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Dear Fellow Debaters:

The St. Sebastian's Debate Team cordially invites you to participate in our thirteenth annual Parliamentary Extemporaneous Debate Tournament on Sunday, February 12, 2012. The tournament will consist of three rounds of Parliamentary debate, in both novice and advanced divisions. Each school may register **one four-person novice team** and **one four-person advanced team** (teams should include a judge as well; St. Sebastian's will *not* provide judges). Schools may register by mailing or faxing the enclosed form or by e-mail to: michael_nerbonne@stsebs.org. Please reply by Friday, February 3. Fees for the debate are \$60 per team and \$15 per observer. Checks should be made payable to St. Sebastian's School. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at 781-247-0156. **We also request that you call us at 781-247-0156 on the morning of the tournament, between the hours of 8:00 and 10:00, to report any changes in your final registration.**

The schedule for the day is as follows:

- 10:00 - 11:00 am Registration in the front foyer of the Birmingham Academic Building
- 10:00 - 11:30 am Brunch served in Ward Hall.
Dinner will be available after 3:00 pm
- 11:30 - 12 noon Judges' and Debaters' Meeting in Ward Hall
- 12:00 - 1:00 pm Round One
- 1:00 - 2:00 pm Round Two
- 2:00 - 3:00 pm Round Three
- 3:00 - 4:30 pm Dinner in Ward Hall
- 4:30 - 4:45 pm Presentation of Awards in Ward Hall

The maximum length and order of speeches are as follows:

Prime Minister	5 minutes
First Opposition Speaker	8 minutes
Minister of the Crown	8 minutes
Leader of the Opposition	8 minutes
Prime Minister's Rebuttal	3 minutes

A 30-second grace period will be allowed for each debater, after which the speech will be terminated. The government will be given 5 minutes to propose a resolution, followed by a 10-minute preparation time for both teams.

Directions to St. Sebastian's School are available on our website: <http://www.stsebs.org/school/directions.html>; please note that the last turn in the directions will be a LEFT into the parking lot of the Birmingham Academic Building.

We look forward to seeing you on February 12, and want to express our appreciation for your participation. Please see the enclosed form for registration information.

Michael P. Nerbonne
Debate Coach