

October 8, 2018

Fellow Debaters:

The St. Paul's School Debate Team cordially invites you to attend our Ninth Annual Invitational Debate Tournament in Honor of Secretary of State John F. Kerry, to be held on Sunday, November 4, 2018.

The tournament is open to both advanced and novice teams, and you are welcome to enter no more than four teams total (two four-person teams in each division). You must also provide one judge for each four-person team. In accordance with the DANEIS rules, only those who have participated in no more than six previous interscholastic tournaments, or those who have not debated in the last fifteen calendar months, may compete as novices. We do ask that coaches use their discretion.

The tournament will be Oregon-style Prepared and will consist of three rounds. Pairs will debate on the same side of the resolution for all three rounds. The resolution is

***BIRT: the United States should withdraw all troops and military forces from Afghanistan.***

Again, each team shall consist of four students, accompanied by a judge. While experienced advanced debaters are acceptable as judges in the novice division, advanced teams must have an adult judge. We regret that we are unable to provide judges. ***ALL student and adult judges should be thoroughly prepared in order to ensure a fair and constructive tournament.***

Registration fees are \$70 per four-person team (including judge), with a \$10 charge per observer to offset meal costs. Please let us know by **October 20** how many advanced teams, novice teams and observers you plan to bring, emailing this information to Andrew Gray, agray@sps.edu. Once we hear from you and closer to the tournament date, we will send you a request for the names of participating students to enter into our scoring system.

If there are any changes in the number of teams, names of participants, or positions they are debating (affirmative or negative), please contact us as soon as possible prior to the tournament. If the changes are last minute, on the morning of the debate, it is *imperative* that you call my cell phone (617-800-7903) before you leave your school, so that the schedule of debates, and/or the appropriate information in our scoring database, can be adjusted in time for a smooth start. Please keep in mind that the creation of a successful schematic for the tournament is a complex task, and that while the organizers understand that illnesses and other unexpected events occur, last minute changes can present great challenges on the day of the tournament and potentially delay its start.

***Directions to SPS are included below. If you prefer to use a GPS system or a maps application, please keep in mind that Silk Farm Road is CLOSED to traffic.***

We hope that you can join us and look forward to greeting you on November 4th.

Sincerely,

Mary Kate Langan, Estela Lacombe França, and Josh Beirich, Debate Captains  
Andrew Gray, Dave Camden, and Bob Gile, Coaches

**ST. PAUL'S NINTH ANNUAL INVITATIONAL DEBATE TOURNAMENT  
IN HONOR OF SECRETARY OF STATE JOHN F. KERRY '62**

**Sunday, November 4, 2018**

***BIRT*: the United States should withdraw all troops and military forces from Afghanistan.**

***Schedule of Events:***

<b>10:00 –11:00</b>	<b>Registration, Coit Common Room</b>
<b>10:00-11:00</b>	<b>Brunch, Coit Upper Dining Hall</b>
<b>11:00-11:30</b>	<b>Joint Debaters' and Judges' Meeting, Coit Upper Dining Hall Timers'/Runners' Meeting in Coit Common Room</b>
<b>11:45 – 1:00</b>	<b>Round One</b>
<b>1:00 – 2:15</b>	<b>Round Two</b>
<b>2:15 – 3:30</b>	<b>Round Three. Note: After Round Three snacks will be available back at Coit Upper Dining Hall.</b>
<b>4:15 – 4:30</b>	<b>Awards Ceremony, Coit Upper Dining Hall</b>

**Oregon Style Prepared:**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Affirmative constructive</b>	<b>7 minutes</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Negative cross-examination</b>	<b>3 minutes</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Negative constructive</b>	<b>7 minutes</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Affirmative cross-examination</b>	<b>3 minutes</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Affirmative constructive</b>	<b>7 minutes</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Negative cross-examination</b>	<b>3 minutes</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Negative constructive</b>	<b>7 minutes</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Affirmative cross-examination</b>	<b>3 minutes</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Negative rebuttal</b>	<b>4 minutes</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Affirmative rebuttal</b>	<b>4 minutes</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Negative rebuttal</b>	<b>4 minutes</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Affirmative rebuttal</b>	<b>4 minutes</b>

## DIRECTIONS TO ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL

### From the Massachusetts Turnpike

Take Exit 11a to Interstate 495 North. Follow to Massachusetts Route 3 North. Follow Rt. 3 North which becomes Everett Turnpike at New Hampshire border. Continue on Everett Turnpike to I-93 North (continue with directions immediately following)

From I-93 Northbound Follow I-93 North to I-89. Follow I-89 North to Exit 2, Clinton Street. At the end of the ramp **turn right\*\*** onto Clinton Street. In approximately ¼ mile, turn left at next light onto Langley Parkway. Continue to the next light. Turn left onto Pleasant Street and travel ¼ mile. St. Paul's School sign is on the left; turn left onto Dunbarton Road. Follow directions below. **\*\*Please note: MapQuest and GPS systems still direct traffic to turn left and travel to Silk Farm Road. HOWEVER, this road NO LONGER gives access to the SPS campus.**

### From I-93 Southbound or Concord Center

Take Exit 13 on I-93 to Route 3 North and turn right at the end of exit ramp. Go through three sets of lights. At fourth light, turn left onto Pleasant Street (Route 202 West); continue past Concord Hospital for ¼ mile. St. Paul's School sign is on the left; turn left onto Dunbarton Road. Follow directions below.

### Once on Campus:

This year we are asking schools to park their vehicles up at Coit:

Follow Dunbarton Road, past Lindsay Math-Science Center, the Athletic Center (on left), through stop sign, and on up to Sawmill Road. Turn right on to Sawmill Road and follow to stop sign, continue through stop sign and make the next right into large parking lot. (sign will say Hockey Center Parking)

The back of Coit (where the dining hall is) will be ahead of you as you enter the parking lot. After parking, head into Coit, to the Common Room of the dining hall, on right side of the entrance. You will find our registration table here.

\* (Driving time in good weather from Boston is approximately 90 minutes.)