

Battle of the Books

February 1, 2019 Update

Battle of the Books families,

As shared earlier this week, the first written battle for the Battle of the Books competition has been rescheduled for Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. The bus will depart Renaissance at the end of the school day. Students will be back at Renaissance and ready for parents to pick up at approximately 6:15 p.m.

The first written battle location is at Northeast Middle School, 1305 E. Sugnet Rd. in Midland. Parents may drive separately to attend the battle if they choose; however, it is important to note that no spectators are allowed during the actual competition. All parents, teachers, and team coaches will be asked to wait in an adjacent classroom while the teams compete in the cafeteria. Results of the battle will be shared with the teams after the librarians have finished their scoring, usually the next day.

Due to the snow week, the subsequent rounds of the competition have been adjusted and condensed. There are 44 teams competing, and the top scoring 22 teams will advance to the second written battle. The second written battle will now be held on Saturday, February 16. I have contacted the Midland librarians to identify a specific time and will share this when I hear back from them. This year, the second written battle will take place in the Grace A. Dow Library Auditorium and will be open to spectators. The top two scoring teams from this round will advance to the championship competition on Thursday, February 21. The championship battle is also open to spectators. The round of oral battles has been cancelled for this year.

The school cancellations this week have added some extra challenges to scheduling the battles this year. I appreciate your flexibility and understanding as we work to make this an exciting experience for our students.

Please email me if you have any additional questions.

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