The **Shrewsbury Oak and Sherwood Middle School Speech Teams**

cordially invite you to attend a Middle School Forensics Festival

on **Sunday, January 21, 2018** (snow date: January 28, 2018)

at Oak Middle School, **45 Oak Street** Shrewsbury MA 01545

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Students may not use material they have presented in a contest prior to this academic year.

**Registration:** Onsite registration will be near the Oak Middle School auditorium. Students will leave their belongings in the Oak Middle School cafeteria before warming up in nearby classrooms.

**Breakfast:** Breakfast items will be available for purchase in the Oak Middle School cafeteria and must be eaten there.

**Tentative Schedule:**

 8:00 - Registration (outside Oak auditorium)

 8:30 - Judges Meeting (Oak cafeteria)

 8:45 - Student Meeting (Oak auditorium)

 9:15 - Round 1

10:30 - Round 2

11:45 - Round 3

 Lunch Break

 1:45 - Final Round Announcements (Oak auditorium)

 2:00 - Final Rounds

 4:00 - Awards Ceremony (Oak auditorium)

**Facilities:** The tournament will be conducted in both Oak Middle School and Sherwood Middle School. The buildings are on the same campus and separated by a relatively short walk. Rounds will be scheduled so that all preliminary rounds for a category are in the same building: single-entered students will not need to change buildings between rounds.

Preliminary round schedules for all students will be posted in both Oak and Sherwood. Which categories are assigned to which buildings will be given at onsite registration.

All students will return to the Oak auditorium after the lunch break for the announcement of final rounds. EVERY STUDENT MUST WATCH A FINAL ROUND.

**Double Entry:** Double-entry (one student entered in two different categories) is allowed ONLY for well-grounded upper class students (no novices!) Double-entered students should be prepared to be competing in both Oak and Sherwood in the same round.

**Lunch and Refreshments:** Lunch will be available for pre-purchase for $7. There will be pizza and two different kinds of subs, one of which will be vegetarian. Teams are asked to contact Vivian Powers (vpowers@townisp.com) with a rough count of number of lunch orders prior to the close of registration. In addition to the pre-purchased lunch, there will be limited additional lunch items, and there will be a variety of breakfast items, snacks and beverages sold throughout the day in the Oak cafeteria. Food will only be available in Oak. Food must be eaten in the Oak cafeteria.

**Supervision:** Each school MUST have at least one adult in each building in which they have even one student competing during all preliminary rounds.

**Awards:** Trophies will be awarded to the top eight finishers in each category. Ribbons will be awarded to honorable mentions as standings dictate.

**Judges:** **One judge for every *five* entries, or fraction thereof, is required**.

One duo pair equals one entry. Parent, teachers, or other interested adults may serve as judges. High school students who have experience in speech are also welcome to judge.

*All judges are expected to have a current CORI with their school.*

Teams are also expected to provide supervision of students at all times.

**Fees:** Student fee - $7 per solo student entry & $14 per duo. Checks payable to “Shrewsbury Middle School Speech.” Schools are required to be members of the Massachusetts Middle School Speech League.

**Entries and entry fees are considered final as of 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 17th.**

**Schools remain responsible for judges and entry fees at that point.**

**NO ADDITIONAL ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE CLOSE OF ONLINE REGISTRATION.**

**Registration Information:** Registration will be through www.tabroom.com.

Follow these steps to register at this site:

Select league (MMSSL)

Log in or create new account (easy and free)

Enter student roster BEFORE registering for the tournament.

Register for Shrewsbury Middle School Tournament 2017.

Please address any registration questions to Craig Powers at craig.powers@gmail.com .

The system will allow you to print an INVOICE and your complete registration WITH CODE NUMBERS before you arrive at the tournament. We encourage you to do this! **Students should arrive at the tournament knowing their code numbers!**

**Registration is due by 9:00PM on Wednesday January 17.**

**The Morning of the Tournament Telephone Number is 1-574-309-6799.**

**Please!** Every team should contact Craig Powers via text message or in person prior to 8:30 am to report drops or to indicate no change in registration.