

Donahoe Cup : April 17-18, 2010

I am pleased to invite you to Sacred Heart School of Halifax's high school debate tournament. The tournament will start Saturday morning at 9.00am, and conclude Sunday at lunch.

A detailed schedule is included. This is the tournament's fifth year; we expect to have teams from Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and the Atlantic Provinces. Please register no later than Thursday April 8th. This will ensure the draw, and the day, proceeds efficiently.

Schools are invited to send one or two advanced, and one or two novice, two-person teams. The registration fee will be \$120 Cdn per team, which includes lunch Saturday and Sunday. We will offer awards to both novice and advanced debaters. We will cap registrations at 68 teams.

The tournament will feature a choice of topics for each round of debate: a "straight" resolution and a squirrelable resolution, which will permit the government team to use a resolution of their choice. One team will choose from the offered topics, the other team will choose side. Teams will have 15 minutes to prepare after topic and side are chosen. Debating is parliamentary style, with the following maximum speaking times:

Prime Minister	7 minutes
1st Opposition	7 minutes
Second Government	7 minutes
Leader of the Opposition	10 minutes
Prime Minister Rebuttal	3 minutes

Points of information may be raised between the first and last minute of a debater's speech (but they are not permitted in the prime minister's rebuttal). Debaters are not required to raise points of information.

The Lord Nelson Hotel, located about a 3 minute walk away from the school, will again offer rooms for \$119 per night (up to quad occupancy). Their number is 800-565-2020; please deal directly with them if you wish a room there, but mention you are with the Sacred Heart Debating event to get the reduced rate.

Tournament information will be posted on our school website, under the link for debating, "Donahoe Cup". The address is www.sacredheartschool.ns.ca. I look forward to meeting you in April. My contact information follows.

Yours very truly,

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