

The 25th Annual
Mardi Gras
Speech Carnivale
March 3, 2018



The Shrewsbury High School Speech & Debate Team cordially invites you to the 25th annual **Mardi Gras Speech Carnivale**, to be held at **Shrewsbury High School**, 64 Holden Street, Shrewsbury, Massachusetts on Saturday, March 3, 2018.

This tournament has been sanctioned by the MSDL as a state-qualifier.

*****ONLINE BALLOTS*****

In 2005, we transitioned to online registration and tabulation with TABROOM.COM. We are excited to announce that in 2018 we will utilize Tabroom's online ballot function in BOTH Debate AND SPEECH! See further information below.

What online ballots mean to you:

All judges will be required to have their own individual tabroom.com account to which they should be "linked" (with an email) as a judge on your judge roster. In addition, all judges will need to have a wifi capable device with them at the tournament (preferably a tablet or laptop but a smartphone can suffice). Information on creating a Tabroom account as well as the online ballot process can be found at: <http://docs.tabroom.com/Judging>

While we will have an extended judge briefing to cover the process and will have staff dedicated to solely assisting judges, we would ask all coaches to try to get their judges signed up and linked BEFORE the day of the tournament. The magnitude of this undertaking is not lost on us but *the time has come* and we appreciate the early support received so far and your expected patience as we tackle this technological next step together. Students and judges will be able to access schedules online as well as receive text notifications. In the end, this process should allow for a quicker day and better feedback to our students.

The **Mardi Gras Speech Carnivale** is a **DOUBLE-ENTRY TOURNAMENT**. Students that double-enter will be responsible for competing in each of their two events during the time allotted for each round of competition. There will be three preliminary rounds in all speech events and a final round in all events where more than one section is scheduled for each of the three preliminary rounds. In larger speech events there may be elimination rounds (Quarters, Semis). Debate will follow a separate schedule with rounds determined based on the number of entries.

Students may enter up to 2 of the 21 events listed below subject to the restrictions described following the list of events and indicated by the corresponding numbers next to each event.

MFL Events (No restrictions)	MFL Events (Entry restrictions apply)	Special Tournament Events (No restrictions)
Dramatic Performance Prose Reading Poetry Reading Play Reading Children's Literature Novice Reading Original Oratory Declamation Duo Interpretation Impromptu	Congressional Debate 1 Group Discussion 1 Varsity Extemporaneous Speaking 2 Novice Extemporaneous Speaking 2 Radio Broadcasting 2 Multiple Reading 3 Public Forum Debate 4 Lincoln Douglas Debate 4 (one OPEN Division in debate)	Team Improv Informative Speaking Programmed Oral Interp (POI) 

Restrictions

- Students in Debate, Congress and Group Discussion may not double-enter.
- Students may not enter more than one draw event.
(Although students may enter one draw event and one non-draw event.)
The draw events are:
 - Varsity Extemporaneous Speaking
 - Novice Extemporaneous Speaking
 - Radio Broadcasting
- Students may "triple-enter" in Multiple.
However, Multiple members may not "triple-enter" if they are entered in any draw event.
- Schools may only enter eight (8) PFD Teams & six (6) LD entries but can enter a waiting list.
Students in Debate may not double-enter.

ALSO, STUDENTS MAY NOT USE THE SAME CUTTING IN DIFFERENT EVENTS

Other Important Category-Specific Information

1. Group Discussion:

The overall topic area will be "Donald Trump: One Year In"
Specific topics announced each round

2. Congress legislation:

Bills & Resolutions as distributed by the MSDL & posted on Tabroom.
Legislation inquiries should be addressed to MSDL Congress Chair, Paul Wexler.

3. Public Forum Debate: The March NSDA Topic will be used:

Resolved: On balance, the current Authorization for Use of Military Force gives too much power to the president.

4. Lincoln Douglas Debate: The March/April NSDA Topic will be used:

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

Although schools are limited to eight (PFD) & six (LD) entries in debate due to space concerns, waitlist entries are encouraged. Notification of acceptance of waitlisted entries will be made by email on or before Thursday March 1, 2018. Please enter judges calculating your wait-list entries. If we cannot accept the entries, those judges will be released without penalty.

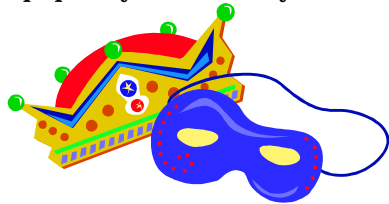
Individual Awards and Sweepstakes

Individual awards will be presented to ALL finalists in each category. In addition, Speaker Awards will be given in Debate. Novice awards will be presented to the top finishing first-year speaker in each event (other than Novice Extemporaneous Speaking, Novice Reading and Multiple). Remember to update your novice speakers on your tabroom.com team roster!

Sweepstakes awards will be calculated using a "Lucky 13" formula. Individual scores for the top ten entries in ten different events will be added together with the next top three entries in any event(s). A reverse scale point system will be used:

RANK	SWEEPSTAKES POINTS
1	5
2	4
3	3
4, 5, 6 or lower	1

Sweepstakes awards will be presented to the top twelve teams using this **Lucky 13 formula**. In addition, a special 13th team award will be presented. The 13th award is the Kitty Viscardi Memorial Novice Award. Kitty Viscardi was the long time coach at Shrewsbury and for many years we were lucky to have Kitty personally present the award. This is a revolving plaque and will be presented to the team with the highest total of sweepstakes points earned by all novice competitors at this year's tournament when added to the total of the novice speakers' sweepstakes points earned by that team at all previous **Mardi Gras Speech Carnivales**. Once a team has won the award that team's points revert to zero. Three presentations must pass before a team can win the award again although points continue to be earned. Points can add up quickly over a few years!



VOTE FOR THE KING AND QUEEN OF THIS YEAR'S MARDI GRAS

This popular tradition continues. Purchase a Ballot for only 25 cents! The winning King & Queen will be crowned at the awards ceremony as last year's Mardi Gras royalty relinquish the throne.

MARDI GRAS MERCHANDISE

In order to make the Awards Ceremony even more festive and exciting, Mardi Gras hats, masks, etc. will be sold throughout the day at very reasonable prices.

Show your Big Easy Spirit! At the Awards Ceremony, the "Spirit of Mardi Gras" will choose a team for this year's "Spirit" recognition.

Registration Instructions

1. ALL REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED ON-LINE AT WWW.TABROOM.COM. If you do not have an account, follow the instructions at the website. Indicate all first year (novice) speakers on your team roster.
2. The registration fee is \$6.00 per Speech entry. Duo Interpretation, Team Improv and Multiple each count as one entry. PFD & LD registration fee is \$12.00 per entry.
3. You are required to bring one judge for every five speech entries, or fraction thereof. You are required to bring one judge for every two debate entries, or fraction thereof. Please note that judges may be used for Public Forum Debate even if you do not enter that event and judges listed for Public Forum (and LD) may be used in Speech events.
(There are no hired judges – There is a \$50 missing judge fine – This is not to be used in lieu of bringing judges – Students may be dropped if judges are missing)

4. Registration:

Closes with fees set on Wednesday, February 28th at 5PM.

Schools must register on-line at www.tabroom.com.

Drops will be assessed a \$5.00 nuisance fee **in addition** to the regular entry fee.

TEXT (or call if necessary) Drops (**or no drops!**) prior to arrival on Saturday morning - (508) 523-2113.

This number will ONLY be available Saturday 7:00 to 7:30AM

Tentative Tournament Time Schedule (subject to change)

REGISTRATION	7:30-7:45 (please plan to arrive no later than 7:45AM!)
JUDGES MEETING (mandatory)	8:15
TIME SLOT ONE	9:00
TIME SLOT TWO	10:15
TIME SLOT THREE	11:30
TIME SLOT FOUR	12:45
TIME SLOT FIVE	2:00
QUARTERFINALS (some events)	1:30
SEMIFINALS (some events)	3:00
FINAL ROUNDS	4:00
AWARDS	7:00

DRAW WILL BE 30 MINS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED TIME SLOT OF THE EVENT.

CONGRESS WILL HAVE TWO SESSIONS (9:00-11:45AM and 12:30-3:00PM) FOLLOWED BY A FINAL SUPERSESSION.

DEBATE WILL FOLLOW A SEPARATE SCHEDULE WITH AT LEAST 4 ROUNDS.

Food

An excellent selection of food will be available throughout the day. You will note that there is no time slot scheduled for lunch. Students and Judges should have ample time to eat between competition rounds and off rounds as well as after preliminary rounds.

Standard rules of professionalism and etiquette will be abided by at all times

We look forward to seeing you all at the 25th annual Mardi Gras Speech Carnivale! If you have any questions concerning the information in this invitation, please feel free to email Marc.

Very truly yours,

SHREWSBURY HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH TEAM

Marc Rischitelli
Tournament Director

Ash Gite & Jessica Peng
Student Tournament Hosts

S.H.S. Mardi Gras Speech Carnivale Special Event Descriptions



Team Improv (NOTE: Unlike other tournaments, this is a two-person event)

This category is for a pair (2) of contestants from the same team. The team will draw at random 2 characters and 2 scenes. After only momentary preparation time, the pair begins a presentation in which each contestant portrays one of the 2 characters drawn. The characters must begin together in one scene and progress creatively from that scene into the second scene. The maximum time for completing the improv is five minutes. The improvisation should be humorous and entertaining. The team is judged on their ability to create and maintain their characters, as well as their interaction and creativity in bringing the characters from one scene into the next.

For example, Mary and Joe are a team. Mary draws the character of a pregnant woman. Joe draws the character of a priest. They draw the first scene - an elevator and the second scene - a deserted island. Mary and Joe begin. The pregnant woman and the priest are in an elevator which happens to be in an airport. They discover they are on the same flight to Bermuda. The plane goes down somewhere in the Atlantic Ocean and they eventually make their way to a deserted island.

Maximum Time: 5 minutes (30 seconds grace - no minimum time requirement)

Programmed Oral Interpretation (POI) and Informative Speaking

These events will follow NSDA rules which can be found at www.speechanddebate.org.

Space limitations have caused us to eliminate Lyrical Poetry & Original Poetry from our special event offerings.

DIRECTIONS TO SHREWSBURY HIGH SCHOOL

64 Holden Street, Shrewsbury MA 01545



From Boston and Southeastern Massachusetts: Follow Route 128 North to Mass Pike West to Exit 11A (Route 495). Proceed on Route 495 North to Route 290 West. Follow Route 290 West to Exit 22, “Main Street Shrewsbury”. At the end of the exit ramp, TURN RIGHT. Stay in the right hand lane – to an immediate traffic light. Turn right at the set of lights, onto Holden Street. You will continue on Holden Street approximately one-quarter mile – the entrance to the High School will be straight ahead – up the hill to the school building. The bus drop-off will be your second right.

From Northeastern Massachusetts: Follow Route 495 South to Route 290 West. Take Exit 22, “Main Street Shrewsbury”. At the end of the exit ramp, TURN RIGHT. Stay in the right hand lane – to an immediate traffic light. Turn right at the set of lights, onto Holden Street. You will continue on Holden Street approximately one-quarter mile – the entrance to the High School will be straight ahead – up the hill to the school building. The bus drop-off will be your second right.

From Western Massachusetts: Follow the Mass Pike to Exit 10 in Auburn, Route 290 East. Continue on 290 East to the “Main Street Shrewsbury” Exit (Exit 22). Turn left at the end of the exit ramp. Turn Right at the next traffic light onto Holden Street. You will continue on Holden Street approximately one-quarter mile – the entrance to the High School will be straight ahead – up the hill to the school building. The bus drop-off will be your second right.

From Northwestern Massachusetts: Follow Route 2 to 190 South to 290 East in Worcester. Continue on 290 East to the Main Street Shrewsbury Exit (Exit 22). At the end of the exit ramp, turn right. Stay in the right hand lane – to an immediate traffic light. Turn right at the set of lights, onto Holden Street. You will continue on Holden Street approximately one-quarter mile – the entrance to the High School will be straight ahead - up the hill to the school building. The bus drop-off will be your second right.

BUSES SHOULD PARK IN THE UPPER LOT. VEHICLES ARE NOT ALLOWED TO IDLE IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING!

SAT. AM “DROP” (or no drops) TEXT # (active 7:00 AM – 7:30AM)
Please TEXT PRIOR to arrival – 508-523-2113.

