

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The **Burnett Spring Invitational Speech and Debate Tournament** is coming up! Your student has an opportunity to show off their presentation skills and compete against students from schools across the country! I highly encourage your student’s participation as a way to demonstrate what they have learned over the year (and as a way to help their overall grade!). **Advanced Speech and Debate** students are **REQUIRED** to participate as part of their final grade. Below is information about the tournament as well as a schedule on the back. REMEMBER: registration is **FREE** for all Burnett students!

The tournament will take place over the course of two days. On **Saturday, May 19**, students may participate in any of six speech events: *Persuasive, Expository, Autobiographical Narrative, Duo Interpretation, Impromptu Speaking and Oral Interpretation of Literature*. **On Sunday, May 20**, students may participate in one of two debate events: *Public Forum and Lincoln-Douglas*.

Dress code is business casual: **polos and slacks for boys; dresses and blouses for girls.**

On both days, school registration will be outside of the school cafeteria at 8:00 AM on Saturday and 7:30 AM on Sunday. Registration will be followed by an opening assembly. There will be separate awards ceremonies for speech and debate - at approximately 6:30 PM for speech on Saturday and 7:00 PM for debate on Sunday. Judges will be Coast Forensic League high school speech and debate students.

In order to get credit for participating in the tournament, students must stay for the whole tournament. The top ranking students in each event will receive trophies. Special awards may also be given at the tournament director’s discretion to recognize exceptional effort or behavior.

Students will be provided **morning** and **afternoon snacks** as well as a **pizza lunch**. Food for parents will be available for purchase. Unfortunately, parents are not invited to watch the competition rounds, however, please join us during the Awards Ceremony.

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If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Wiedlin ([lwiedlin@sjusd.org](mailto:lwiedlin@sjusd.org)).

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| Saturday, May 20: Speech | Sunday, May 21: Debate |
| 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM: Registration    8:30 AM: Judging Instructions    8:45 AM: Opening Assembly    9:15 AM - 10:45 AM: Speech Round 1    11:00 AM - 12:30 PM: Speech Round 2    12:30 PM - 1:30 PM: Lunch Break    1:30 PM - 3:00 PM: Speech Round 3 *(hidden semifinals)*    3:30 PM - 5:00 PM: Speech Round 4 *(hidden finals)*    6:30 PM: Speech Awards Ceremony | 7:30 AM - 8:00 AM: Registration    8:00 AM: Judging Instructions    8:15 AM: Opening Assembly    8:45 AM - 10:30 AM: Debate Round 1    10:45 AM - 12:30 PM: Debate Round 2    12:30 PM - 1:30 PM: Lunch Break    1:30 PM - 3:15 PM: Debate Round 3    3:45 PM - 5:30 PM: Debate Round 4    7:00 PM: Debate Awards Ceremony |

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, my child will be participating in the tournament.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to volunteer (please provide contact info below)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I give permission for my child’s picture to be used for yearbook/class website/other school publications.

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**The schedule will be moved up if possible.**

**Please stay on campus until final round is over!**