



Educating for Sustainability

Speech and Debate

Online Tournament

Parent Volunteers Needed!

Hello! My name is Rich Butler and I teach the Speech and Debate elective classes at PLMS. I am putting together an online tournament that is open to all PLMS students, and I could use your help.

I have asked the PTSA leaders to reach out to their membership and ask for volunteers for these roles:

- a. JUDGES - Parents do not need to be experienced in judging speech and debate events. I will host one-time 30-minute training sessions for individual events and for debate events. They will work as part of a 2 or 3 person judging panel, and will use a prepared judging sheet.
- b. TIMERS/RECORDERS - Every round of every event will need a recorder to time speeches and then record the results.
- c. EVENT MASTERS - It helps if we have one volunteer for each event to be available to organize and direct both judges and competitors to their correct Zoom calls, and then to compile results from the different rounds to determine finalists for the Elimination Rounds.

I have been listening to student speeches for a year and a half now, and we have some talented folks. I think you would enjoy the experience and come away with a deep appreciation for our students.

Time Commitment: Judges - One 30-minute training; 1-3 judging rounds (app. 45 minutes @)
Timers/Recorders – same
Event Masters – Probably the day

Tournament Information

Information about Logistics, Rules, and Events: [PLMS Speech and Debate Tourney Website](#)

Registration site for students: [PLMS Speech Tournament Registration Link](#)

When: Wednesdays, May 19th and 26th; Awards Ceremony the Evening of the 26th

Where: The tournament will be held online using Zoom links

How Do I Sign-up or Who Do I Contact to Ask Questions?

If you know you want to volunteer, please go to: [PLMS Speech Tourney Volunteers](#) and fill out the survey
Need to ask questions, please contact Rich Butler, PLMS teacher at butlerr@issaquah.wednet.edu