

Dear Fellow Debaters,

The Roxbury Latin School Debate Society cordially invites you to participate in our Parliamentary Debate Tournament on **Sunday, December 6, 2009**. There will be both Novice and Advanced divisions. The resolutions will be “traditional” extemporaneous, e.g. “The pen is mightier than the sword,” not “straight” resolutions, and there will be new resolutions for each of the three rounds. The top teams in the Advanced division will conduct a public exhibition debate after the three rounds have been completed. **Each school may enter no more than one four-person team in each division, and must also provide one judge for each four-person team (with an adult judge in the advanced division, not a student).** All schools are expected to have briefed their judges thoroughly on the rules, format, and the scoring techniques of debating. Schools are invited to bring additional students as observers. **Last year’s winners of our two traveling trophies (Best School & Best Advanced Speaker), please be sure to bring these trophies with you to the competition or mail them to Stewart Thomsen in time for them to be awarded the day of this year’s debate. Many thanks!**

Registration on the day of the debate will be held from 10:30 to 11:15 A.M. Teams arriving after the close of registration will not be allowed to compete. Judges’ and debaters’ briefings will follow the registration. Dinner will be served in the Refectory after the third round to avoid lost time while the scoring room tallies the results of Round III to determine the participants in the Exhibition Round. The fall DANEIS coaches meeting will be held in the Farnham Room immediately after Round III, where food will be made available for coaches. We will start the Exhibition Round as soon as possible. The scoring of the debate and the standings in each division will be announced immediately following the Exhibition Round.

The format will be as follows (with 5 minutes to define the terms and 10 minutes to prepare arguments):

Prime Minister - 5 minute constructive  
Member of the Opposition - 8 minute speech  
Minister of the Crown - 8 minute speech  
Leader of the Opposition - 8 minute speech  
Prime Minister - 3 minute rebuttal

There is a \$60 entry fee for each four-person team, and an additional \$15 entry fee for each observer in order to offset the food costs. Please make checks payable to “The Roxbury Latin School.”

Please fill out the enclosed entry form and e-mail it to us by **November 29**. **Because our space is limited, we encourage schools to contact us ahead of this deadline as we may run out of space before November 29.** If you have any questions, please e-mail Stewart Thomsen at [stewart.thomsen@roxburylatin.org](mailto:stewart.thomsen@roxburylatin.org).

Sincerely,

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President, Roxbury Latin Debate Society

Stewart Thomsen  
Advisor, Roxbury Latin Debate Society

**ROXBURY LATIN PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE TOURNAMENT**

**Sunday, December 6, 2009**

**Entry Form**

**MUST BE RETURNED BY NOVEMBER 29, 2009**

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We will enter one team in the:

\_\_\_\_\_ Advanced Division

\_\_\_\_\_ Novice Division

\_\_\_\_\_ We will not be able to attend.

In addition to our debaters and judges, we will bring \_\_\_\_\_ extra individuals as observers.

\_\_\_\_\_ We will pay our fees at the Tournament.

## **Roxbury Latin Parliamentary Debate Tournament**

**Sunday, December 6, 2009**

### Schedule of Events:

- 10:30 - 11:15 Registration
- 11:30 Debaters' Meeting in the Refectory
- Judges' Meeting in the Farnham Room
- Speakers'/Time Keepers' Meeting in Room 14
- 12:15 Round 1
- 1:15 Round 2
- 2:15 Round 3
- 3:15 Dinner for debaters in the Refectory (while scores are being tallied & Exhibition Round debaters are preparing). DANEIS coaches meeting will be held in the Farnham Room during this time.
- 4:15 Exhibition Round (in Rousmaniere Hall)  
-Announcement of Results and Awards in Rousmaniere Hall immediately after the Exhibition Round

Food and beverages will be available when the debaters arrive, and a complete dinner will be made available from 3:15 (end of Round III) until the beginning of the Exhibition Round. Food is not permitted outside the Refectory. Thank you!