

**THE STONELEIGH-BURNHAM SCHOOL  
DEBATE AND PUBLIC SPEAKING SOCIETY**

9/1/16

Dear Colleagues and Members of D.A.N.E.I.S.,

You are invited to the Stoneleigh-Burnham School Public Speaking Tournament. Our tournament will be held on Sunday, October 2, 2016, and will include three speaking opportunities in this order:

1. Interpretive Reading (mandatory)
2. Impromptu Speaking (mandatory)
3. After-Dinner or Persuasive Speaking (choose one )

Speakers and their coaches should arrive between 10:30 and 11:15 a.m. Our brunch will be the only food served during the day. Event guidelines are enclosed and should answer all other questions. This year, in an effort to reduce the number of speakers in each room, we are expanding the number of rooms from five to eight. We will need two judges in each room, so we will need sixteen judges. We are allowing up to six speakers from each school. If we have our usual ten schools, and six of those ten bring two judges, we will be alright. So, if you are bringing one to four speakers, bring one judge; if you are bringing five or six speakers, bring two judges. To be eligible for team awards, you must register at least four speakers. Only the top four speakers from a school will be averaged for awards.

First, second, and third place will be awarded in each of the categories. Team trophies will also be awarded to first, second, and third place finishers. An overall tournament winner will be named. Please read your event guidelines carefully and remember that all After-Dinner and Persuasive speeches must be original. Impromptu speeches must be just that----Impromptu!

Please respond by Monday, September 26. Looking forward to seeing you all again.

Sincerely,

Dr. Paul C. Bassett  
Karen Pleasant  
Victoria Subritzky-Katz and Julia Thayer, Debate Society Presidents



**STONELEIGH-BURNHAM SCHOOL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION  
EVENT SCHEDULE**

10:30-11:15	Registration	Blue Room
10:30-11:30	Brunch	Dining Hall
11:30-12:00	Judge and Participant Meeting	Capen Room
12:00-1:30	Round 1 - Interpretive Reading	Jesser
1:30-2:30	Round 2 - Impromptu Speaking	Jesser
2:30-3:30	Round 3 - After-Dinner or Persuasive	Jesser
3:30-4:30	Tabulation of Results Snack	Capen Room
4:30-5:00	Awards Ceremony	Capen Room

## EVENT GUIDELINES

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### **Interpretive Reading**

- Each participant will read a passage of prose or poetry (or a selection of poems), serious or humorous, and of literary merit.
- The use of facial expressions and gestures is encouraged as the competitor feels appropriate but should not distract from the primary emphasis. No props may be used.
- Each speech should be 7 to 13 minutes, including a brief introduction of 30 to 60 seconds. The introduction should give background of the author and work, and some indication of the particular interest or appeal of the selection.
- A time penalty will be assessed for going under 7 minutes or over 13 minutes.
- Salutation is optional.

### **Impromptu Speaking**

- Each speaker will choose one of three topics, which may be a word, a question, or a phrase—anything not related to current events. He/She will speak on it without the use of notes. Wit, humor, philosophy, sentiment, or absurdity are all equally welcome. Judges will be looking for some agility and, above all, for the ability of each speaker to communicate with style and originality.
- Each speaker will have 2 minutes to prepare. Speakers may sit or stand while preparing and may take notes, although these may not be used in the speech.
- Each speaker will have 3 to 5 minutes to speak. A time penalty will be assessed for going under 3 minutes or over 5 minutes.

### **After-Dinner Speaking**

- Each speaker must deliver an address that is designed to entertain as well as to inform.
- Notes must be limited to one 3 x 5 inch card, both sides, and should be used as little as possible. No props may be used.
- The speaker may choose to address an imaginary, identifiable audience.
- The speech should be 5 minutes long with a one minute grace period. A time penalty will be assessed for going under 4 minutes or over 6 minutes.
- Salutation is optional.

### **Persuasive Speaking**

- This speech is designed to persuade and must be on a serious topic.
- A problem + solution approach must be taken.
- Notes must be limited to one 3 x 5 inch card, both sides, and should be used as little as possible. No props may be used.
- The speech should be from 7 to 13 minutes in length. A time penalty will be assessed for going under 7 minutes or over 13 minutes.
- Salutation is optional.

## INTERPRETIVE READING

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**Directions:** Please write comments if there is sufficient time. These sheets will be returned to the students at the end of the tournament. When the round is over, please give ballot to the timekeeper.

### Scoring Guidelines

50-59: Poor      60-69: Weak      70-79: Average      80-89: Very Good      90-100: Superb

CONTESTANT'S NAME:	CONTESTANT'S CODE:
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CATEGORY	SCORE
Quality and Helpfulness of Introduction	[max = 10]
Overcoming Manuscript	[max = 10]
Understanding of Selection	[max = 10]
Pace and Timing	[max = 10]
Enunciation and Clarity of Presentation	[max = 20]
Voice Melody and Rhythm	[max = 20]
Overall Appeal to Listener	[max = 20]
<b>TOTAL POINTS:</b>	[max = 100]

Length of Speech: _____  Note: Time penalties will be deducted from total points in the tabulation room; judges should not account for time penalties in total points calculation	Time Penalty (if any): _____
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Rank in Room: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS:

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JUDGE:	ROOM:	NUMBER OF JUDGES IN ROOM:
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**AFTER DINNER SPEAKING**

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CONTESTANT'S NAME:	CONTESTANT'S CODE:
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CATEGORY	SCORE
Thoughtful, Logical Organization of Speech	[max = 10]
Quality of Information	[max = 30]
Originality of Entertainment	[max = 30]
Delivery	[max = 30]
<b>TOTAL POINTS:</b>	[max = 100]

Length of Speech: _____ Note: Time penalties will be deducted from total points in the tabulation room; judges should not account for time penalties in total points calculation	Time Penalty (if any): _____
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Rank in Room: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS:

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# IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

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CONTESTANT'S NAME:	CONTESTANT'S CODE:
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CATEGORY	SCORE
Adherence to Statement of Topic	[max = 10]
Organization	[max = 20]
Appeal to Audience	[max = 20]
Aptness of Supportive Material	[max = 20]
Delivery (e.g. voice, eye contact, gestures)	[max = 30]
<b>TOTAL POINTS:</b>	[max = 100]

Length of Speech: _____ Note: Time penalties will be deducted from total points in the tabulation room; judges should not account for time penalties in total points calculation	Time Penalty (if any): _____
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Rank in Room: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS:

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# PERSUASIVE SPEAKING

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CONTESTANT'S NAME:	CONTESTANT'S CODE:
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CATEGORY	SCORE
Analysis of Problem, Knowledge of Topic	[max = 30]
Persuasiveness of Solution; Logic, Appeal	[max = 20]
Originality of Approach	[max = 20]
Delivery	[max = 30]
<b>TOTAL POINTS:</b>	[max = 100]

Length of Speech: _____ Note: Time penalties will be deducted from total points in the tabulation room; judges should not account for time penalties in total points calculation	Time Penalty (if any): _____
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Rank in Room: \_\_\_\_\_

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# DIRECTIONS

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## **DIRECTIONS TO STONELEIGH-BURNHAM SCHOOL**

### **General location:**

On route 5 at the junction of route 5 and I-91 in Greenfield, Massachusetts.

### **From the North:**

Take I-91 South to Exit 27. Take exit for Route 5 & 10 Greenfield. Turn left onto Route 5 & 10 North. The SBS entrance is the first road on the left.

### **From the South:**

Take I-91 North to Exit 27. Take exit for Route 5 & 10 Greenfield. Turn left onto Route 5 & 10 North. The SBS entrance is the first road on the left.

### **From the West:**

From Route 2 East (Mohawk Trail), take I-91 North to Exit 27. Take exit for Route 5 & 10 Greenfield. Turn left onto Route 5 & 10 North. The SBS entrance is the first road on the left.

### **From the East:**

Take Route 2 West to exit for Route 5 & 10 Greenfield. Turn right on Route 5 & 10 North. The SBS entrance is the first road on the left.