



# First Debate!

- We will have our first debate tournament on January 19, 2019.
- We will be debating at Clara Barton Open School. The address is 4237 Colfax Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55409
- There is no dress code for debate, but many experienced debaters feel that they do better and the judge is impressed if they dress up a little. If you want to just come as you are, that is fine too!
- We will leave Anthony at 3:05. Students will have a pass to leave a few minutes early to get their stuff. (I am working on a plan for the 7th graders.)
- Once we arrive, we will have pizza and get ready. Students will debate three times during the evening.
- Debate is a little like baseball. They take as long as they take. We are aiming to get back to Anthony before 8:30, but it might be a little later. Rarely, it is even a little earlier. I will remind students to text or call when they get on the bus.
- My cell number is 612-272-1019. Feel free to call or text if you need to check on our status. Students without phones are welcome to use mine.
- Parents are welcome to attend debates. You will most likely catch your child debating between 4:00 and 7:00. If you arrive after they start, there will be staff and adults in the cafeteria who can direct you to the correct room.
- If you are transporting your child from Barton, just let me know that they will not need to ride the bus home.
- Feel free to email me prior to the debate or call or text the afternoon of the debate (I can't check my email from my phone.) My email is: [elizabeth.bartholomew@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:elizabeth.bartholomew@mpls.k12.mn.us)