Hello Speech and Debate Coaches,

 Please accept our cordial invitation to Claremont High School’s WolfCub Invitational on April 14th, a premier competition opportunity for middle school and upper elementary-age students (Grades 5-8). We look forward to hosting you and your student competitors and providing a great Saturday of competition. Below you will find all of the specific details relating to the tournament. If you have any questions, please contact me via email at: chamberlainofchs@gmail.com. ***We are pleased to be able to provide complementary lunch, dinner and ice cream social for all competitors, coaches, and active judges in attendance.***  (That’s right, these are provided at no cost!) Additional snack food items will be available for purchase at our snack bar.

**Events and Divisions**

 We will offer 2 patterns. Students may enter one event in Pattern A (Debate/Congress) and up to two events in Pattern B (Speech) with the following exception: A student entering Extemporaneous may only enter one Pattern B event. To clarify, students may enter up to three events; consisting of one debate event and two speech events. Exceptions: A student entering Extemporaneous may only enter one event in the speech pattern; but may still enter one debate event. All debate entrants are guaranteed 5 rounds of competition. The Student Congress contest will consist of 3 rounds of competition advancing to a finals round.

#### Pattern A Debate Events: (We will feature 4 debates events)

**1. Public Forum Debate**: We will use the April PF topic (Varsity High School Topic) and NSDA rules, except that sides will be set by computer and Pro will speak first in all rounds.

Resolved: *“The USFG should increase its quota of H-1B visas”*

**2. Lincoln-Douglas Debate**: We will use the March/April LD Topic (Varsity High School Topic) and NSDA rules.

Resolved: *“The United States ought to provide a universal basic income.”*

**3. WolfCub Spontaneous Parliamentary Debate**: We will use our own unique hybrid of CHSSA and MSPDP Parliamentary formats. Teams may consist of either 2 or 3 debaters. We will release topic areas on March 1st so the students can prepare and research a general topic area. Specific resolutions for each round will be released 20 minutes prior to the round. During the 20 minutes of preparation time, students may consult any printed research they have on the topic area. We will use a controlled prep room with colored paper. During the round, debaters may only consult their notes on the provided color paper. Debaters will be released from the prep room after 20 minutes and debates should begin within 5 minutes. Points of Information (POIs) may be requested at any time during the constructive speeches. Appropriate heckling is allowed.

Prop 1st Constructive 5 minutes

Opp 1st Construction 5 minutes

Prop 2nd Constructive 5 minutes

Opp 2nd Constructive 5 minutes

Opp Rebuttal 5 minutes

Prop Rebuttal 5 minutes

4. **Student Congress:** We will follow California rules/guidelines. There will be no presiding officer contest, nor a requirement to bring presiding officers. Legislation will be released on March 1st.

#### Pattern B Speech Events: (We will feature 10 different speech events)

In Speech, we are offering: Oratory (10 minute), Extemporaneous (30/7 minute), Impromptu (7 minute total), Dramatic Interpretation (10 minute), Humorous Interpretation (10 minute), DUO Interpretation (10 minute), Prose/Poetry Interpretation (7 minute), Declamation/OI (10 minute), Expository/Info (5 minute), and Storytelling (5 minute). We will follow NSDA guidelines for the Middle School Speech events. (Here is a link to the Middle School Events Guide: <https://www.speechanddebate.org/middle-school-competition-events-guide/>) Students may enter up to two speech events in Pattern B. (Exception: Extemporaneous may only single enter in Pattern B events.)

**Awards and Recognition**

Awards will be given to all students who advance to the final round of Speech events. All students who advance to the final round of Student Congress will receive awards. The top 8 teams/competitors in each debate division will receive awards unless the entry field is fewer than 16. In this instance, we will award the top 4 in those divisions. There will be Individual Sweepstakes awards (**The Wolf Cub Warrior Award**) given to the overall top 3 individual competitors. We will also award Team Sweepstakes (**The Wolf Cub Cup**) to the top three schools/programs.

**Entry Procedure and Fees**

All tournament entry will be handled through the site: www.wolfcub.tabroom.com. The deadline to add entries on the website will be Thursday, April 12th at 11:00 pm. Any “Adds” after this deadline may be considered via email (chamberlainofchs@gmail.com).

Drops may be made online without penalty until 11:00 pm Thursday, April 12th. At 11:00pm on Thursday April 12th the online system will be frozen and invoices will be locked. Schools are responsible for payment of all registered entries as of this time. Any drops after this deadline will still be charged the regular entry fee. Any changes after this deadline may be requested via email. (chamberlianofchs@gmail.com)

Entry fees must be paid in full at registration by the coach or adult in charge.

***Make checks payable to: CHS-ASB***

#### ~~School/Program Fee: $25.00~~  (We have eliminated the School/Program Fee this year)

#### Each Student in Attendance: $50.00 (Includes entry in up to 3 events, lunch, dinner & Ice Cream Social)

**Online Information**

www.wolfcub.tabroom.com will contain all information for the tournament including schedule, campus map, and the Invitation document itself. Congress bills and Parli topic areas will be posted on March 1st, 2018.

**Judges and Chaperones**

Schools must provide one judge for every three (3) entries in debate, and one judge for every six (6) entries in Congress or Speech. A single judge may cover both debate and speech entries, but this is a heavy workload! These judges must be prepared to judge all day and coaches should consider this carefully before double-booking your judges. High School students may judge. Please note that student judges should be mature 11th or 12th grade students with forensics competition experience. Schools may choose to purchase judge commitments at a rate of $100 per hired judge. Due to our generously low judge requirement, Judges who are entered should be willing to take any ballot that they are assigned. In emergency situations, every coach of record should be willing to judge if needed.

All schools and programs must have an identified adult chaperone on campus at all times. The adult chaperone will be the “Person of Record” and will be registered with the tournament as the chaperone on site for any and all issues which may arise. This “Person of Record” shall be identified and registered with the Tournament Director during the morning registration process. Students found to be on campus without an adult chaperone will be immediately dropped from the tournament.

**Directions**

To reach Claremont HS exit the 10 Fwy at Indian Hill Blvd. and travel North, passing through the Claremont Village. About two miles north, after crossing Foothill Blvd., Claremont HS will be on the left side. Or, exit the 210 Frwy at Baseline and travel west on Baseline to Indian Hill Blvd. Turn left on Indian Hill Blvd. The high school will be on the right side. There is adequate, but limited parking in the main lot. Registration will be in the teacher’s lounge (800 Quad). Judges’ room will be in the Library.

**Schedule**

#### Saturday, April 14

7:30am – 8:00am ***Registration in Teacher’s Lounge/800 Quad for all events***

8:30am PF/LD/Parli Rd. 1 Congress Rd. 1

9:30am PF/LD/Parli Rd. 2

10:00am Congress Rd. 2

10:30am PF/LD/Parli Rd. 3

**11:30-12:30 Lunch (Free to all in attendance)**

12:00 noon Congress Rd. 3

12:30pm PF/LD/Parli Rd. 4

1:30pm PF/LD/Parli Rd. 5 Congress Finals

2:00pm – 2:30pm ***Speech Only Alternate Registration in Teacher’s Lounge/800 Quad***

3:00pm Speech Round. 1

**4:00pm** **Debate Awards**

4:30pm Speech Round. 2

**5:30pm Dinner Break (Free to all in attendance)**

6:00pm Speech Round. 3

**7:00pm Ice Cream Social (Free to all in attendance)**

**7:30pm(or earlier!) Speech Awards**