**Elizabeth Mentzer Memorial Tournament**

**Saturday, December 1st, 2018**

Lords and Ladies of the Four Winds:

You are enthusiastically invited to attend the Fergus Invitational Speech/Drama/Debate Tournament to be held Saturday, December 1st, 2018.

**Registration:** All registrations must be received by **Wednesday, November 22nd, 2017**. You may register online at https://forensicstournament.net/LewistownFergusInvitational/18 .

You will be able to make adjustments using this site as often as needed through midnight on Friday, November 30th, If you have any questions you can feel free to email them to Coach Stahl at lstah@lewistown.k12.mt.us .

**Check in** will take place at the main office of the high school, 1001 Casino Creek Drive, Lewistown, MT from 7:00AM – 7:30AM.

**Registration Limits:** All teams are limited to no more than three (3) entries in any one event.

**Entry Fees:** Entry fees will be **$5.00** per student, per event. After November 30th , the tournament website will be closed and all drop/ add information will need to be directed to lstahl@lewistown.k12.mt.us. Drops and adds, at this point, will be **charged an additional $5.00.**

**Event Rules:** All events will be conducted per the rules in the 2017-2018 MHSA Handbook. Dual entries will be allowed. The MHSA handbook rules will be enforced. All MHSA sanctioned **Class A events** will be offered, as well as SPOI and DUO Interp.

**Tournament Schedule:**

 **Speech/Drama Extemp Draw/Debate**

Round 1 8:30 am Round 1 8:00 am

 Round 2 10:00 am Round 2 10:00 am

 Round 3 11:30 am Round 3 11:30 am

 FINALS 1:30 pm FINALS 1:00 pm

**LD Topic – Resolved: In a democracy, the public’s right to know ought to be valued above the right to privacy of candidates for public office.**

**Policy Debate – Resolved: the United States federal government should substantially reduce its restrictions on legal immigration to the United States**

**Public Forum Debate – Resolved: The United States federal government should impose price controls on the pharmaceutical industry.**

**Awards:** The Awards Ceremony will be held in the Fergus High School Auditorium as soon as the finals results have been tabulated. Please be advised there is no food or drink in this auditorium. Team Trophies will be awarded for Class A, B, & C. Awards will be given for 1st – 8th place in all events.

**Location:** All events will be held in the High School, Junior High School and Lewis and Clark Elementary buildings. The High School will host the Speech Events. The Elementary School will host the Drama Events. The Junior High will host the Debate Events. The elementary school is located one block from the High School. Junior High is located at 914 W Main Street. Registration will be at the High School at 1001 Casino Creek Drive.

**Gathering Area for Students:** All competitors will gather in the high school cafeteria between rounds. Those students at the Lewis and Clark building will have space in their gym. Students at the junior high will have space in the gym. Students are allowed in the commons area only between rounds.

**Lunch/Concessions:** A full concessions will be offered at the high school and junior high school for students starting at 8:00 am. Our hospitality rooms will be open for coaches, judges, and bus drivers throughout the day at each of the schools.

**Reminders:** Coaches are expected to monitor their students. Students will not be allowed in the classrooms until a coach or judge is present. Due to the design of the building, we have several competition rooms adjacent to our student commons. We want to make certain that this area is kept clear and quiet during rounds. Students will be able to gather in the commons or high school cafeteria between rounds. Coaches will gather in the high school library. Bus drivers may utilize the faculty lounge.

**Parking:** Bus parking is allowed in the lots around the high school on Casino Creek.

As some of you have noted the tournament this year is named a bit differently than in years past. On August 27th, 2018 we lost a member of the Fergus Speech and Drama Team. Elizabeth Mentzer was one of coach Stahl’s two Freshmen when he began coaching this team in 2015. She was involved in a traffic accident and sadly passed. We are honored to rename the tournament in what would have been her senior year. She will be dearly missed by the team.

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