



The Belmont Hill School Invitational Debate Tournament – April 8, 2018

Dear Debate Colleagues:

The Belmont Hill Lyceum cordially invites you to its annual debate tournament on Sunday, April 8, 2018.

As a reminder: In a change for us this year and going forward: The style of the debate will be Parliamentary Extemporaneous.

There will be three rounds of Parliamentary debate. We will be debating straight resolutions and using only points of information (no points of order, personal privilege, or heckling). **There will be novice and advanced divisions, and schools are invited to enter one team in each division.** Each team consists of four people. The charge for each four-person team is \$75, and \$15 per observer. Please send a check made out to Belmont Hill School or bring one on the day of the debate. Each four-person team must also include a judge; we will not be able to supply judges. **Please RSVP by Friday, March 30**, by email to jtift@belmonthill.org, indicating the advanced and/or novice teams you plan to bring and the names of the debaters and judges (the names may also follow in a later email).

On the morning of the debate, please call 781-859-7256 if you have any changes; this practice will greatly facilitate the registration process.

Breakfast will be available for debaters, judges, coaches, and observers upon their arrival in the morning, and lunch will be available while the results are tabulated in the afternoon.

We hope you can join us, and we look forward to seeing you on April 8.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Tift

The Belmont Hill School Invitational Debate Tournament Schedule of Events

10:00-11:00 a.m.	Registration (Library Corridor) Breakfast (Dining Hall)
11:30am – 12:00pm	Judges' & Debaters' Meeting (Dining Hall)
12:00 – 1:00pm	Round One
1:00 – 2:00pm	Round Two
2:00 – 3:00pm	Round Three
2:45 - 4:00 pm	Lunch served (Dining Hall)
4:00 pm	Awards Ceremony (Dining Hall)

The maximum length and order of speeches are as follows:

Prime Minister	5 minutes
Member of the Opposition	8 minutes
Minister of the Crown	8 minutes
Leader of the Opposition	8 minutes
Prime Minister's Rebuttal	3 minutes

A 30-second grace period will be allowed for each debater, after which the speech will be terminated.

The Government will be given 2 minutes to define the terms in the room with the Opposition and the judge, followed by a 10-minute preparation time for both teams. The Government Team should repair to the hallway for the preparation period. Debaters are strictly forbidden from consulting any reference materials during the preparation period or during the debate. Violation of this rule will warrant disqualification from the tournament.

Information on rules, scoring, points of information, etc., can be found in the rules section of our league website at www.daneis.org. Please see the five PDFs under the heading "DANEIS Parliamentary Debate with POIs." We ask that your debaters and judges be thoroughly familiar with all of this information prior to the tournament as we will have just a short time for the judges' and debaters' briefing on the day of the debate. There are also a couple of helpful videos in the members' section of the website.