



December 7, 2018

Dear Colleagues,

It is our pleasure to invite you to the Ontario Qualifier for the Junior National Speech and Debate Championships which is being held at The Country Day School on Saturday, January 19, 2019. The Competition will be comprised of five different events. **Students must compete in the four categories below. Events 1-3 are mandatory. Then students must select either Interpretive Reading or Dramatic Interpretation from Category 4.** Event Descriptions and sample ballots for the above are available at: <https://jhspeechnationals.weebly.com/event-descriptions.html>

1. Parliamentary Debating (Impromptu)
2. Persuasive Speaking (Prepared)
3. Impromptu Speaking
4. Interpretive Reading (Prepared) OR Dramatic Interpretation (Prepared)

The Top 12 students at this event will be selected to attend the National Junior Speech and Debate Championships to be held at West Point Grey Academy in Vancouver from May 10-13, 2019 . Students will be expected to fund their own trip to the Vancouver tournament. A maximum of **two** students may be selected from each school. **Prepared pieces may not have been presented at any other public speaking event.**

Your school is invited to send up to four students. The tournament is capped at 60 students and space will be allocated on a first-come/first-served basis. The cost per student is \$50, and this registration fee will cover the cost of snacks, dinner, and awards.

Only students representing their own Ontario school may register, and they must be accompanied by an adult school-sanctioned chaperone/coach. Coaches/chaperones will be expected to judge.

For every two students they bring, schools must also bring an additional adult judge aged over 18. High school students may NOT judge this event. If schools are unable to fulfill this commitment, they will not be allowed to participate in the event. This is to ensure that we have sufficient judges from a wide judging pool, to ensure fairness to all students.

The registration form, the schedule for the day, event rules, and sample score sheets are included with this invitation and will be available on the CDS website, on the Fulford web-site and the OSDU website by the end of next week.

If you are interested in attending this event, please complete the attached registration form and return it to me by email at: wyndhamk@cds.on.ca, as soon as possible to register your school's commitment to attend. Cheques should be made payable to *The Country Day School*.

Once the cap of 60 competitors has been reached, no further registration will be possible, although we will operate a waitlist. **The deadline for submitting competitors' names: is Tuesday, January 8, 2019.**

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Yours truly,

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