

**Middle School Demonstration and Scrimmage**  
**Saturday, October 15, 2016, 9:30 — 2:30**  
**Bethel Middle School, 600 Whittlesey Drive, Bethel, CT**

On behalf of Bethel Middle School and Cathy Emerick, coach, the Connecticut Middle School Debate League would like to invite you to this season's first event, a demonstration debate, skill-building workshop and scrimmage.

Observers are welcome. Debaters who will scrimmage should research the topic:

***This House would not assign homework.***

They must be prepared to uphold both sides of the motion. Please refer to the [CTMSDL Handbook](#) for information on our format and rules.

Coaches should register their scrimmage debaters through [tabroom.com](#). Download our [tabroom.com instructions](#) for more information. On [tabroom.com](#) the event name is "CTMSDL Oct 15." There is no cap on the number of teams each school may enter.

Coaches should also register one judge per every 6 debaters who will scrimmage. We'll use Varsity High School debaters as judges first, but we need to have back-up judges. Coaches should make sure their judges understand the information in the CTMSDL Handbook. We will also provide a judges' workshop at the scrimmage.

The day's schedule will be as follows:

Arrival & Registration	9:30 – 9:45
Demo Debate by Varsity High School Debaters	9:50 – 10:30
Workshops for Debaters, and Judges & Timers	10:45 – 11:45
Round 1	12:00 – 12:40
Lunch	12:45 – 1:15
Round 2	1:30 – 2:10
Debrief	2:15 – 2:30
Departure	2:30

Debaters may pack their lunches or buy tickets for pizza and drinks when they arrive. Pizza will be \$2 per slice and bottles of water and lemonade will be \$1 each. Thanks to the generosity of the CTMSDL's sponsor, The English Speaking Union, Greenwich Branch, lunch will be provided for judges.

Questions or comments?

Please email Jen Posner: [jen.posner@ctmsdebate.org](mailto:jen.posner@ctmsdebate.org).

**PLEASE NOTE: The December 3, 2016 CTMSDL tournament will be held at Smith Middle School in Glastonbury. The snow date is December 17, 2016.**