

Hello coaches,

We are excited to host district speech at Wynot on Monday, March 6th for D2-3 competition. For planning purposes we will begin the meet at 9am.

Due to participant numbers, the following events will be finals only events: Duet, Extemp, OID, Persuasive and POI.

The rest of the events will be two rounds followed by a finals round. If we have any drops prior to that - the other five events have the potential of being finals rounds only. If the totals change I will let you know.

Judges for our contest will be:

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(NSAA site says 9 of 10 have accepted their contracts. If we get another to accept I'll let you know.)

Ballots: We will use paper ballots. That way coaches can see preliminary round results as soon as they are out instead of waiting for a round to complete and blasting them all at once.

Schematic: I will release a schematic the week before districts.

Based on our current entries here is a preliminary schedule: (subject to change based on entries - if drops occur).

Round 1

9:00 AM Humorous, Poetry, Serious

10:30 AM Entertainment, Informative

Round 2

11:30 AM Humorous, Poetry, Serious

12:45 PM Entertainment, Informative

Extemp Prep for finals

9:30 AM Extemp Prep

Finals

10:30 AM Extemp, Persuasive

11:30 AM Duet

12:45 PM OID

2:00 PM Humorous, Poetry, Serious, POI

3:00 PM Entertainment, Informative

4:15 PM Awards

Extemp Reminder: You should have received the following notification from NSAA about extemp prep concerning new regulations regarding this event: (A good reminder for the kids so they don't run into any issues. Our tech department has blocked the ChatGPT software. We will monitor this. We will allow wifi access preferably for extempers only (and coaches). Limit this access to your students please so our extempers have the opportunity to have the most success connecting for competition.)

a) ChatGPT (Chat Generative Pre-trained Transformer) is a chatbot that uses advanced artificial intelligence. Please consider having your technology person add this website to your school's restricted list. ***Students seen using ChatGPT in any capacity during Extemp prep will be immediately disqualified from the event for violating Extemp prep room guidelines.*** (We have requested from our server security team to block AI software that writes speeches for students.)

e) Contestants may use electronic devices (including laptop computers, tablets, and/or cell phones) to access the internet during speech rounds with the following conditions:

i. Computers or other electronic devices may not be used to receive information for competitive advantage from non-competitors (coaches, assistant coaches, other students) in the form of email, text, or instant message from inside or outside of the room in which the competition occurs.

ii. Penalty: Contestants found to have violated provisions above will be disqualified. In case of a serious dispute or critical question, the designated NSAA Official may be contacted for a ruling.

Other reminders:

We will have concessions for contestants and a hospitality room for judges, coaches and bus drivers.

Let me know about handicap accessibility requests. Our high school is not handicap accessible but our middle school and elementary are. I will try to keep most rounds on the main floors. If you let me know, I will avoid rooms that are not accessible for certain events if need be.

Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

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XXX-XXX-XXXX (I'll text after school (after 4pm) or during my prep period (12:00-12:50 daily.))