

March 2015

Dear Coaches,

Starmont High School is proud to be hosting your state individual speech contest on Saturday, March 14! The following information will hopefully answer many of your questions. As always, please feel free to e-mail us with any concerns. We can be reached at [mbeyer@starmont.k12.ia.us](mailto:mbeyer@starmont.k12.ia.us) or [aknox@starmont.k12.ia.us](mailto:aknox@starmont.k12.ia.us).

- Starmont is located on the Northwest corner junction of Highways 187 and 3 just five miles west of Strawberry Point. Please pull into the driveway on the south end of the school (off of Highway 3). Visitors should park in this lot. Please enter the building through the set of doors located on the middle of this west side of the building. All other doors will be locked. Please do not pull into the circle drive parking lot on the other side of the building as this is reserved for volunteers.  
Thanks.
- Students may be dropped off at the main entrance. Buses may be parked behind the high school or in the parking lot by the football field. There will be a lounge for all bus drivers and coaches.
- There will be a \$3.00 suggested donation for entrance into the contest as suggested by the IHSSA. This will include a program. As always, performing students and coaches will be admitted at no charge. Additional programs will be sold for \$1.00 each. We would advise you to make copies of your school's schedule for your students.
- The performance centers will be clearly marked and maps of the school will be available the day of contest. We will be utilizing rooms throughout the high school, middle school, and elementary. Please note new Center numbers and categories.
- Please remind spectators that photographs and videotaping during any performance are strictly prohibited without permission from the state office.

- If any weapons are being used in a performance, please check them in at the main office so that we can hold them there until they are to be used. Please have them labeled.
- We will have a concession stand available throughout the entire day. The menu is on the website.
- The high school gymnasium will serve as a home base for all students during the day. Ratings will also be posted here. Please remind students not to bring items that will cause headaches. These include basketballs, footballs, and loud music to name a few.
- Please check in at the main office when you arrive. You can turn in any drops at that time. **If you know of any drops at this time, you may e-mail them to me. Please know that I will remove them from the master schedule when you do so.**
- Don't forget your comment sheets! Please have them filled out and ready to go. If you should happen to need comment sheets, they will be available for purchase in the main office for 25 cents each.
- Once all of your ratings have been posted for the entire day, you may pick up your comment sheets in the main office. If you are leaving before all of your ratings are posted, you may leave a self-addressed/stamped envelope in the office and we will gladly send them off to you.
- **Remember that performance times are approximate, and many centers will likely run ahead!** Please inform your students to let their parents and friends know about this information. We don't want anyone missing a performance that they want to see, but we will keep the contest day running!! Please make sure that parents are aware of your school code. This will save A LOT of headaches!
- PLEASE HELP us in patrolling the hallways for noise! We want a contest environment that is conducive to performing. It all boils down to a matter of respect. We feel that we ALL can do a better job while

walking by or standing outside of centers. Thank you in advance for your assistance!

- If we should have questionable weather...and we better not...any delays or cancellations will be broadcast on KCRG channel 9, KWWL channel 7, and Manchester Radio KMCH 94.7. You may also keep an eye on the IHSSA website.
- Please take note of some of the **early draw times for radio news** and remember that improvisation is drawn and prepared in the performance room!
- As per the state office, **it is not to be assumed that internet will be accessible in the host school**. We do have wireless that is free and open but last year some people had difficulties. Have your events (speeches, presentations, etc) available offline on your device, flash drive or some other external media instead of the internet. We do our best to accommodate all needs, but it will not be our job on Saturday to deal with technology issues related to the internet.
- Let us know if you have any questions. We will see you next week!

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