Hello High School Coaches!

What better way to celebrate my birthday than by hosting the First Annual ***Big Wave Dave’s Birthday Bash Alt Event Extravaganza!*** Please accept our cordial invitation and join us at Claremont High School *(Home of the Wolfpack and Bargain Belt Invitationals.)* on Saturday, April 14th for a fun day of competition. Which Alt events you ask? We will feature Big Questions Debate (2 person), World Schools Debate (3-5 person teams), Spontaneous Argument (SPAR), Informative Speaking and Program Oral Interpretation (POI). Below you will find all of the specific details relating to the tournament. If you have any questions, please contact me via email at: chamberlainofchs@gmail.com. ***We are pleased to be able to provide complementary lunch, dinner and birthday cake and ice cream for all competitors, coaches, and active judges in attendance.***  (That’s right, these are provided at no cost!) Additional snack food items will be available for purchase at our snack bar.

**Events and Divisions**

We will offer 2 patterns. Students may enter up to three events; one event in pattern A and two events in pattern B. Pattern A will feature Big Questions and World Schools Debate and Pattern B will feature SPAR, POI and Informative. All debate entrants are guaranteed 5 rounds of competition. The pattern B speech events will enjoy 3 rounds of competition advancing to a finals round.

**1. Big Questions Debate (Pattern A)**: We will utilize the 2-person team format on the 2017-18 topic, “*Resolved: Humans are fundamentally different from other animals.*” We will follow NSDA rules, a competition manual can be found here: <https://www.speechanddebate.org/wp-content/uploads/Big-Questions-Format-Manual.pdf>

**2. World Schools Debate (Pattern A)**: We will follow the NSDA rules. Teams may consist of 3-5 members, however only three persons may speak in a given round. Prepared topics and Impromptu topic areas will be released on March 1st.

**3. Spontaneous Argument—SPAR (Pattern B)**: We will use the Stanford format and guidelines for SPAR. A guide can be found here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1j607z-yc8RFjR_lRJ-towAB8cQTYBwHK/view>

**4.** **Informative Speaking (Pattern B):**  Informative Speaking is a maximum 10 minute prepared/memorized speech which is informative in nature. Props may be used but are not required. We will use the NSDA rules. Here is a link to more information: <https://www.speechanddebate.org/wp-content/uploads/What-to-Expect-Competing-in-Informative-Speaking.pdf>

5. **Program Oral Interpretation—POI (Pattern B):**  Program Oral Interpretation is a maximum 10 minute prepared/memorized performance around a central theme. Competitors use a variety of selections from prose, poetry and drama woven into a cohesive performance. We will use the NSDA rules. Here is a link to more information: <https://www.speechanddebate.org/wp-content/uploads/Getting-Started-Guide-POI.pdf>

**Awards and Recognition**

Awards will be given to all students who advance to the final round of Speech events. The top 8 teams/competitors in each debate event will receive awards unless the entry field is fewer than 16. In this instance, we will award the top 4 in those events. There will be Individual Speaker Awards for the top 5 individual speakers in both the Big Questions and World Schools fields.

**Entry Procedure and Fees**

All tournament entry will be handled through the site: (\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*) The deadline to add entries on the website will be Thursday, April 12th at 11:00 pm. Any “Adds” after this deadline may be considered via email (chamberlainofchs@gmail.com).

Drops may be made online without penalty until 11:00 pm Thursday, April 12th. At 11:00pm on Thursday April 12th the online system will be frozen and invoices will be locked. Schools are responsible for payment of all registered entries as of this time. Any drops after this deadline will still be charged the regular entry fee. Any changes after this deadline may be requested via email. (chamberlianofchs@gmail.com)

Entry fees must be paid in full at registration by the coach or adult in charge.

***Make checks payable to: CHS-ASB***

#### Each Student in Attendance: $25.00 (Entry in up to 3 events, lunch, dinner and birthday cake & ice cream!)

**Judges and Chaperones**

Schools/Programs must provide one judge for every two (2) entries in debate, and one judge for every five (5) entries in Speech. A single judge may cover both debate and speech entries, but this is a heavy workload! These judges must be prepared to judge all day and coaches should consider this carefully before double-booking your judges. Schools may choose to purchase judge commitments at a rate of $100 per hired judge.

All schools and programs must have an identified adult chaperone on campus at all times. The adult chaperone will be the “Person of Record” and will be registered with the tournament as the chaperone on site for any and all issues which may arise. This “Person of Record” shall be identified and registered with the Tournament Director during the morning registration process. Students found to be on campus without an adult chaperone will be immediately dropped from the tournament.

**Directions**

To reach Claremont HS exit the 10 Fwy at Indian Hill Blvd. and travel North, passing through the Claremont Village. About two miles north, after crossing Foothill Blvd., Claremont HS will be on the left side. Or, exit the 210 Frwy at Baseline and travel west on Baseline to Indian Hill Blvd. Turn left on Indian Hill Blvd. The high school will be on the right side. There is adequate, but limited parking in the main lot. Registration will be in the teacher’s lounge (800 Quad). Judges’ room will be in the Library.

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**Tournament Schedule**

#### Saturday, April 14

8:00am – 8:30am ***Registration in Main Office for all events***

9:00am Pattern A Round 1 BQ & Worlds

10:15am Pattern A Round 2 BQ & Worlds

**11:30am-12:00 noon**  **Lunch (Free to ALL Competitors, Judges, Coaches)**

12:00noon Pattern B Round 1 SPAR/POI/Info

1:00pm Pattern A Round 3 BQ & Worlds

2:15pm Pattern B Round 2 SPAR/POI/Info

3:15pm Pattern A Round 4 BQ & Worlds

4:30pm Pattern B Round 3 SPAR/POI/Info

**5:30pm-6:00pm Dinner (Free to ALL Competitors, Judges, Coaches)**

6:00pm Pattern A Round 5 BQ & Worlds

**7:00pm Birthday Cake & Ice Cream (Free to all in attendance)**

**7:30pm Awards**