

Dear Members of DANEIS,

We cordially invite you to the Eighteenth Annual Parliamentary Debate and Public Speaking Tournament at The Hotchkiss School on **Sunday, October 20, 2019**.

Each school may register up to two four-person teams. Space will be given on a first-come, first-served basis, due to limited classroom space, with preference given to DANEIS member schools. The cost will be \$75 per four-person team. We ask that schools bring a judge for each four-person team entered. Unfortunately, we cannot provide judges. In accordance with DANEIS league rules, student judges will not be permitted to judge advanced debates. Parents judges should not judge the division in which their children are debating. We also ask that any students judging in the novice division be experienced debaters who have competed in DANEIS tournaments at the advanced level. Please be sure to brief your judges thoroughly prior to the tournament.

We will continue to use the format for this tournament that we introduced last year. There will be two rounds of **parliamentary debate**. Resolutions will be straight. We will follow the standard DANEIS rules and will use the standard score sheets. These rules and scoresheets can be found on the DANEIS website.

In addition to these two rounds of parliamentary debate, there will be two rounds of **impromptu speaking**. The rules for this portion of the tournament will be the same rules used at the Public Speaking Tournament at the Stoneleigh Burnham School and other public speaking tournaments in our league. These rules are available on the league website. Sample topics can be found on the IISPC website (iispcc.com). If you have questions about the impromptu speaking event, please contact me.

Registration will be open from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m. in the entrance to the Main Building and brunch will be available in the dining hall at that time. Briefings for judges and debaters will begin promptly at 11:15 and Round 1 will start at 11:45. Dinner and snacks will be available after the third round.

Please **RSVP** no later than **October 4** via email to dconti@hotchkiss.org with the number of teams you would like to enter. Early RSVPs are greatly appreciated.

Directions can be found on our website at www.hotchkiss.org. We look forward to seeing you in Lakeville.

Yours,

David Conti and Thomas Fisher
Coaches, Hotchkiss Speech & Debate