

**2016 Battle of the Books  
Team Parent Meeting  
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**Meeting Agenda**

- I. Brief Explanation of the Program
  - a. History
  - b. Objectives: Reading for fun, reading for comprehension, team building
  - c. What has happened so far
    - i. Contracts, team forming, book selections
      - 1. Over 100 students this year
      - 2. Students chose the 3-4 for which they will be responsible
      - 3. Titles can be found at OSS library (multiple copies have been purchased of out-of-print titles), BT Library, Barnes and Noble, Amazon and Bookworm
    - ii. Team photos
      - 1. Scheduled 2/18 @ lunch
      - 2. No costumes for photo
      - 3. No posters for photo
    - iii. Maybe preliminary team meetings?
- II. Team Parent Responsibilities – YOU
  - a. PTO Committee contact person
    - i. Check in with team re: reading progress; can suggest book completion dates
      - 1. We will not be sending emails to inform you when the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> book should be complete
    - ii. Meeting reminders, important updates
  - b. Organizer of practice sessions
    - i. Frequency, Location
    - ii. Practice questions
      - 1. Should be available in approximately 2 weeks
    - iii. Please note: due to the play, we will not have access to the auditorium for practice sessions
  - c. Communicator of decisions
    - i. Team name, Spokesperson name
    - ii. Costumes and team sign
  - d. Encouragement, Biggest Fan – must sit with team on Battle night
- III. Battle Night Specifics
  - a. OSS Auditorium – April 5 (4<sup>th</sup>) and April 7 (5<sup>th</sup>)
  - b. Emcees
  - c. Q&A format
    - i. Q: In which book did...
    - ii. A: \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

- iii. Teams have 30 seconds to answer question. A 10 second warning will be given. The answer must be started before the 30 second window ends.
- d. Scoring
  - i. There are 2 Scorekeepers and 1 Timekeeper
  - ii. Teams receive 5 points for answering correct book title and 3 points for correct author (maximum of 8 points.) 5 points will be given for correct title only. 3 points will not be given if only the correct author is given. If the team gives the incorrect answer, the emcee will announce the correct answer. And, the next team up will be given an entirely different question.
- e. Preliminary rounds and Championship round
  - i. 10 questions for each team
- f. Awards ceremony – certificates to all participants; award for best costume; medals for winning team

#### IV. Public Awareness & Recognition

- a. Team pictures displayed outside library
- b. OSS Display Case

#### V. Q&A