

August 11, 2022

Students and parents interested in Mock Trial,

This year, The Oaks is planning to continue our success last year by having Mock Trial again this year. Mock trial is a competitive activity, where we create a team of students who compete against other schools in a "mock" courtroom. Part of the team will be the prosecution, and part of the team will be the defense. Our prosecution team will compete against other schools' defense team and vice versa.

Mock trial is one of the most powerful examples showing the application of classical and Christian education. Students will write and give speeches, think on their feet, employ critical thinking and Logic, and show their drama skills. Each student will be either an attorney, a witness, or a bailiff.

We plan to have 3 or 4 trips during the mock trial season. The regular season lasts from mid-October to mid-February. If we place well at districts in February, we could also be invited to the state tournament in Olympia, WA in March. Last year we placed second at districts and went on to place 8th out of 24 teams at state.

We are also hoping to have at least one or two scrimmages in Tri-Cities and/or Seattle. We will have more details in the coming months.

We are planning to start with practices before school on Wednesday (7:15am-8:15am) and after school on Thursday (3:15pm-5:15pm). There is some flexibility with the schedule, but as we get closer to our competitions, there will be more practices. There may also be an occasional evening practice to meet with a judge or attorney, but we will communicate ahead of time on those.

**Registration is now available through Jupiter** (go to Forms and select Mock Trial Registration). Once your registration is processed the Mock Trial fee of \$140 will be added to your Jupiter account and may be paid by cash or check in the school office or via credit card through Jupiter. Payments are due by Friday, November 5. Scholarships may be available. Contact Mr. Welch for details. If our team advances to state, there will be additional costs due to travel and hotel stays in Olympia, WA. Those costs would not be due until March.

There will be an information meeting on September 29th from 5:30 - 6:30 PM. Parents and students are strongly encouraged to attend.

**The first practice will be Thursday, October 6th from 3:15 - 5:15 PM followed by a short parent meeting.** If your student is planning to participate, please register. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Blessings,

Scott Welch  
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