

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

You are cordially invited to the 2nd Annual Northfield Mount Hermon Public Speaking Tournament, to be held on **April 22, 2018**. 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, if possible. 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! Registration is \$20.00 per competitor, or \$75.00 for a five person team. We have a field limit of 64 speakers.

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, April 15. We look forward to hosting you in April.

Sincerely,

Ellery Ketchum, Society President

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Russell Powell, Assistant Coach

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