

Myers Park Debate
Harvard Logistics & Permission Slip Packet

The information included in this packet is critical and important.
Please be sure to read all of this information.

Permission slips and payments are due as soon as possible.

Make sure that you have completed the
Harvard Participant Contact Form online at
<http://www.mpdebate.org/signup/harvardinfo/signup.htm>

To the Parents of:

February 8, 2006

Student Congress

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| 1. Herschel Patel | 11. Elena Botella |
| 2. Kilby Elkins | 12. Geoff Yost |
| 3. La'Naeschia O'Rear | 13. Lucas Scholl |
| 4. Ben Onstot | 14. Vicky Cheng |
| 5. Jill Kite | 15. Po-yun Tung |
| 6. Sunny Patel | 16. Amber Duncan |
| 7. Suman Sivasubramaniam | 17. Shalin Patel |
| 8. Vignesh Sivasubramaniam | 18. Rafe Kettler |
| 9. Avantika Aery | 19. Kareem Abdelnabi |
| 10. Hannah Hindel | |

Lincoln-Douglas – Varsity

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| 1. Mariem Masmoudi | 5. Rasesh Joshi |
| 2. Roshan Sadanani | 6. Chiraag Kulkarni |
| 3. Ted Goloubentsev | 7. Simon Scholl |
| 4. Lucy Emerson | 8. Brian Lee |

Lincoln-Douglas – Junior Varsity

1. Sid Juneja

Public Forum Debate

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| 1. Raj Shah / Angelica Chavez | 4. Lee Schuitema / Patrick Snyder |
| 2. Kim Quach / Diana Norton | 5. Zach Edge / Amanda Fowler |
| 3. Sheima Menrizi / Allie Mackinnon | 6. Mary Ramey / Sean Ege |

Original Oratory

1. Jon Fox

Extemporaneous Speaking

1. Kyle Simcox
2. Kevin Zhao

Chaperones:

Andrew West
Jason Kline
Tiffany Puryear
Angelica Acosta
Katie Parry

On Friday, February 16 we will depart for the 33rd Annual Harvard Invitational Forensics Tournament. This letter lists the information you need to ensure a successful trip. This tournament is an expensive tournament, but it promises to be a debate experience unlike any in North Carolina. It is always a wonderful experience.

(1) Flight Information: AirTran

- You MUST have a picture ID with you in order to board a plane.
- Your expected arrival time at Charlotte Douglas Airport will be at least 2.5 hours before flight time – 10:39 am. Fridays are extremely busy – and we have a group of 48 people.

**PLEASE BE AT THE AIR TRAN TICKET COUNTER
NO LATER THAN 8:00 am. We have to check all 48
people in as a GROUP, no one can be late!**

FLIGHT INFO

Flight Details

Departing: Friday, February 16, 2007

Charlotte, NC (CLT) to Atlanta, GA (ATL) Flight 317 10:39 AM - 11:47 AM

Atlanta, GA (ATL) to Boston, MA (BOS) Flight 280 1:04 PM - 3:30 PM

Returning: Tuesday, February 20, 2007

Boston, MA (BOS) to Baltimore/Washington, MD (BWI) Flight 471 6:35AM - 8:08AM

Baltimore/Washington, MD (BWI) to Charlotte, NC (CLT) Flight 471 8:44AM-10:09 AM

PLEASE BE AT THE CHARLOTTE AIRPORT ON TUESDAY @ 10:30 AM to pick up your child.

- (2) **Hotel Information :** Cambridge Center Marriott
Two Cambridge Center, Cambridge, MA 02142
617-494-6600
Rooms under “Myers Park” / “Andrew West”
- This hotel is on the Red Line – Boston Subway – Harvard is one stop away on this line.
 - Full service restaurants in hotel.

(3) Weather / Attire: We should all watch the Weather Channel the week we leave. Obviously, plan for three tournament outfits; layered clothing is always smart, a good coat that can easily fit over all clothing, and a folding umbrella. It looks like an umbrella will be a necessity. Gloves and possibly earmuffs. Remember, this is the northeast in the winter! ALSO: Take good walking shoes. You will walk A LOT at Harvard. There is absolutely no problem with wearing good tennis shoes or boots to your rounds, carrying your dress shoes in your back pack, and changing shoes once you are in your round. (our ladies, especially) We should ALL plan for wet snow/sludge and rain. For Friday, and maybe Sat, Sun, Mon nights - smart-casual is good - (layered clothing, good coat, folding umbrella, great shoes). I can not stress this enough!!!

(4) Tournament cost: \$600.00. I will work with students on this amount, and no one will be prevented from going because of this amount. Because plane tickets have now been secured and paid for, please get this money in ASAP – check made out to “Myers Park High School”. This amount fully covers airfare, registration, and hotel.

(5) Money: Please bring enough money for all food and any souvenir purchases. I can’t begin to guesstimate this amount because I do not know individual habits/tastes. I do know that there is a good deli/bagel/coffee shop across the street from Harvard and plenty of good restaurants and souvenir shops within walking distance. I will bring plenty of cash and a credit card for emergencies, so no one will go hungry! American Travelers Checks are most wise - especially in case of theft. Students will need \$25 to cover subway trips and taxi service to the airport on Tuesday morning. Please make sure your money, purses/wallets, and bookbags are with you safely at all times.

(6) Supervision / Safety: It is no secret that the students listed are a core group of what makes Myers Park Debate so strong, competitive, and wonderful to coach. I have no doubt that all CMS policies will be adhered to. But because of the nature of this big trip, I feel the need to reiterate a couple of rules and ask parents to talk to their student about them.

(A) It is impossible for me to be with all students at all times. Most students (19) are in Student Congress, and they, Ms. Puryear and I will all be in the same 2-3 buildings the entire tournament. Parents: I do not mean to alarm you - Harvard and the areas of Boston we will be in are very safe, and the entire tournament is at Harvard and a nearby high school all within a safe walking distance. But please notice that the schedule has some rounds at night, and we have got to know that our students are looking out for one-another and that they know where I am. We will gather together each night to take the subway back to the hotel.

Twelve students will be together with Mr. Kline in Public Forum Debate. Three students will be with Ms. Acosta in IE. Nine students will be with Ms. Bason in LD.

(B) There will be a curfew each night (never any later than midnight) and students will be expected to be in their own rooms at this time until they leave the following morning.

(7) Schedule: www.harvard-debate.org

(8) Missing classes: Students will be missing Three school days:

Friday – February 16th
Monday – February 19th (make-up snow day)
Tuesday – February 20th (Mr. Kline’s birthday!)
(Mr. West’s birthday is Wednesday the 21st!)

I took the liberty of getting Mr. Spivey to approve this trip outright. No teacher can say “no”. Students are encouraged to get as much work ahead of time so they will not be so far behind when they return. Bring some work to do during “down-time” and on the plane.

MAKE SURE YOU SECURE PARENTAL PERMISSION. FORM IS INCLUDED.

**As always, you are more than welcome to call me at home if any questions arise!
If I am unavailable, I do have an answering machine. Thanks!**

Andrew West – 704- 643-6302 home
704-517-8173 cell Your student should have this.
980-343-5800 Ext. 264 school
a.west@cms.k12.nc.us

Jason Kline: cell: **980-253-7978** **Your student should have this.**

FOR THE STUDENTS:

Access information / schedules / and especially Student Congress bills and Chamber assignments at:

www.harvard-debate.org

Do not create an account / log-in with a password – that is for coaches only.
You can access all information without doing that.

MANDATORY MEETING
FOR ALL WHO ARE
GOING TO HARVARD:

Room LA-27

2:30 – 3:00

- **Tuesday February 13**
- **Wednesday February 14**
(either day you are available)

**You must attend one of
these meetings before you
are allowed to go to
Harvard.**

THE CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG BOARD OF EDUCATION ("CMS")

NOTICE, PERMISSION FORM, AND RELEASE
[NON-REQUIRED CMS-SPONSORED OVERNIGHT TRIPS (INCLUDING FOREIGN TRAVEL)]

To: Parents/Guardians of students interested in participating in non-required CMS-sponsored overnight trips (including foreign travel)

CMS has approved a non-required overnight trip to Harvard University: Harvard National Debate Tournament on February 16-20, 2007.

The purpose of the trip is to participate in competitive debate and advance the classroom curriculum.

A description of the trip and how it represents part of the curriculum is as follows: The trip will involve expanding advanced debate curriculum allowing students to show mastery in communication through participation in competitive debate.

Mode of Travel: Flight (additional information attached)

Cost of trip (if any): \$600

Time of departure from school: Friday, 2/16 8:00AM @ Airport

Time of return to school: Tuesday, 2/20 10:30AM @ Airport

Additional information about the trip: Attached on the logistics information.

CMS reserves the right to cancel this trip. CMS is not responsible for any cancellation fees that may be charged by travel-agents or other services providers and will not reimburse trip participants for any monies paid to such service providers, even if CMS cancels the scheduled trip. See the attached Notice of CMS Right to Cancel Trips.

I have read and understand the trip description.

I have read and understand the attached Notice of CMS' Right to Cancel Trips. I understand and agree that CMS reserves the right to cancel field trips and that CMS is not responsible for any cancellation fees that may be charged by travel-agents or other service providers, even if CMS cancels this trip. I understand that if CMS cancels this trip I may lose some or all of the money paid by, or on behalf of, my child for this trip. **I agree not to seek any financial reimbursement from CMS and I agree to indemnify and hold harmless CMS, its board members, officers, agents and employees from and against any and all claims arising out of CMS' cancellation of this trip.**

I also agree to indemnify and hold harmless CMS, its board members, officers, agents, and employees from and against all claims, losses, costs, damages, expenses, attorneys' fees and liability that any of them may sustain (a) arising out of my child's failure to comply with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Code of Conduct, (b) arising out of any damage or injury caused by my child, or (c) arising out of my child's participation in this non-required field trip.

I give permission for _____ [child's full name] to go on this non-required trip sponsored by CMS.

Parent/Guardian Date

**THE CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG BOARD OF EDUCATION (“CMS”)
Notice of CMS’ Right to Cancel Trips**

CMS sponsors and approves certain non-required field trips, including some overnight and foreign travel. The purpose of CMS approval of such non-required field trips is to assure that any such trips are part of the curriculum and to authorize excused absences from school for both students and CMS staff. **CMS does not assume any financial responsibility for non-required field trips. Trip participants, not CMS, pay for non-required trips.**

CMS administration reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel or postpone all CMS-sponsored field trips and related travel with no advance notice. By way of example, and not limitation, CMS may cancel all field trips and travel in the event of an act of terrorism or war or the threat of an act of terrorism or war.

Travel agents and other providers of travel-related services typically require nonrefundable deposits that are retained by the service provider if a trip is cancelled. **CMS is not responsible for any such cancellation fees charged by service providers and will not reimburse trip participants for any monies paid to such service providers, even if CMS cancels the scheduled trip.**

CMS recommends that all trip participants review all travel-related contracts and make sure they understand their possible financial risks and obligations. Travel-related contracts for these non-required field trips typically should be signed by the PTAs, Booster Clubs or individual parents that pay for the trip. In appropriate circumstances, with approval of the Superintendent, CMS can be a party to the travel-related contracts; however, CMS will do so only if the contracts specifically state that any cancellation fees are the responsibility of the individual trip participants, not CMS