**CT Middle School Debate League Tournament**

**Saturday, April 22, 2017, 9:30 am — 3:45 pm**

**Eastern Middle School, 51 Hendrie Ave, Riverside, Greenwich, CT 06878**

**Sponsored by the English Speaking Union, Greenwich Branch**

On behalf of Eastern Middle School and coach Bruce Johnson, the Connecticut Middle School Debate League would like to invite you to our second tournament this season.

Debaters who will compete should research the topic:

***This House would colonize Mars.***

They must be prepared to uphold both sides of the motion. Please refer to the [CTMSDL Handbook](http://ctmsdebate.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Handbook-CTMSDL-May-2016.pdf) for information on our format and rules. Observers are welcome.

Coaches should register their debaters through [tabroom.com](https://www.tabroom.com/index/index.mhtml#https://www.tabroom.com/index/index.mhtml). Download our tabroom.com [Instructions](http://ctmsdebate.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Using-Tabroom-for-CTMSDL.pdf#http://ctmsdebate.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Using-Tabroom-for-CTMSDL.pdf) for more information. On tabroom.com the event name is “CTMSDL Apr 22.” There is no cap on the number of teams each school may enter.

Coaches should register one judge per every 6 debaters who will scrimmage. We’ll use Varsity High School debaters as judges first, but we need to have back-up judges. Coaches should make sure their judges understand the information in the CTMSDL Handbook and our Judges’ Instructions. The day’s schedule will be as follows:

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| Arrival & Registration |   9:30 – 10:00 |
| Workshops for Debaters, and Judges & Timers |  10:00 – 11:00 |
| Round 1 |  11:15 – 12:00 |
| Round 2 |  12:00 – 12:45 |
| Lunch |  12:45 – 1:30 |
| Round 3 |  1:30 – 2:15 |
| Final Round |  2:45 – 3:30 |
| Awards & Departure |  3:30 – 3:45 |

How you purchase pizza this time is your choice — coaches may collect money ($2 per slice, $1 per drink) and place a team order OR individuals may buy their own.

At this tournament, we’ll be selling donuts in the morning and baked goods at lunchtime to raise funds to send 3 teams to the English Speaking Union’s Middle School Public Debate Program Regional Championship Tournament on May 6th.

Questions or comments?  Please email Jen Posner: jen.posner@ctmsdebate.org .