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RE: Montana State Speech and Debate Tournament

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GREAT FALLS HOSTING STATE SPEECH & DEBATE TOURNAMENT

Great Falls will host up to 500 students representing fourteen high schools for the Montana State Speech and Debate Tournament, January 26th - 27th, 2018 at C.M. Russell High School. Students will be interpreting theatrical pieces, deliver speeches on current events, and debating everything from plea bargaining to Catalan independence. "We are excited to give the community an opportunity to hear the best of the best from across Montana," commented Steven Hurin, C.M. Russell Speech and Debate Coach. Although Hurin encourages the community to come and actively engage in the event by judging, members of the community may come and observe rounds without being a judge. Individual speaking events include: extemporaneous speaking, oratory, and dramatic interpretation of literature. All events begin Friday, January 26th at 4:00 PM and continue Saturday beginning at 8:00 AM. The Awards Ceremony is scheduled for Saturday at 7:30 PM at C.M. Russell High School.

C.M.Russell High School has approximately fifteen students competing while Great Falls High School has twenty-nine in the two day competition.

Judges are still needed for Friday evening and early Saturday afternoon. Register by visiting <https://goo.gl/forms/dajHeFGwj6yS6Cjz2>