

SBS-NMH Public Speaking Tournament

September 10, 2023

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

You are cordially invited to a Public Speaking Tournament, to be held on **Sunday, October 1, 2023**, at Stoneleigh-Burnham School in Greenfield, Mass.

Northfield Mount Hermon (NMH) and Stoneleigh-Burnham (SBS) coaches and student leaders will work together to host a joint public speaking event. This combined school tournament will carry the SBS World Qualifying moniker.

This tournament will focus on four 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, with a choice in category 2, in this order:

1. Interpretive Reading (mandatory)
2. After-Dinner *or* Persuasive Speaking (choose one)
3. Impromptu (mandatory)

First, second, and third place will be awarded in each of the four categories. An overall tournament winner will be named, who will qualify for World berth. Please read your event guidelines carefully and remember that no student competition material delivered last spring of 2023 is eligible for reuse in this competition. All After-Dinner and Persuasive speeches must be original in writing. A speaker may use notes in these two categories, but these are limited to one index card, both sides.

- Speakers and their coaches should arrive between 10:30 A.M. ---11:15 A.M. Stoneleigh-Burnham will host a brunch from 10:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.
- Please note: Brunch will be the only meal offered during the tournament day, although light refreshments will be served at awards time. Each school is expected to bring one judge for up to four speakers and an additional judge if your speaker roster exceeds four.

Event guidelines are enclosed. Please read through the material and write to Peter Weis pweis@nmhschool.org with any questions. Peter will also be accepting all registrations. Information on how to register is included in this packet.

We hope you can join us for this opening DANEIS Public Speaking event!

Sincerely,

On behalf of the officers of NMH and SBS Debate and Public Speaking Programs,

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Karen Suchenski
Stoneleigh-Burnham Coach

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Peter Weis
Northfield Mount Herman Coach

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EVENT SCHEDULE

10:30--11:15 A.M.	Registration
10:30--11:30 A.M.	Brunch
11:30--12:00 Noon	Judge and Participant Meeting
12:00 P.M.--1:30 P.M.	Round I
1:30--2:45 P.M.	Round II
2:45--3:30 P.M.	Round III
3:30--4:00 P.M.	Tabulation of Results Refreshments
4:00	Awards Ceremony and Departure

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please send the following information to Peter Weis at pweis@nmhschool.org

- RSVP
 - We cannot make the day
 - Yes, we are coming

If YES (and we hope so) please include:

- Name of Coach and/or contact adult for the day:
- Contact Person's Telephone Number
- How many speakers will you bring? _____

Please register with: pweis@nmhschool.org

Please reply before **Monday, September 25, 2023** so that a fair draw can be made.

TOURNAMENT FEES: Registration of coaches and four students is \$ 80 per school; each additional participant/observer beyond this is \$10 per person, with a maximum of 6 students allotted per school.

Payment will be made on the day of the tournament.

Checks should be made payable to: Stoneleigh-Burnham School, and will be received on the day of the tournament.

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EVENT GUIDELINES-2023

Interpretive Reading

- Each participant will read a passage of fiction or poetry (or a selection of poems), serious or humorous, and of literary merit.
- The use of facial expressions and gestures is encouraged as the competitor feels appropriate but should not distract from the primary emphasis. No props may be used.
- Each speech should be 5 to 11 minutes, including a brief introduction of 30 to 60 seconds. The introduction should give background of the author and work, and some indication of the particular interest or appeal of the selection.
- A time penalty* will be assessed for going under 5 minutes or over 11 minutes, with a five second grace period allowed on either side.
- Salutation is optional.

Impromptu Speaking

- Each speaker will choose one of three topics, which may be a word, a question, or an aphorism.. Each competitor will speak on the topic without the use of notes. Wit, humor, philosophy are all equally welcome. Judges will be looking for some agility of thought, and, above all, for the ability of each speaker to communicate a unified speech, with style and originality.
- Each speaker will have 2 minutes to prepare. Speakers may sit or stand while preparing and may take notes, although these may not be used in the speech.
- Each speaker will have 3 to 5 minutes to speak. A time penalty* will be assessed for going under 3 minutes or over 5 minutes, with a 5 second grace period allowed on either side.'

After-Dinner Speaking

- Each speaker must deliver an address that is designed to entertain as well as to inform.
- Notes must be limited to one 3 x 5 inch card, both sides, and should be used as little as possible. No props may be used.
- The speaker may choose to address an imaginary, identifiable audience.
- The speech should be 5 to 7 minutes long. A time penalty will be assessed for going under 5 minutes or over 7 minutes.
- Salutation is optional.

Persuasive Speaking

- This speech is designed to persuade and must be on a serious topic.
- A problem + solution approach must be taken, with each speech to include both an outline of problem and an outline of solution, although a speaker may choose to emphasize one over the other.
- Notes must be limited to one 3 x 5 inch card, both sides, and should be used as little as possible. No props may be used.
- The speech should be from 7 to 10 minutes in length. A time penalty will be assessed for going under 7 minutes or over 10 minutes.
- Salutation is optional.

Please note: **time penalties.**

*The time penalties in all categories are as follows:

- After exceeding a grace period of 5 seconds on either side of each of the category's limits, a time penalty will be assessed as follows:
 - 5-15 secs outside set limits gets a penalty of 2 pts
 - 15-30 secs. over limits becomes a 5 point penalty
 - a 10 pt penalty will be given for going beyond 30 secs on either side over the genre's allotted time.
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TOURNAMENT LOCATION: Stoneleigh-Burnham School

Directions to Stoneleigh-Burnham School

574 Bernardston Road
Greenfield, MA 01301

General location:

On route 5 at the junction of route 5 and I-91 in Greenfield, Massachusetts.

From the North:

Take Route I-91 south to Exit 27. Take exit for Route 5&10 Greenfield. Turn left onto Route 5 & 10 north. The SBS entrance is the first road on the left.

From the South:

Take Route I-91 north to Exit 27. Take exit for Route 5 & 10 Greenfield. Turn left onto Route 5 & 10 north. The SBS entrance is the first road on the left.

From the West:

From Route 2 east (Mohawk Trail), take Route I-91 north to Exit 27. Take exit for Route 5 & 10 Greenfield. Turn left onto Route 5 & 10 north. The SBS entrance is the first road on the left.

From the East

Take route 2 west to exit for Route 5 & 10 Greenfield. Turn right on Route 5 & 10 north. The SBS entrance is the first road on the left.