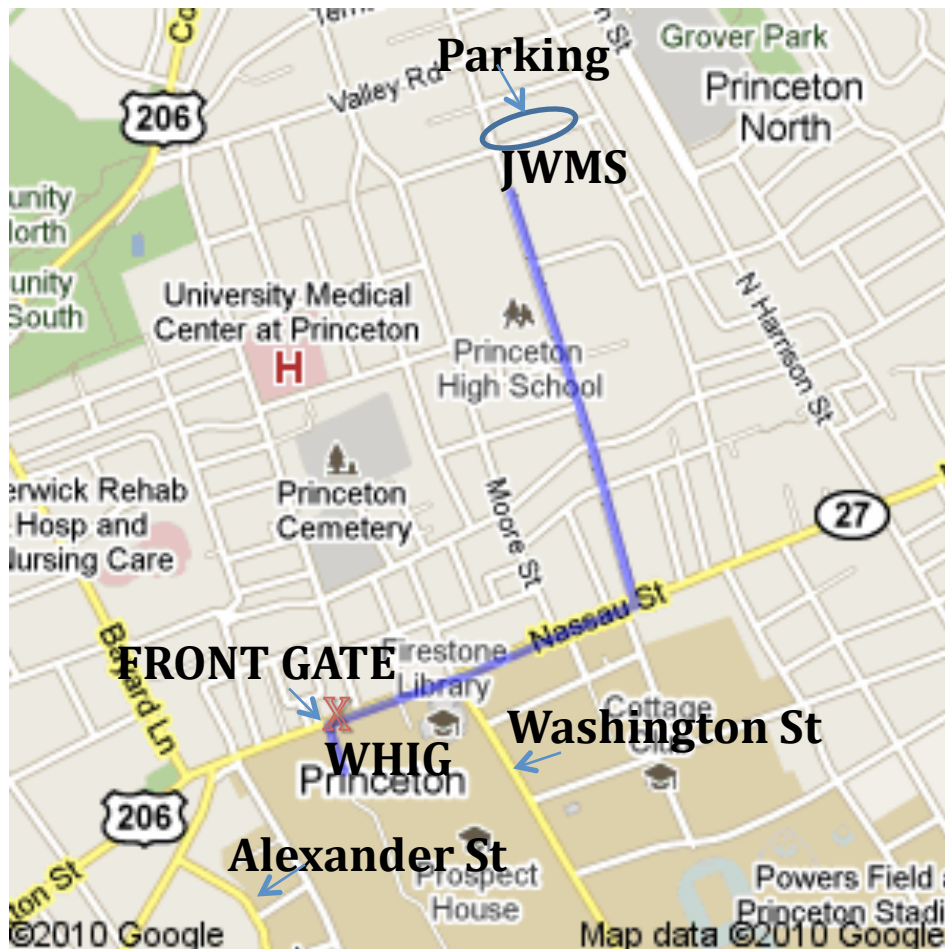


Walking/Driving Directions to John Witherspoon Middle School
217 Walnut Lane, Princeton, NJ 08540

Distance: 1.2 miles

Time: 20 minutes walking, 5 minutes driving

1. Once on Princeton campus, make your way towards Nassau Street. Our map gives Whig Hall as the reference point to help you get to Nassau Street.
2. Once on Nassau Street, turn right and walk down the street for roughly a half mile until you reach Chestnut Street.
3. Turn left on to Chestnut Street. After 0.2 miles, Chestnut Street will become Walnut Street. Continue on Walnut Street for 0.4 miles. John Witherspoon Middle School will be on your right.
4. Parking for cars and vans is available at the middle school where indicated below.
5. **DRIVING NOTE:** The Front Gate will be closed on Saturday. Loop around on Alexander Street or exit on Co Road 526/Washington Street depending on where you parked.



Registration Schedule

Fri 2:30-4:00:1st Registration in Whig

Schools with LD/PF debaters *must* register; Schools without debaters *may* register.

Fri 7:00-8:00: 2nd Registration in Whig

Schools without debaters may register in Whig or call/text to confirm their registration. Those who call/text can pay Saturday morning in tab. Call/text whether or not you have registration changes.

Speech Events Schedule

Saturday @ John Witherspoon Middle School.

Extemp draw starts 30 minutes before the round. Judges must pick up ballots 15MINUTES PRIOR TO THE ROUND.

8:00 John Witherspoon Middle School opens

8:30 Mandatory Judge's Meeting

9:00 DI Duo HI OI OO

10:30 DI EXT HI OI

12:00 Duo EXT OI OO

2:00 DI Duo EXT HI OO

3:30 EXT HI OI OO

5:00 DI Duo EXT OI

6:30 DI Duo HI OO

7:00 EXT OI Quarters

Sunday on Campus (GA/JA in McCosh)

10:30 DI Duo EXT HI OI OO Semis

1:00 DI Duo EXT HI OI OO Finals

3:00 Awards

Congress Schedule

Saturday on Princeton campus

9:00 Session 1

1:00 Session 2

4:30 Session 3

Sunday on Princeton campus

8:30 Semi-supersession

12:00 Supersession

3:00 Awards

LD & PF schedule

Friday: LD on campus, PF at Princeton HS

2:30-4:00 Registration in Whig

4:00 Princeton HS Opens

4:30 Transit to Princeton HS for PF

5:00 VLD PFD NLD Round 1

7:30 VLD PFD NLD Round 2

Saturday on Princeton campus GA/JA in McCosh

8:00 VLD PFD Round 3

10:00 NLD Round 3

10:30 PFD Round 4

12:00 VLD Round 4

1:00 PFD Round 5

2:00 NLD Round 4

3:30 PFD Round 6

4:00 VLD Round 5

6:00 NLD Round 5 **PFD** Runoffs

8:00 NLD VLD Round 6

Sunday on Princeton campus (McCosh)

8:00 VLD and **NLD** Runoffs, **PFD** Doubles

From here, elimination rounds in all events will proceed accordingly throughout the day.

3:00 Awards