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Dear Colleagues,

It’s my pleasure to invite you and your middle school/junior high speech team/clubs to the 4th annual Norfolk Junior High Speech Invitational Friday, April 21, 2017.  Please consider attending this event. Norfolk still has a young junior high speech team, but we are thrilled to have the chance to compete with other schools in a relaxed setting. This contest is open to all students in 6th-8th grade.  Each student may be double entered. Events are detailed below.

Events Offered

Poetry Interpretation- an 8 minute maximum performance of one poem or a group

of related poems.  A student written introduction of the program is expected,

but transitions are optional.  Students must present poetry with copy of poem(s) in front of them.

Prose Interpretation (Divided into both Humorous and Serious)- A 10 minute maximum performance of  a cutting from a book, short story, comic book, play, or screenplay by one person.  A student written introduction is expected, but student maybe perform with or without the copy of the piece in front of them.

Public Speaking- An 8 minute maximum student-written speech whose purpose is to

inform, persuade, or entertain an audience.  Student may use a visual aid in the speech and may perform with or without the copy of their speech in front of them.

Impromptu Speaking- 10 minute time period where students prepare and deliver a speech on a topic that they draw.  Students may or may not use a note card when delivering the speech.

Duet Acting/Duo Interpretation-  10 minute performance of two students of a cutting of play, skit, or screen play.  A student written introduction is expected.  If performing without scripts, students can use two chairs/table (which your school will need to bring).  If performing with scripts, students should use

off stage focus and pantomiming similar to prose and poetry interpretation.

Reader’s Theatre/OID-  A 15 minute maximum cutting of a play, book, or screenplay performed by 3-5 students.  Students may play multiple roles.  Off and on stage focus is permitted and scripts are required.  A student-written introduction is expected.  Performance maybe use platforms, stools, and music stands.

Declamation- A ten-minute maximum speech that was written and delivered by another person. A competitor may choose any speech that was once delivered in public.

Middle School Extemp- combines international and domestic issues (as opposed to two separate events like high school). Students are presented with a choice of three questions related to national and international current events. The student has 30 minutes to prepare a seven-minute speech maximum answering the selected question. Students may consult articles and evidence they gather prior to the contest, but may not use the Internet during preparation.

Schedule

7:30-8:00-  Registration-  Cafeteria

8:00-  Opening Meeting-  Cafeteria

8:30-  Round 1  All Events

9:45- Round 2 All Events

11:00-  Round 3 All Events

ASAP- Awards- Cafeteria

Awards

This year, we are giving awards out 1st through 6th place in all events. There will also be an award for the top scoring school.

Fees

Fees are $ 3 per entry.  Please bring one judge for every 6 entries.  These may be adults or high school students you feel are ready to give constructive feedback to middle school students.  I feel that is a great way to prepare future judges.  Cost for each uncovered slot is $8.00.  Make checks out to Norfolk Junior High School.

Food

The Norfolk Junior High School parents will be hosting a judges/coaches lounge. There will be a concession stand selling hot dogs, pizza, chips, candy, and drinks for students.

Etiquette

Just like a high school tournament, please instruct your students on tournament etiquette of signing in if double entered, being good audience members, wearing appropriate clothing, and respecting the room they’re performing in.

Due Dates

Please have all entries to me by April 18th, Tuesday, at 8 AM.  Here is the link down below:

[**http://norfolkjh.tabroom.com**](NULL)

You can e-mail me at amberdoughty@npsne.org if you have any questions regarding the tournament.

Thank you for your consideration to participate in the NJHS Invitational. I am looking forward to seeing the fun topics and entries that each team will bring. I hope to see many of you there,

--Amber Doughty