

Dear Colleagues,

It is our pleasure to invite you to the Ontario Qualifier for the National Senior Public Speaking Championships which are being hosted remotely by The Country Day School asynchronously (with **videos submitted by 11:59pm on Monday, November 16th**) and synchronously on Tuesday, November 24th. The Competition will be comprised of four different events, and students must compete in all four of the following:

Asynchronous Events:

1. Interpretive Reading (Prepared)
2. Persuasive Speaking (Prepared)

Synchronous Events:

3. Parliamentary Debating (Impromptu)
4. Impromptu Speaking

The Top 8 senior students (grades 9-12) at this event will be selected to attend the National Senior Public Speaking Championships to be hosted remotely by St. John's Ravenscourt in February 2021. A maximum of two students may be selected from each school.

Your school is initially 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. Coaches will be notified if any additional spaces are available after Thursday, November 6th. The cost per student is \$10, and this registration fee will cover the cost of awards. **Students must be [registered](#) by Thursday, November 6th.** After this date, additional spots will be offered to waitlisted students.

Only students representing their own Ontario school may register, and every team of two students will require an adult chaperone who will be available to judge both asynchronous and synchronous events. Therefore, **a team of four students will require two adult judges.** 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 video submission guidelines for persuasive speaking and interpretive reading, the schedule for synchronous events, 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: zachary.fanni@gx.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 and sent to

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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 Thursday, November 6.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Yours truly,

Kerstin Wyndham-West and Zachary Fanni

CDS Debating/Public Speaking
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Registration Form [Link](#)

Please note that there is space in the form to list additional students who can be waitlisted for any possible additional spots.

Video Recording Rules for Asynchronous Submissions

Please submit all videos on Monday, Nov. 16 by 11:59pm

Competitors are required to upload their video link to their personal Google drive and share the link via the Google Doc Forms below. Check the step by step guide on how to do this.

The following list includes rules for preliminary video recordings, along with guidelines for helping you adhere to each rule.

Audio

Rule 1: The audio must be clear and without echo, static or other excessive noise.

- Please ensure that you are in a space without background noise.

Camera

Rule 2: The camera must record in high definition.

- If a competitor does not have a camera that records in high definition, please ensure that the image is as clear as possible.

Rule 3: The camera must have an unobstructed, in-focus view of the competitor from the mid-torso up to the face. The entire speaking area must be visible throughout the recording. • Competitors can therefore be standing or sitting during their delivery but the camera must capture the face and upper body. For solo acting, it may be necessary to film the full body movement of the speaker.

- It is recommended the competitors stay within 3 feet between themselves and their camera ensuring that the defined distance still allows their microphone to clearly record their voice.

Rule 4: The speaking area must be fully lit.

- The speaker's facial expressions must be visible throughout the speech; the image should not be too bright or dark.

Rule 5: The recording must contain...

- an introduction of the speaker's name
- their topic of the speech/reading so that judges know where the reading was taken from or what the speech is about.

The recording may not be edited in any way, such as by adding text, graphics, images, or anything that does not meet the requirements above.

Tips for a good recording:

- Start recording a few seconds before the recitation and stop recording a few seconds after the end.
- Speaker may look directly into the camera, at a fixed spot, or at an imagined audience. • Use a tripod or secure the camera on a shelf.
- Watch the video after you film it. Be sure to check the accuracy of the recitation. If you're not happy with the video, film it again.

Google Forms Links

- Please be sure that you are filling out the correct form for the category you are submitting!
- Students should fill out the form ONCE only please.
- Students should make sure that they have adjusted the video file setting to “Anyone with link can view”
- If there was an error please have your coach contact:
kerstin.wyndham-west@gx.cds.on.ca

[Category 1: Interpretive Reading](#)

[Category 2: Persuasive Speaking](#)

- Thank you to Tracey Lee from WPGA for allowing us to adopt the above instructions. -

Schedule for Synchronous Events
Tuesday, November 24, 2020
(Zoom link will be provided by email on day of event)

6:30pm EST: attendance check-in, students rename themselves to indicate assigned room

7:00pm EST: Debate resolution announced, students are paired and then prepare

7:30pm EST: Debate round begins

- Prime Minister 7 minutes
- Leader of the Opposition 7 minutes
- 2 nd Government 7 minutes
- 2 nd Opposition 7 minutes
- Leader of the Opposition 3 minutes
- Prime Minister 3 minutes

8:15pm EST: Students return to general GA and are sent to impromptu rooms

8:20pm EST: Impromptu round begins

9:00pm EST: Impromptu round concludes, students dismissed directly from rooms

10:00pm EST: Results released

Event Rules & Sample Score Sheets

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