

Appleton East Forensics

APPLETON EAST HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Forensic Coach,

The Administration and Forensic Coaching Staff at Appleton East High School are pleased to invite you and your forensic team to the "Appleton East Forensic Tournament" on January 28th, 2017.

Continuing and NEW this year! *The Appleton East Tournament will offer "Double/Triple Entering", with the following restriction. - No students involved in the following categories will be allowed to double enter; Extemporaneous Speaking or Radio Speaking, students who enjoy those events, can not double enter. **This year, we will allow students to double/triple enter between buildings... but only at their own risk! (if they are running very much behind, we will not hold rounds longer for them.)***

We are using the online service of Speechwire – It has been used by many tournaments, so if you are not familiar with the process, please call me and I will help you through the process

We will once again be holding a comprehensive judges meeting, and it behooves you to make sure that your judges are in attendance at that mandatory meeting. *In fact, judges will not get their assignments until they are at that meeting.* So it is imperative that **ALL JUDGES AND ALL COACHES** are at the judges meeting!

DATE Saturday, January 28th, 2017
(Student Congress will be held on Friday the 27th.) You will register for that also on Speechwire.

ENTRIES You may enter as many entries as you wish. Varsities will simply be counted as the top 25 scores with the limitation of no more than 4 entries per event. **DOUBLE AND TRIPLE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.** If you have a student or students that are double entered, they will count as 2 entries, and triple as 3. (Count the entries, not the students.)

FEES Entry fees are \$10.00 per individual events and \$15.00 per Play Acting, Duo Interp, and Group Interp entry. Student Congress entry fees are \$10.00 per student.

JUDGES Each school must bring one judge per five entries, or fraction thereof. Judges may be hired from us for \$150.00 per judge. **Whether you have drops or not, you are responsible to bring the same number of judges you indicated on your original registration form.**

ENTRY DEADLINE Wednesday, January 25, 2017. You will be allowed to make changes on your own to your registration until Friday at Noon, but you will be responsible for the number of judges that you need do to your entries as of Wednesday at 5:00 pm.

AWARDS Individual trophies will be awarded to the top four finishers in each category. All Finalists will receive medals.

Team trophies will be awarded to the first five schools in sweepstakes points based on a maximum of 25 entries per team. Two small team trophies will be awarded upon qualitative results of actual students competing (5 minimum to 12 maximum entries comprise a small team).

RULES WFCAs rules will be followed. There are numerous changes in WFCAs categories from last year, so please make sure that all of your judges attend the judges meeting at 8:05 in the East Auditorium.

We will have specific topic areas for Extemporaneous Speaking, which will be included in confirmation materials.

I have a tendency to enjoy putting together radio packets, so the first couple of rounds will be kind to the beginner, but should you make the power round, please be prepared to be challenged.

FOOD A concession stand operated by the East Parents will be available at the High School during the day. We ask that contestants plan to eat at the High School so as not to delay the power round.

STUDENT CONGRESS We will also be hosting, in conjunction with the Tournament, a Student Congress on Friday evening. If this is an event that you have never participated in previously, try something new. If you have questions about Student Congress, please feel free to call.

Registration will begin at 3:15 with the first session beginning at 4:00 pm. We will run three sessions with a dinner break between sessions 2 and 3.

Please submit any bills your school would like to include by Sunday, January 22, 2017. I will post all legislation as soon as possible. **The only method that I will accept legislation is electronically**

One judge per school will be required. There will be three Top Speaker awards in each house and Best P.O. award plus something special !

E-Mail legislation to: traasmichael@asds.k12.wi.us

QUESTIONS If you have any questions, please feel free to call. We can be reached at school 832-6201 or Cell Phone (920) 517-7676 at home (920) 733-4209.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 27th and 28th!

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SATURDAY TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

CALL-IN/TEXT CONFIRMATION.....PRIOR TO 7:15 AM (text 920-517-7676)

REGISTRATION.....7:30 - 8:00 AM

JUDGES MEETING.....8:05 AM

(Very important, please make sure all judges attend, as we will be discussing all the changes from last year AND this is where judges will receive their judging assignments)

EXTEMP & RADIO DRAW.....8:15 AM

ROUND I.....8:45 AM

ROUND II.....10:00 AM

ROUND III.....11:15 AM

POWER ROUND FOR ALL EVENTS.....12:45 PM

AWARDS.....2:55 PM