

THE STONELEIGH-BURNHAM DEBATE SOCIETY

September 9, 2009

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

You are invited to the Stoneleigh-Burnham Public Speaking Tournament. Our tournament will be held on Sunday, September 27 and will focus on three speaking genres. Each school may bring one, two, three, four, or five speakers, and each speaker should be prepared to speak in each (all) of the following categories:

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

Speakers and their coaches should arrive between 10:30 A.M. ---11:15 A.M. Stoneleigh-Burnham's famous brunch will be served from 10:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. Brunch will be the only food served during the day. Event guidelines are enclosed and should answer all other questions. Each school is expected to bring one judge.

There will be a final round in Impromptu and After-Dinner Speaking. Time restraints preclude a final round in Interpretive Reading and Persuasive Speaking. First, second, and third place will be awarded in each of four categories. An overall tournament winner will be named. 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.

We are confident that the speaking will be of high caliber and that everyone will enjoy the day from beginning to end. As usual, the SBS Octet will entertain during the tabulation of results. Please feel free to offer suggestions for improvement upon your departure, or later by letter or phone.

Sincerely,

Dr. Paul C. Bassett
Stoneleigh-Burnham Debate Coach

Kat Bordewieck
Dylan Tomalin
Debate Society Presidents

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--1:00 P.M.	Round I
1:00--2:00 P.M.	Round II
2:00--3:30 P.M.	Round III
3:30--4:00 P.M.	Tabulation of Results Refreshments and Entertainment
4:00--5:00 P.M.	Three Finalists in Impromptu, After-Dinner
5:00--5:30 P.M.	Awards Ceremony

REGISTRATION

Name of School
Name of Contact Person
Contact Person's Telephone Number
Yes, we are coming.
No, we are not going to make it.
How many speakers will you bring?

Registration is \$ 50.00 per school.
Pay at registration.
Please make checks payable to Stoneleigh-Burnham School

Please reply by September 25, 2009.

EVENT GUIDELINES

INTERPRETIVE READING

1. Each participant will read a passage of prose or poetry (or a selection of poems), serious or humorous, and of literary merit.
2. The use of facial expressions and gestures is encouraged as the competitor feels appropriate but should not distract from the primary emphasis.
3. No props may be used.
4. Each speech should be 10 minutes, including a brief introduction of 30 to 60 seconds. There will be a grace period of 3 minutes on either side. The introduction should give background of the author and work, and some indication of the particular interest or appeal of the selection.
5. A time penalty of 10 points will be assessed for going under 7 minutes or over 13 minutes.
6. Salutation is optional.

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

1. Each speaker will choose one of three topics, which may be a word, a question or a phrase---anything not related to current events. He/She will speak on it without the use of notes. Wit, humor, philosophy, sentiment or absurdity are all equally welcome. Judges will be looking for some agility and, above all, for the ability of each speaker to communicate with style and originality.
2. Each speaker will have 2 minutes to prepare, Competitors may sit or stand while preparing, and may make notes, although these may not be used during the speech.
3. Each speaker will have 3 to 5 minutes to speak with 15 seconds grace.
4. A time penalty of 10 points will be assessed for going under 2 minutes forty-five seconds or over 5 minutes 15 seconds.

AFTER-DINNER SPEAKING

1. Each speaker must deliver an address that is designed to entertain as well as to inform.
2. Notes must be limited to one card, and should be used as little as possible.
3. The speaker may choose to address an imaginary, identifiable audience. No props may be used.
4. The speech should be 5 minutes long with a one minute grace period.
5. A time penalty of 10 points will be assessed for going under 4 minutes or over 6 minutes.
6. Salutation is optional.

PERSUASIVE SPEAKING

1. This speech is designed to persuade and must be on a serious topic.
2. A problem/solution approach must be taken.
3. Speeches should be prepared beforehand and should be from 7 to 13 minutes in length with a 3 minute grace period on either side.
4. Props may not be used. If notes are used, only a single index card is allowed.
5. There will be a time penalty 10 points for speeches under 7 minutes and speeches over 13.
6. Salutation is optional.

DIRECTIONS

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.