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JV Apologetics

Description: *In Apologetics speaking, the speaker is given two minutes to prepare a speech that defends a tenet of the Christian faith. Apologetics should motivate students to study and articulate the core issues of their faith.*

Goal: *To motivate participants to study their Christian faith and to prepare them to articulate a defense of what they believe, by presenting factual, heartfelt information in a reasoned, persuasive, and winsome manner.*

Preparation Rules: *Students prepare for Apologetics through Bible study, research, and topic organization. Topics will be chosen from the following:*

1. How do I know that Jesus actually rose from the dead?
2. Who is God, and what are some of his characteristics?
3. There are 7 billion other people in the world. Why would God care about me?
4. How do you know the Bible is true?
5. Can we do enough good to get into heaven?
6. What does it mean to repent?
7. Why is Jesus special?
8. Why is it important to share our faith?
9. How do we know that God forgives?
10. What does the Bible say about worship?
11. Why is the Bible special?
12. How do we know that God hears our prayers?
13. What are some big ways Christianity is different from other religions?

Each competitor should create a card file with Scripture, definitions, quotations, and any other material deemed to be helpful.

Students may work together on boxes prior to the tournament, but students may not share boxes during the competition.

Presentation Rules:

- At least one judge in each room will be given instructions and the envelope of topics to distribute to the participants.
- In the room, the speaker will receive three single topics from the judge, choose one, and return the other two topics before leaving the room.
- A two-minute preparation time begins as soon as the student receives the topic choices. The timepiece should be **facing toward the competitor and counting down**.
- During prep time, the speaker may use a Bible, access card files, and write additional notes on note cards.
- During the speech, the speaker should use only note cards.
- All directly quoted and/or paraphrased material should be properly cited in the speech.
- Apologetics judges should be sympathetic to the ideals of Stoa.
- Speeches should not exceed five (5) minutes. There is no minimum speaking time.
- The speech should be well-organized; it should include an introduction, in which **the question being answered must be stated**, 2-3 main points, and a conclusion.
- The speaker must not listen to other JV Apol competitors speaking before him. The speaker may stay after having given the speech to listen to subsequent speakers.

Preparation time – two (2) minutes. Speaking time – five (5) minutes. No minimum time.