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Dear Colleagues,

It is our pleasure to invite you to the Ontario Qualifier for the National Junior Public Speaking Championships which are being hosted remotely by Villanova College asynchronously (with **videos submitted by 11:59pm on Thursday, February 18**) and synchronously on **Friday, February 26 and Saturday, February 27**. The competition will be comprised of four different events, and students must compete in all four of the following:

Asynchronous Events:

1. Interpretive Reading or Solo Acting (Prepared)
2. Persuasive Speaking or After Dinner Speaking (Prepared)

Synchronous Events:

3. Impromptu Speaking (Friday, February 26, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)
4. Parliamentary Debating (Impromptu) (Saturday, February 27, 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.)

The top 12 junior students (grades 7 to 9) at this event will be selected to attend the Junior National Public Speaking Championships to be hosted remotely by West Point Grey Academy in May 2021. A maximum of three students from each school may be selected.

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. The cost per student is \$10, and this registration fee will cover the cost of awards. **Students must be registered by Monday, January 25**. 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.

The [registration form](#), event rules, and sample score sheets are included with this invitation and will be available on the Fulford website and the OSDU website. Detailed

information for the video submission guidelines and the schedule for synchronous events will be sent to registered coaches in January.

If you are interested in attending this event, please complete the attached registration form as soon as possible to register your school's commitment to attend. Cheques should be made payable to Villanova College 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 **Monday, January 25, 2020**. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

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[Registration Form Link](#)