

October 21, 2009

Dear Members and Friends of DANEIS,

We most cordially invite you to the Eighth Annual Parliamentary Debate Tournament at The Hotchkiss School on **Sunday, November 15, 2009**.

Each school may register up to four four-person teams, no more than **two** in either division (advanced and novice). Space will be given on a first-come, first-served basis, due to limited classroom space. Please indicate if you would like a team(s) added to the waiting list. We will do our best to accommodate additional teams.

The cost will be \$60 per four-person team, and \$10 per observer. 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 of students debating in the advanced division should judge in novice. We also ask that any students judging in the novice division be experienced debaters who have competed in DANEIS tournaments at the advanced level.

There will be three rounds of debate. Resolutions will be straight, i.e. no redefinition necessary. The format is as follows: Prime Minister, 5 minutes; Member of the Opposition, 8 minutes; Minister of the Crown, 8 minutes; Leader of the Opposition, 8 minutes; Prime Minister, 3 minutes. It is strictly understood that teams may not use prepared cases for any of the three rounds, nor may teams consult any reference materials of any kind during their preparation time. Teams that violate these rules will be disqualified from the tournament.

The tournament will conclude with an exhibition round (time permitting) or an impromptu speaking competition. One student per school may enter the impromptu competition. Impromptu speaking rules are included.

Registration will be open from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. in the entrance to the Main Building and brunch will be available in the dining hall at that time. Judges' and debaters' briefings will begin promptly at 11:00 and Round 1 will commence at 12:00. Sandwiches, drinks, fruits and snacks will be available throughout the day.

Please **RSVP** no later than **Monday, November 2** via email to kvavpeti@hotchkiss.org or fax at 860-435-8056. The entry form is enclosed. Early RSVPs are greatly appreciated!

Prior to your departure on the morning of November 15, please call **860-435-3681** to confirm your attendance. Directions are enclosed and can be found on our website at www.hotchkiss.org. We look forward to hosting you on the 15th!

Most Warmly,

Ji Min Kang
Co-Captain

Charlotte Dillon
Co-Captain

Rahul Rain
Co-Captain

Kate and Joe Vavpetic, and Sam Prouty
Coaches

Enclosures: Entry form, schedule, impromptu speaking rules, directions

ENTRY FORM

**Sunday, November 15
The Hotchkiss School Parliamentary Debate Tournament**

School: _____

Coach: _____

NOVICE TEAM

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Judge: _____

ADVANCED TEAM

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Judge: _____
(Adults only)

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Judge: _____

ADVANCED TEAM

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**The Hotchkiss School Parliamentary Debate Tournament
Preliminary Tournament Schedule and Debate Format**

10:00-10:45	Registration in the Main Hall
11:00-11:45	Judges' and Debaters' Meeting
12:00-1:00	Round One
1:00-2:00	Round Two
2:00-3:00	Round Three
3:15-4:15	Impromptu Competition
4:15-4:30	Awards Ceremony

Parliamentary Debate Format

Prime Minister	5 minutes
Member of the Opposition	8 minutes
Minister of the Crown	8 minutes
Leader of the Opposition*	8 minutes
Prime Minister	3 minutes

*There will be no break in the LO speech between constructive and rebuttal arguments.

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Impromptu Speaking Competition Rules

Each speaker will draw three topics, which may be a word, a quotation or a phrase - anything not specifically related to current events.

The speaker will have two minutes to prepare, during which time he/she may make notes, but these notes may not be used during the speech.

Wit, humor, philosophy, sentiment, absurdity are equally welcome. Although a speaker may make reference to the words or beliefs of others, whether fictional or real characters, he or she must speak in his or her own person for the substantial majority of the speech.

Judges will be looking for agility of thought, for some "meat on the bones," for organizational ability - and above all, for the ability of each speaker to communicate with style and originality.

The speech must last at least three minutes but no more than five. Severe time penalties will be incurred for speaking for less than two minutes 45 seconds or more than 5 minutes 15 seconds.

It is strictly understood that competitors will not use prepared material for this event.

DIRECTIONS TO THE HOTCHKISS SCHOOL

From the North:

From I-87:

Follow I-87 to intersection with I-90. Take I-90 east. Stay on I-90, following signs for Massachusetts Turnpike.

Before crossing Massachusetts State line, exit at Route 22 (exit B3).

Follow Route 22 South to Millerton, NY.

In Millerton, take a left onto Route 44.

Follow Route 44 through Millerton and across state line into Connecticut.

Take right onto Route 112.

Follow Route 112 through blinking light and up hill to the school entrance on left.

From Route 7 and Vermont:

Follow Route 7 south across Connecticut State line.

In Canaan, CT take right onto Route 44.

Follow Route 44 west through Salisbury into Lakeville.

In Lakeville, take a left onto Route 41.

Follow Route 41 to blinking light at top of hill.

Take a right onto route 112; the school entrance is 100 yards on right.

From I-91:

Follow I-91 south to I-90, the Massachusetts Turnpike.

Follow I-90 west to Lee (exit 2).

Follow Route 102 to Stockbridge.

In Stockbridge, take a left onto Route 7 south and follow direction from Route 7 and Vermont above.

From the South:

From I-684 in New York:

Take I-684 north to Route 22 north in Brewster, NY.

Follow Route 22 to Amenia, NY.

In Amenia, take a right onto Route 343.

Follow Route 343 to Sharon, CT.

In Sharon, take a left onto Route 41 and follow to Route 112.

Take a left onto Route 112; the school entrance is 100 yards on right.

From the Taconic Parkway:

Exit at Route 44 and Millbrook.

Follow Route 44 to Amenia and go straight through the light onto Route 343.

Follow directions from Route 343 above.

From Route 7 North:

Follow Route 7 through Cornwall Bridge and West Cornwall.

Take a left onto Route 112 toward Lime Rock and Lakeville.

Follow Route 112 to intersection with Route 41.

Go straight through blinking light; the school entrance is 100 yards on the right.

From the East:

From I-90 (Mass Pike)

Go west on I-90 to Lee (exit 2).

Follow directions from I-91 above.

From Bradley Field (Hartford - Springfield Airport)

The nearest airport to Hotchkiss is Bradley Field, located in Windsor Locks, CT.

Take Route 20 to Route 219 west.

Continue on Route 219 to Route 318 west.

Follow Route 318 until it intersects with Route 44 in Winsted, CT.

Follow Route 44 west to Canaan, CT.

Follow directions from Route 7 and Vermont above.

From I-91 and I-84 (Hartford Area)

Follow I-84 west through Hartford.

Exit in Farmington onto Route 4.

Follow Route 4 through Torrington and into Goshen.

In Goshen, take right onto Route 63.

Go Approximately 12 miles and take left onto Route 126.

Follow Route 126 to Route 7.

Take a left onto Route 7 south to Route 112.

Take a right onto Route 112.

Follow Route 112 to to intersection with Route 41.

Go straight through blinking light; the school entrance is 100 yards on the right.

From Central and Western Connecticut

(Waterbury, New Haven, Bridgeport, New London, Middletown, Meriden)

Take appropriate highway to Waterbury (intersection of I-84 and Route 8).

Take Route 8 north to Torrington (downtown exit).

In Torrington, take a left onto Route 4 west toward Goshen.

Follow directions from I-91 and I-84 above.