

Dear Members of DANEIS,

We cordially invite you to the initial online DANEIS Parliamentary Debate Tournament on **Sunday, May 17, 2020**.

This tournament will take place using Zoom. All debaters and judges will need to have access to a computer with an internet connection for the duration of the event. There will be separate Advanced and Novice meetings and a joint meeting for the announcement of awards.

Each school may register up to two four-person teams. Space will be given on a first-come, first-served basis, due to the logistics of arranging an online tournament, with preference given to DANEIS member schools.

There will be no registration fee for this event.

We ask that schools arrange to have 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.

There will be three 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.

**This event will take place from 9AM until 1PM EST.** Registration will take place before the event. Because of the format of this event, you will not be able to make last-minute changes in the names of students competing. For each student and judge, please provide an email address so they can be assigned to the proper rooms for competition.

Please **RSVP** no later than **May 1** via email to [dconti@hotchkiss.org](mailto:dconti@hotchkiss.org) with the number of teams you would like to enter. Early RSVPs are greatly appreciated.

Yours,

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