



The MV Invitational

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The Mount Vernon High School Debate Team cordially invites you to attend the MV Invitational on January 19th and 20th, 2018. We are pleased to offer Individual Events, Congressional Debate, Policy Debate, Public Forum Debate, and Lincoln Douglas Debate. Additionally, we will be offering all State IE's.... plus, Poetry Slam, Duo Improvisation, Editorial Commentary, and SPAR!

This is a State Qualifying Tournament for District One schools.

All registration will be on Tabroom.com, beginning on December 1, 2017 and ending January 17, 2018.

DEBATE....

Open and Novice divisions will be offered; if fewer than 6 entries in a division are received, we may collapse.

Congressional Debate: We will offer two 2- hour sessions on Friday evening and Super Congress on Saturday. All sessions will conflict with CX, LD, and PF. We will use the WSFA Spring Legislation Packet.

Policy Debate: We will offer Novice and Open division and use the 2017-2018 Policy Topic. WSFA Novice case areas will not be mandatory. Rounds will follow the 8-3-5 format with 6 minutes of prep time per team. If less than 6 teams are entered in either division, we may collapse.

Lincoln Douglas: We will offer Novice and Open divisions and use the January/February LD Topic. Rounds will follow the 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 format and have 4 minutes of prep time per competitor. If less than 6 teams enter either division, we may collapse.

Public Forum: We will offer Novice and Open divisions and use the January PF Topic. Rounds will follow standard PF time format with 2 minutes of prep time per team. If less than 6 teams enter either division, we may collapse.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS....

Dramatic Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Interpretive Reading, Duo Interpretation, Original Oratory, Expository, Impromptu, and Extemporaneous Speaking will follow all WSFA rules.

In addition, we will offer the following extra events:

SPAR: Format will be 2- minute constructive speeches, followed by 5 minutes of cross examination, followed by 2 minute rebuttals. Topics will be a variety of abstract ideas, current events, and pop culture questions. Top 2 SPAR Finalists will be asked to SPAR before awards assembly.

POETRY SLAM: Original work performed by the author; not to exceed 3 minutes.

DUO IMPROVISATION: Contestants will choose prompt and then perform a 5- minute scene.

EDITORIAL COMMENTARY: Contestants must write and deliver a speech between 1:45 and 2:00 minutes on a current event subject.

SCHEDULE...

Friday, January 19th

3pm...	Registration
4pm...	Round 1- Policy, PuFo, LD; Session 1 Congress
6pm...	Round 2- Policy, PuFo, LD
6:30pm...	Session 2- Congress
8pm...	Round 3- Policy, PuFo, LD

Saturday, January 20th

8am...	Round 4- Policy, PuFo, LD; Session 1 Super Congress
10am...	Round 1- Speech
11:30am...	Round 5- Policy, PuFo, LD; Session 2 Super Congress
1pm...	Round 2- Speech
2:30pm...	Round 6- Policy, PuFo, LD
4:30pm...	Round 3- Speech
5:30pm...	Semi-Finals- LD, PuFo; Finals- Policy
6:30pm...	Finals- Speech, LD, PuFo (Debaters will speak first or last if in Speech Finals.)
7:30pm...	WORLD'S DEBATE DEMO DEBATE!
8:00pm...	AWARDS!

JUDGING...

Our team goal is to provide exceptionally qualified judging for this tournament.

Please meet the following judging requirements to avoid students being dropped at registration:

1 judge for every 2 Policy

1 judge for every 3 Public Forum or LD entries

1 judge for every 5 Individual Event entries

Open competitors may judge Novice division in all events.

FOOD....

Our Debate Booster Group will be providing concessions throughout the event. In addition to the typical fair, the following items will be available:

Friday dinner... 2 slices of pizza, a cookie, and a drink for \$5! (Individual slices also available.)

Saturday lunch and dinner... Baked Potato Bar and Nacho Bar! (Prices vary.)

For coaches and judges, we will have light snacks and pizza dinner available on Friday. On Saturday, we will provide light snacks, lunch, and dinner. The Mount Vernon Booster Club aims to take good care of all judges and coaches who attend this event—you will be well fed!

For those who would like to join us, we will be hosting a late dinner on Saturday night at a local restaurant. Please join us for some food and camaraderie!

AWARDS...

Awards will be given to the top three in each division; if an event is collapsed, we will recognize the top novice speaker.

Top Speaker Awards will be given to the best debater in each division.

Last year, our team began the tradition of the Bulldog Award to recognize members of the debate community that excel in ways that may not be rewarded on debate ballots. This year, our team would like to highlight “Perseverance”. To nominate a student, please write a letter that includes specific examples of your student’s character and the impact it has on your team; send it to kkirkpatrick@mvsd320.org by Monday, January 15th, 2018. The winning student will receive a prize at the awards assembly.

This year, we will be adding a school sweepstakes award!

FEES...

School Fee \$50

Lincoln-Douglas and Congress Entries \$10

Policy, Public Forum, and Duo Entries \$20

Individual Events \$10

Please provide a check, cash, or Purchase Order at registration.

PARKING...

Ample parking is available both days of the tournament in the north lot, near the cafeteria.

QUESTIONS...

Please contact Coach Kelley Kirkpatrick at kkirkpatrick@mvsd320.org.