

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

You are cordially invited to what we hope will be the 1st Annual Northfield Mount Hermon Public Speaking Tournament, to be held on **April 2, 2017**. It includes three speaking opportunities in this order:

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

Speakers and coaches should arrive between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. We will be providing brunch in the morning, and a light meal after the third round of events. Event guidelines are enclosed and we hope will answer your other questions.

Each school is expected to bring at least one judge. You may register one or more speakers with a maximum of five speakers. If you wish to bring a fifth speaker, we ask that you provide a second judge. To be eligible for team awards, you must register at least four speakers. First, second, and third place awards will be given in each category. Team trophies will also be awarded to first-, second-, and third-place schools. A “best speaker” will also be named. Please read event guidelines carefully. We would ask that all After-Dinner and Persuasive speeches have been created within this academic year. Impromptu speeches must actually be impromptu...please no canned speeches!

Should you have last minute changes to your team, please contact Peter Weis on the morning of the tournament at (413)-325-3299.

Please respond by Friday, March 24. We look forward to hosting you in April.

Sincerely,

Chloe Shaw, Society President

Peter Weis, '78, Advisor to the Debate Society
Margaret Eisenhower, Assistant Coach

Officers:
Ellery Ketchum
Stephanie Lee
Indigo Pellegrini
Lydia Smith
Trowbridge Weed.



Public Speaking Competition Event Schedule

10:00 – 11:00	Registration	Grandin Auditorium
10:00 – 11:20	Brunch	Alumni Hall
11:30 – 12:00	Judge and Speaker Meeting	Grandin Auditorium
12:00 – 1:30	Interpretive	Blake Hall Classrooms
1:30 – 2:30	Persuasive and After Dinner	Blake Hall Classrooms
2:30 – 3:30	Impromptu	Blake Hall Classrooms
3:30 – 4:15	Refreshments	Grandin Auditorium
4:15 – 4:30	Awards	Grandin Auditorium

EVENT GUIDELINES

Interpretive Reading

- Each participant will read a passage of prose or poetry (or a selection of poems), serious or humorous, and of literary merit. Works expressly written to be delivered aloud may not be used, e.g. speeches and plays.
- 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 reading should be 7 to 13 minutes long, 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.
- 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.
- The speech should be from 7 to 10 minutes in length. A time penalty will be assessed for going under 7 minutes or over 10 minutes.
- Salutation is optional.

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INTERPRETIVE READING

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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]
TOTAL POINTS:	[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:

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

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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]
TOTAL POINTS:	[max = 100]

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IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

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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]
TOTAL POINTS:	[max = 100]

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PERSUASIVE SPEAKING

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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]
TOTAL POINTS:	[max = 100]

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