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WHSFA STATE SPEECH 2005

** Individual medals will again be made available after each time period on the Lower Level of Bascom Hall. The coach or one designated person should bring all evaluation sheets to the medal distribution area for verification and to collect the awards. Please have all evaluation sheets in alphabetical order according to category. Know your district number!

** Judges will give oral evaluations, announce ratings and distribute written evaluations at the close of each section. Students are urged to remain in their section throughout all the presentations. Results of the various sections will NOT be posted. There will be no general meeting at any time.

** Please remember that bus parking is available in Lot 60. Buses should not be parked on Observatory Drive at any time. A campus bus is available and runs between Lot 60 and the main campus. Information for your bus driver will be included with school confirmation materials.

** Certificates of Participation for all three WHSFA series - Theatre, Debate and Speech - may be picked up at Festival Headquarters - Bascom Hall Room 272. Use the order form found on the back page of this Newsletter.

** Each school will receive a **School Information Sheet/Schedule.** This sheet will include a section number, room number, building and speaking order for each of your State entries. This confirmation packet will also include a campus map. Materials will be mailed to you as soon as possible. If you have any questions about your assignments, please call the State Office in advance of the Festival for clarification.

** We will mail all confirmation material, bus driver information sheet and your school provided judge(s) assignment to your school address.

** The telephone number at WHSFA State Speech Festival Headquarters will be **(608) 575-6001.**

SITES NEEDED FOR ADJUDICATOR WORKSHOPS!

Please let us know if your school is interested in hosting an Adjudicator Workshop for the 2005-2006 school year. We take care of registration and instruction. Host simply provides a room, chalkboard, VCR, and monitor. Call the State Office for more details - (608) 882-6004.

— REMINDER —

Please emphasize to all school provided judges to show respect to participating students by dressing appropriately. We appreciate your support!

WHSFA STATE SPEECH FESTIVAL

Bascom Hall Auditorium, Room 272, will again be utilized as "Headquarters" for the WHSFA State Speech Festival, April 15-16, 2005.

State Office personnel will be at Bascom during the entire Festival. Even though you do not need to check in before you attend your assigned session, we will be there to answer questions, give directions, or help in any way we can. Remember - all judges must attend a judges meeting forty-five (45) minutes prior to their first judging assignment. **All judge meetings will be in Bascom Hall Room 165.** Please be certain your students have the phone number of (608) 575-6001 WHSFA Festival Headquarters.

You can do a great deal prior to arrival in Madison to help insure that students do not get lost. Providing each of your students with a written copy of his/her building name and room number as well as a copy of the building location map (page 3 of the State Festival Registration Booklet) will be a great help.

Setting a specific location and time frame for meeting your students after they have completed their round will also help alleviate some anxious moments for everyone. Due to potential congestion, a site other than Bascom may be a wise choice.

Providing as much information to the students in advance of the Festival will help ensure a smoother, more comfortable experience for everyone.

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STATE SPEECH T-SHIRTS

-- Use this form to RESERVE 2005 State Speech t-shirts --
(must be picked up at the WHSFA State Speech Festival,
April 15-16, 2005, Bascom Hall.)

PLEASE GIVE THE QUANTITIES AND SIZES NEEDED

QUANTITY	SIZE	
_____	Small	\$12.00
_____	Medium	\$12.00
_____	Large	\$12.00
_____	X-Large	\$12.00
_____	XX-Large	\$14.00

TOTAL DUE: _____

SCHOOL _____

DISTRICT # _____

COACH: _____

MAIL OR FAX TO: WHSFA
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Evansville, WI 53536
FAX: (608) 882-6661

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SPEECH - THEATRE - DEBATE CERTIFICATES

Please use this form to order Certificates of Participation for
your students involved in WHSFA activities during
the 2004-2005 school year.

PLEASE GIVE THE QUANTITIES NEEDED.

QUANTITY	
_____	THEATRE CERTIFICATES
_____	DEBATE CERTIFICATES
_____	SPEECH CERTIFICATES

To be picked up at the WHSFA State Speech Festival
(Bascom Hall)

YES NO MUST HAVE BY: _____

SCHOOL _____ DISTRICT# _____

COACH _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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ACTIVITY CALENDAR FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2005-2006

2005

September 14 WHSFA Board of Control Meeting (Madison)
October 15 Latest date for WHSFA Subdistrict Theatre Workfest
October 22 Latest date for WHSFA District Theatre
November 4-5 WHSFA Sectional Theatre
November 18-19 **WHSFA State Theatre Festival (UW - Oshkosh)**
November 24 **THANKSGIVING**

2006

TBA Latest date for WHSFA District Debate
TBA **WHSFA State Debate (4 & 2 Speaker Division, LD)**
(UW-Oshkosh)
February 11 Latest date for WHSFA Middle Level - Level I
February 25 Latest date for WHSFA Subdistrict Speech
March 4 Latest date for WHSFA Middle Level - Level II
March 18 Latest date for WHSFA District Speech
April 7-8 **WHSFA State Speech (UW-Madison)**
April 16 **EASTER**
May 4 WHSFA Board of Control Meeting

"EXCELLENCE IN SPEECH" AWARDS

Once again, the top five percent of schools participating in the WHSFA State Speech Festival will receive the "Excellence in Speech" Award. This award has been in existence since 1980.

A school must earn team points in order to receive this award. The WHSFA State Award system in place for the 2005 Festival is:

Gold - Critics Choice (25)
Silver - All State (23-24)
Bronze - Finalist (20-21-22)
Small Bronze - Achievement (19 & Below)

Point value for determination of the "Excellence in Speech" award in 2005 will be: **Critic's Choice** (4 points); **All State** (3 points); **Finalist** (2 points); **Achievement** (1 point).

As an example, if your school has 15 entries (keeping in mind that groups count as one entry), and you receive two "Achievement", five "Finalist", five "All State" and three "Critic's Choice" awards, your team total would be 39 points. These points will be tallied after the Festival and recipients will be notified. An announcement of schools achieving this award will appear in the WHSFA Newsletter.

JUDGES' MEETINGS

WHSFA STATE SPEECH FESTIVAL - 2005

FRIDAY, APRIL 15th

4:45 p.m. Room 165 - Bascom Hall
6:15 p.m. Room 165 - Bascom Hall

SATURDAY, APRIL 16th

8:45 a.m. Room 165 - Bascom Hall
10:15 a.m. Room 165 - Bascom Hall

All judges should attend the meeting prior to beginning their first judging assignment. Judging packets will be distributed.

WHSFA REMEMBERING

■ 20 YEARS AGO - JANUARY/MARCH 1985

Durand High School emerged as the winner of the Four-Speaker State Debate Tournament held January 18-19, 1985 at UW-Stevens Point. Oconomowoc was awarded second followed by Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln, Monona Grove, and Wausau West. Durand was presented with the top negative team trophy, and the top affirmative trophy was earned by Wausau West.

On Friday evening, April 19, WHSFA will be hosting a reception for Larry Larmer who will be leaving the Association as of July 1, 1985. You are invited to stop by Lowell Hall, Upper Lounge, beginning at 9:30 p.m. for refreshments and to visit with him.

■ 15 YEARS AGO - MARCH 1990

The only two undefeated units at the 1990 State Debate Tournament came from Slinger and Durand. The affirmative team from Durand was Christi Moritz and Cindy Weisenbeck, Slinger's negative team members were Tony Lehman and Ben Bauman. After the noon luncheon on Friday, these two teams held a demonstration debate for all in attendance. Congratulations students!

Bob Klozotsky, Little Chute, and Wallace Hoffman, Green Bay, will continue as members of the Junior Advisory Committee for another 2 year term.

■ 10 YEARS AGO - MARCH 1995

Teams Placing in the 1995 WHSFA Debate Tournament were:

FIRST PLACE: Neenah Senior with a 12-2 record - Danica Buckingham, Sara Best, Brynne McBride, Erin McBride. Coach - Bill McBride.

SECOND PLACE: West Bend West with an 11-3 record. Coach - Keith Schuette.

THIRD PLACE: Appleton West with an 11-3 record, losing to the 2nd place team by virtue of strength of opposition points. Coach - Steve Gargo.

FOURTH PLACE: Mequon Homestead with an 11-3 record, again requiring tournament officials to determine strength of opposition points. Coach - Jim Engle.

FIFTH PLACE: Rhinelander with a 9-5 record. Coach - Nancy Cohen.

WHSFA STATE SPEECH FESTIVAL

NOTES FOR COACHES

A: AFTER YOUR DISTRICT FESTIVAL:

1. Make sure that you have received confirmation of your team's time slot from the WHSFA State Office. (Contact the office immediately if you have not received this!)
2. Mail your State Speech Festival registration materials to the WHSFA State Office as soon as you know who has qualified for State.
3. Make transportation, hotel and/or meal arrangements for your team and put in purchase orders to cover these expenses.
4. Notify your certified judge(s) of the date and time slot of your participation. Notify the WHSFA State Office if you have additional judges who would like to work for WHSFA.
5. Make arrangements with your administration for professional leave and early dismissal for students, if necessary.

B. AFTER YOU HAVE RECEIVED YOUR MATERIALS FOR THE WHSFA STATE SPEECH FESTIVAL:

1. Forward necessary information to your certified judge(s). The schedule(s) for the "school provided judge(s)" will be sent to the school forensic coach.
2. Copy the following materials for each student and chaperone who will accompany you:
 - a. UW-Madison campus map located on page 3 of the State Festival Registration booklet (you may want to indicate students' names next to buildings in which they perform or color code buildings, as well as your central meeting location after rounds are finished). **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Since Bascom Hall becomes extremely crowded, especially during poor weather, it is advisable to meet at other campus areas as a team to collect evaluation sheets.
 - b. Master school schedule sheet with student times/locations.
 - c. Security precautions and emergency and WHSFA headquarters telephone numbers.
3. Send information on the State Speech Festival to parents; include time, dates, overnight arrangements, etc. (Remember, parents are welcome to observe.) Obtain any parent permission which is required by your school district.
4. Notify fellow faculty members of the trip if during school hours.
5. Contact your school administrator to determine if your district has a cellular phone which may be checked out for the trip.

C. PRIOR TO THE WHSFA STATE SPEECH FESTIVAL:

1. Confirm travel, hotel and/or meal arrangements.
2. Obtain necessary funds from your district to cover expenses.
3. Confirm that your judge(s) know when and where to report for their judges meeting. Contact the WHSFA State Office immediately if there is any problem with your judge.

D. ON THE DAY YOU LEAVE FOR THE WHSFA STATE SPEECH FESTIVAL:

1. Make sure that every member of your group has a copy of all materials pertaining to the festival. Go through all materials with the entire group to clarify times, locations, security, meeting places, etc.
2. Give your bus driver a copy of the transportation information provided by WHSFA and confirm your pickup point.
3. Utilize the "buddy system" for students to get to and from building assignments. You may find it helpful to have your bus pick you up at the same point you were dropped off, avoiding the crowds at Festival Headquarters.

E. AFTER ALL STUDENTS SPEAK:

1. Collect their evaluation sheets.
2. Alphabetize evaluation sheets, by category.
3. Have one coach or team member take evaluation sheets to the awards area on the lower level, Bascom Hall. (Know your WHSFA district number; awards are distributed by district.)
4. Distribute awards to students.

F. OTHER THOUGHTS:

1. Pre-ordered Certificates of Participation for theatre, debate or speech may be picked up in Bascom Hall, Room 272.
2. WHSFA State Speech t-shirts may be reserved for pickup in Bascom Hall. (Form on back page.)
3. Congratulate yourself on a job well done!
4. Relax. (It's okay to start thinking about next season at any time!)

....Thanks to Sharon Sharko,
Greendale High School