



**University of Michigan 2016  
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Hello!

Welcome to the 2016-2017 Debate Season. The event for this weekend takes us to the University of Michigan.

**Tournament Information:**

*Full tournament information:*

[https://www.tabroom.com/index/tourn/index.mhtml?tourn\\_id=5809](https://www.tabroom.com/index/tourn/index.mhtml?tourn_id=5809)

**Logistics.**

**Departure.** We will meet at EKHS in the debate room Friday, October 28 at the end of the half day. We will have some time to work on arguments before leaving. Depending on approval, we may go to Crestwood to pick up a middle school student. Ms. Z and Mr. Bilski will be traveling with the students.

**Return.** We are scheduled to return in the mid afternoon on Sunday. Students will call with an estimated return time as soon as we know. We need to honor our judge and team commitments.

**Driving.**

**Departing.** We are taking the Acadia and the Milan. Z will driving.

**New Trier Return.**

**Returning.** Preliminary debates are Saturday and Sunday. Elimination rounds start Sunday night and finish on Monday. We will plan on leaving when our teams are done debating and our judging obligation has been met. If we are done early on Sunday, we will begin the drive back. If we are done late on Sunday or on Monday, we will extend out hotel stay and return on Monday. Throughout the travels, we are hoping to caravan and share rooms with Seaholm High School.

**School Missed.** High School students will not miss any school. Any other participants will miss a half day. Please communicate with your teachers in advance.

**Lodging.** Reservations are under Zwarensteyn.

[Courtyard Ann Arbor](#)

3205 Boardwalk

Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108 Phone - 1-734-995-5900

**Tournament Location**

Friday and Saturday the debates are at Saline High School. Sunday elimination rounds are located on the campus of the University of Michigan.



### **Team Culture.**

We are off to a new season! As discussed with many team-members already and to be discussed with all, to be a debater at EKHS requires kindness and a team work ethic. Students are expected to treat each other kindly - this means celebrating what goes right and working on meaningful ways to deliver constructive feedback. Students will support each other in and out of debate rounds, model team behavior, and compete with integrity and intensity. Should students start to feel any issues arise, you should speak with your coaches. You will be asked to discuss any issues in ways that are professional and appropriate. Should this not be achieved, we will develop a probationary behavioral contract and students may be in jeopardy of not attending future tournaments until behavior becomes appropriate at the discretion of the coaches.

### **Coach Expectations.**

Please know due to coaching, judging, and other work obligations, there will not be a coach watching every round of our students. Students know we are there and often watching other debates, judging, or working with students and colleagues. When available, coaches will watch but it should not be expected. This is the community norm. Students are responsible for saving flows and gathering feedback.

### **Forms.**

All 2016-2017 medical forms will need to be completed. Please see the syllabus for those forms. Also, please complete the travel form on the final page of this document.

### **What to Bring..**

*Forms.* See above.

*Files.* Laptops, flash drives, etc.

*Supplies.* Flow paper, pens (at least two colors), highlighters, timers, and tape.

*Food.* Feel free to bring snacks and beverages with you. It is a long car ride - bring along.

*Clothes.* Students need professional but comfortable clothes. There are 2 to 3 days of debates. Please be sure to wear comfortable clothes for the vehicle and for the evening practice. We have a lot of extra professional clothes, if we can provide anything please let us know in advance. Bring clothes for sleeping, hygiene stuff, and if time permits, the hotel does have a pool and fitness room.

*Medical Information.* If your child has a major allergy, please bring relevant materials (epi pen etc.). If your child has a medical card, please bring otherwise we will be bringing the medical release forms with us. If you need any medication, please communicate with us and make sure you bring what you need. If you

### **Money/Cost.**

The school is generous in paying for our hotel. Please bring money for all meals while we are gone. There are no meals provided by the tournament. All meals are purchased. We suggest a minimum of \$45.00 (for three days of food. Please bring enough for one sit down meal (as opposed to fast food). Please see the coaches if money is at all an issue or hindrance to attending. Our policy is to make sure everyone can afford to go and debate – just communicate with us in advance so we can coordinate scholarship money.



### SCHEDULE.

SCHEDULE (as provided by the tournament).

Friday, October 28th:

3:00 pm- 4:00 pm- Late Registration at Saline High School

3:30 pm- Round 1 and 2 pairings released on Tabroom.com

4:00 pm- Round 1 (Preset)

6:00 pm- Round 2 (Preset)

Saturday, October 29th:

7:00 am- Pairings released on Tabroom.com

8:00 am- Round 3 (High-High)

10:00 am- Round 4 (Lagged Powered and High-Low)

12:00 pm- Lunch Break

1:00 pm- Round 5 (High-Low)

4:00 pm- Round 6 (High-Low)

6:00 pm- Dinner Break

7:00 pm- Round 7 (High-Low)

Sunday, October 30th:

7:00 am- Elimination Pairings Released on Tabroom.com

8:00 am- Varsity Double Octafinals and Novice Octafinals

10:00 am- Awards Assembly in Auditorium (TBA) immediately following Varsity Double Octafinals and Novice Octafinals

11:00 am- Varsity Octafinals and Novice Quarterfinals

2:00 pm- Varsity Quarterfinals and Novice Semifinals

5:00 pm- Varsity Semifinals and Novice Finals

8:00 p.m.- Varsity Finals

### Contact Information.

If for any reason you need to reach us, please try the cell phone. All times of returning are estimates (depends on how well the students perform as to when we return). Prior to departure, email is the best way to reach us (or the cell phone). Students will call if return times change. If you try to reach us and we do not answer, it is probably because either we are in a debate round and cannot take the call, at an awards ceremony, or on the road. We will return any call at the earliest time we can.

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to call. We are excited for the season!

Sincerely,

Ellen Zwarensteyn Cell: 248.321.4842 email: ezwarensteyn@gmail.com Ellen.Zwarensteyn@kentwoodps.org	Brandan Bilksi, Coach EK Debate Alum (616) 430.4348	Pete Battey, Volunteer Coach EK Debate Alum Cell: (616) 308.6786
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## PERMISSION FORM: U of M

This form gives permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_, to ride with Ellen Zwarensteyn, Brandan Bilski, and Peter Shaheen to the University of Michigan.

\_\_\_\_\_ I provide permission to attend U of M

I understand they will be driving to the debate tournament, staying in hotels, and competing at debate.  
This form excuses those persons from liability.

I also understand and authorize the persons listed above, tournament officials, and/or nearby adults to seek immediate medical attention should my child require it. I understand I will be notified as soon as possible.

I understand my child will need to communicate with their teachers regarding their absence and are responsible for all homework.

I understand this is a school related trip and my child will be held to all school policies plus team policies around culture, kindness, and teamwork.

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Student Name

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Student's Signature

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Parent or Guardian Signature

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Address

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Parent or Guardian Name (printed)

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City/State/Zip

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Date

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Relation to Student

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Email Address and/or phone