

The Fifth Annual Raptor Invitational Tournament

Dear Debate/Forensics Coach:

The Academic Magnet High School Forensics and Debate team invites you to attend the Fifth annual Raptor Invitational Tournament on **Saturday, February 5, 2005**. The filling of slots for the tournament will be on a "first-come, first-serve" basis until all of the slots are taken. The absolute deadline for registration forms to be received is **Tuesday, February 1st**. Any drops or additions must be submitted by **Thursday, February 3rd**, otherwise a fee will be imposed. Congress legislation must be e-mailed by **Friday, January 21st**, and the packet will be e-mailed to all the coaches on **January 26th**. The events that will be offered at the competition, provided that there is enough participation, are Novice and Varsity Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Policy Debate, Public Forum, Student Congress, Extemporaneous Speaking, Original Oratory, Dramatic Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, Prose Reading, Poetry Reading, Children's Storytelling, and Impromptu.

To enable students to learn from other student's abilities, the competition rounds will be open for others to observe. The tournament will last for four rounds, and there will be food and snacks available to students in the school cafeteria in between rounds.

Please e-mail the registration to:
chriszhang45@gmail.com

Include the school name, coach's name, both school and home phone numbers, and the school fax number, along with competitors, judges, and what events they can judge.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email. You may also contact Frank Flanigan at:

Academic Magnet High School
1525 Avenue B. South
North Charleston, SC 29405

We hope to see all of you at the competition!

Mr. Frank Flanigan Coach	Mrs. Kate Lettau Coach	Christine Chong Tournament Coordinator	Mr. Tolley Principal
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Enclosures:

- Additional information about the tournament
- Directions to the AMHS
- Descriptions of the events

Registration Fees:

The registration fee per school is \$15.00

The entry fee per person is \$10.00 per event

The entry fee for a C-X, Duo, or Public Forum team will be \$25

Students in C-X, LD, Public Forum, or Congress may not double enter. Extempers may only double enter in impromptu.

A drop fee of \$10 is charged to students who drop after 7:00 PM on February 3rd, without having a substitute to replace them.

Schedule:

8:00 - 8:45 – Registration

8:45 - 9:00 – Opening Introduction

9:00 –11:00 – Round 1

11:00- 1:30 – Round 2

1:30- 2:30 – Lunch

2:30- 4:30 – Round 3

4:30- 6:30 – Round 4

7:00- 7:30 – Awards Ceremony

Awards:

Appropriate awards (from 1-4) will be given based on the number of entries. Speaker awards and best Presiding Officer awards will be given for Student Congress. The school with the highest number of points in the competition will receive the sweepstakes trophy, while the school with the highest percentage of winners will receive the giant-killer award.

Judges:

1 judge for every 4 L-D debaters, 2 C-X teams, and 2 Public Forum teams is required.

1 judge for every 6 IE/ Congress entries is required.

Judges are available for hire in all events for a \$35 fee.

Lunch:

Lunch will be available in the cafeteria, and will be provided for the Judges and Coaches in the Judges lounge.

Directions to AMHS:

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From I-26: Take I-26 East towards Charleston and exit at Exit #216B (Cosgrove Avenue North). Go through 2 lights, cross Azalea Ave. and Rivers Ave. At the 3rd light, take a left onto Spruill Ave. Take an immediate right at the first stoplight onto McMillan Avenue. When you reach the entrance gate to the naval base, keep going until you reach the end of McMillan, and take a right at the stoplight onto Hobson Avenue. Continue until you see the sign for the Academic Magnet High School on the right side of the street and take a right into the school.

From 17 South: Take I-526 East to I-26 East. Proceed as above.

From 17 North: Take I-526 West towards Columbia. Take the Cosgrove exit, and proceed as above.

Event Descriptions:

Novice and Varsity Lincoln-Douglas Debate

The topic for February will be used. The 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 timing format will be used, with 3 minutes of prep time. A novice is an individual who has had less than 15 rounds, or is in their first year. If there are not enough entries in both divisions, then the 2 will be merged to just L-D.

Policy Debate

The 2004-2005 topic will be used. There will be 5 minutes of prep time.

Public Forum Debate

The topic for February will be used.

Student Congress

The resolutions and bills drafted by the speakers will cover domestic and international topics. Legislation is due by e-mail on Friday, January 21st, and will be e-mailed to coaches on January 26th.

Extemporaneous Speaking

The students will draw 3 topics and choose one to discuss. There will be 30 minutes given to the speakers to allow them to prepare for their speech. The speech should be a maximum of 7 minutes, and students may use a note card with less than 50 words on it, but this is discouraged. The first and third rounds will be domestic, and second and fourth will be international.

Original Oratory

From memory, students must present an original composition not used prior to the 2004-2005 school year, that is a maximum of 10 minutes long. No more than 150 quoted words may be used.

Dramatic Interpretation

Using only limited upper body movements, the speaker must present a memorized play or work of prose of a serious nature. There is a 10-minute maximum, which includes the introduction.

Humorous Interpretation

The rules for humorous interpretation are the same as dramatic, but the selection should be of a humorous nature.

Duo Interpretation

The students present, from memory, any published work of literary merit that they have not used prior to the 2004-2005 school year. There is a 10-minute maximum that includes the introduction.

Poetry Interpretation

The students present, within 10 minutes, a work of poetry that they have not used prior to the 2004-2005 school year. This is a manuscript-read event, and the timing includes the introduction.

Prose Interpretation

Same as Poetry, but the student reads a work of prose. The selection may not be a play.

Children's Literature

Within 10 minutes, the student presents a work of children's literature without the aid of props or costumes, that they have not presents prior to the 2004-2005 school year. The manuscripts are required.

Impromptu

Students will draw 3 topics, and then choose 1 to present. The student will have 5 minutes, maximum, to present their interpretation. There is 90 seconds of prep time.