



STONELEIGH-BURNHAM SCHOOL DEBATE AND PUBLIC SPEAKING SOCIETY

September 18, 2020

Dear esteemed Colleagues and Members of DANEIS,

You are cordially invited by the DANEIS League and the Stoneleigh-Burnham School to a Virtual Public Speaking Tournament, to be held on Sunday, October 4 . [*Please note: this is a change from the tentative date of Sept. 27 listed on the schedule.*] This World's qualifying tournament will focus on three public speaking genres. Each school may bring from one to up to six speakers, and each speaker should be prepared to speak in all of the following categories, in this order:

1. Interpretive Reading (all, mandatory)
2. Impromptu (all, mandatory)
3. After-Dinner **or** Persuasive Speaking (each competitor chooses one)

Event guidelines are attached and should answer all other questions about individual events. *Please read your event guidelines carefully and remember that all After-Dinner and Persuasive speeches must be original.* A speaker may use notes in these two categories, but these are limited to one index card, both sides. Impromptu speeches must be just that---Impromptu. **Technology guidelines** are attached to the Event Guidelines. Please read through to the end of the material, and write to me with any questions or recommendations, ASAP, at ksuchenski@sbschool.org. We are charting new territory of virtual tournaments and I want to be responsive to school and student needs for clarity of guidelines and access.

Each school is expected to bring: **one judge**, *if you are bringing one to four speakers*; **two judges**, *if you are bringing five or six speakers*. Also please note: *No student judges will be allowed at this tournament as there may be novice to advanced speakers in the same room.* To be eligible for team awards, you must register at least four speakers. Only the top four speakers from a school will be averaged for awards. First, second, and third place will be awarded in each of four categories. An overall tournament winner will be named.

Please respond before or by **Thursday, Oct 1, 2020** with your judges name(s) and school email addresses; your student speakers' names and school emails only, please; along with each speaker's choice of either an After-Dinner or Persuasive speech. We look forward to seeing you all at this Zoom event!

Sincerely,

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