***Shikellamy H. S. Forensics***

**Earlybird Tournament**

**Dear Forensics Coach,**

**The annual Earlybird Tournament has been a huge success and a fun day of “low-keyed”, friendly competition for beginning speakers.   This year the event will be hosted at the Shikellamy High School in Sunbury on Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017.**

**Any first year competitor, regardless of age, is eligible to compete in this three-round event. (Middle school students are also welcome)  Experienced juniors and seniors may judge at this tournament.  Also feel free to bring interested "non-competing"students along to participate in a workshop and observe rounds of competition.  Our plan is to include workshops in: Oral Interp, Speech, LD/PFD Debate, and perhaps, Congress.  Students may attend a workshop and then go see the event in action.**

**Events: Debate: LD, Public Forum  (the November topics)**

**Speech: Informative, Persuasive, Extemp,**

**Impromptu, Declamation**

**Interp:   Prose, Poetry, Dramatic, Humorous, Duo**

**Depending on the number of entries, we may combine events (ex. Informative and Persuasive or Dramatic and Humorous).  Notes may be used for Extemp, Informative, or Persuasive.**

**Registration Fees:  School Fee - $5.00**

**Per Competitor - $3.00  (ex. Duo or PF team is $6.00)**

**Per Observer/Workshop Participant - $1.00**

**Schedule: 8:00-8:30 Registration Shikellamy Middle School Lobby**

**8:30-9:00 Opening Meeting - Cafeteria**

**9:00 Workshops and Coaches Clinic**

**10:00    Round 1 – All Events**

**11:00 Round 2 – All Events**

**12:00 Round 3 - All Events**

**12:45-1:45 LUNCH - Cafeteria**

**2:00 AWARDS - Cafeteria**

**Lunch:  Pizza, soda, and/or water can be ordered at registration.  Drinks will be $1.00 and Pizza will be $1.50 a slice.  Some breakfast items and bake sale items will also be available for purchase.**

**Coaches and Judges:  Lunch will be provided for all coaches and judges.  Coffee and doughnuts will also be available in the morning.**

**New Judges Workshop:  A workshop for new judges, interested parents, and any potential helpers will be held during the workshop time slot.  We will discuss the events, ballots, round procedures, and helpful judging tips, as well as opening the floor for questions.**

**Judges:  If possible please provide 1 judge for every 5 speech entries, and 1 judge for every 2 debate entries.  REMEMBER:  Experienced juniors and seniors may judge at this event.**

**Deadline:    Tues. Oct. 24, 2016 - Register at tabroom.com**

**Any drops made after 3:00pm – Thurs. Oct. 26th will be subject to a $3.00 drop fee.  Name changes can be made without charge.**

**Checks should be made payable to:  Shikellamy HS Forensics**

**We look forward to seeing you on Sat. Oct. 28th.**

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