

November, 2016

Dear Speech and Debate Colleagues:

On behalf of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District Speech and Debate Program, we would like to invite you to participate in our Fall 2016 tournament. Competition will be held on December 3rd on the Northgate campus. Northgate High School is located in Walnut Creek, adjacent to Pleasant Hill and Concord. Address is at 425 Castle Rock Rd., Walnut Creek, CA 94598. It is easily accessible by Interstate 680 and Highway 4.

We are offering events and divisions:

Parliamentary Debate (Novice/Open) Variety of Topics

Public Forum Debate (Novice/Open) November Topic: Internet of Things

Lincoln Douglas Debate (Novice/Open) September/October Topic: Nuclear Energy

World Schools Debate A range of topics. See entry website for the topics.

Big Question Debate: Resolved: Science leaves no room for free will. (Big Question will run during Speech Pattern for maximum debate offerings)

Entry website: <http://mdc.tabroom.com> Deadline to register is Thursday December 1st, 2016.

Notable reasons to attend:

- We're running a one day tournament! This respects your time and budget without the need for a hotel.
- Simple entry fee structure of \$10 per person/event (World Schools Team fee is \$25, Big Question Fee of \$5)
- AWARDS: Everyone loves hardware and we will be giving a bunch out. o Debate: All students with a winning record will be recognized.
- The TOP entries in Big Question Debate will receive cold hard cash! (TBA).
- 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 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,

Dan Leahy & Andrew Schwartz

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Schedule:

Registration: 8 am

Debate Round 1: 8:30-9:45am

Debate Round 2: 9:45-11am

Speech Round 1: 11-12pm

Lunch Break: 12-12:30pm

Debate 3: 12:30-1:45pm

Speech Round 2: 1:45-2:45pm

Debate Round 4: 2:45-4pm

Speech Round 3: 4-5pm

Debate Round 5: 5-6:15pm

Awards: ASAP