**Randolph Middle School Scrimmage 2018**

507 Millbrook Avenue

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Dear Coach,

We cordially invite your team to the **2018 Randolph Middle School Scrimmage** at Randolph Middle School on Friday, February 23rd, 2018.  Check in will begin at 3:30 pm, and the first round will begin at promptly at 4:15.  The tournament should last until approximately 9:o0 pm.  Students participating in speech may compete in either, or both, of the following events: Improvisational Acting, or Prose/Poetry/Declamation/Original Oratory (based on the number of competitors from years past, we have decided to put these four events in the same pool). See page 3 for a description of the events. Students participating in public forum debate will argue the following case:

**Resolved: The United States should abolish the capital gains tax.**

**REGISTRATION:** All students in grades 5-8 are eligible to participate. Please complete registration via Tabroom.com at the tournament link:

<http://rmsscrimmage.tabroom.com/>

The **deadline for registration is Wednesday, February 21st**.

**SCHEDULE**: The schedule for the scrimmage will be as follows:

           Warm-ups- Upon arrival of all participating schools

           Opening Remarks- 4:00

           Round One- 4:15

           Round Two- 5:15

DINNER BREAK- one slice of pizza and a water bottle PER

                          STUDENT provided

           Round Three- 6:45

           Round Four- 7:45

This schedule allows for each student to participate in four rounds, maximizing the amount of feedback they will receive! \*\*NOTICE: There will be no final round at this scrimmage tournament! It is simply for fun and to get feedback before the real season starts!!\*\*

**JUDGES:** All judges will be provided by the Randolph High School Forensics team.  Each judge is an experience competitor in Forensics at the high school level.

**FEES:**Fees must be paid in the form of cash or a check (payable to Randolph High School Forensics Parent Booster Association).

**$5 per entry ($10 for Public Forum debate) - includes a slice of pizza and a water bottle per student.**

Feel free to contact us with any and all questions.

Sincerely,

Andrea Hodgson- Randolph Middle School Forensics Coach

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**THE EVENTS:**

**Prose/Poetry** (7-10 minutes with a 30 second grace period):

A presentation consisting of an expressive reading from a selection of literature such as a short story, a cutting from a novel, or a non-fiction selection, OR a poem or a collection of poems. A manuscript in a small black binder is allowed to refer to during the performance.  The presentation must include a short, original introduction to give background and insight to your piece. No props, costumes or visual aids.

**Improv.** (7 minutes):

This event is an improvisational event with no preparation prior to the tournament. Rules of this event will vary slightly from tournament to tournament. Basically, the student will select three topics from an envelope and then choose his/her favorite from those three. Then, the student may split their time however they please between preparation time and performance time (the most common way to split is four minutes prepping and three minutes performing). The presentation should adhere to the topic as much as possible and have a clear, satisfying conclusion at the end. Notes are  not permitted during the performance.

**Original Oratory/Declamation (7-10 minutes)**:

A presentation consisting of a memorized original speech on a topic of choice. It must be original.  Notes are not permitted.  Limited movement is suggested.

OR

A presentation of a memorized oral interpretation of a previously given speech. Original works should not be used, and notes during the performance are not permitted. The presentation must include a short, original introduction to give background and insight to your piece.  Limited movement is suggested.

**Please note:** Due to the expected number of entries in each category, we have chosen to combine Prose/Poetry and Original Oratory/Declamation into one category for this scrimmage.

**Public Forum Debate (approx. 50 min per round):**

A two on two debate where each team will a case on the topic stated above. Teams need to prepare both a pro and con case; whether a team is pro/con or speaks 1st/2nd in round is determined by a coin flip before the round. Each team has 2 min of prep time that they can use during round.