

**CT Middle School Debate League Tournament**  
**Saturday, January 27, 2018, 9:30 am — 3:45 pm**  
**Smith Middle School, 216 Addison Rd, Glastonbury, CT 06033**  
**Sponsored by the English Speaking Union, Greenwich Branch**

On behalf of Smith Middle School and coach John Rook, the Connecticut Middle School Debate League invites you to our second tournament of the season.

Debaters who will compete should research the topic:

***This House would eliminate executive pardons and commutations.***

They will debate on both sides of the motion. Please refer to the updated CTMSDL Handbook (attached) for information on our format and rules. Observers are welcome.

Coaches should register their debaters through [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com). Download our [tabroom.com Instructions](#) for more information. On tabroom.com the event name is "CTMSDL Jan 27." There is no cap on the number of teams each school may enter.

**Coaches should register one judge per every 6 debaters. Teams only bringing 3 debaters should register 1 judge.** 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 and our Judges' Instructions.** We'll hold a judges' workshop at the tournament. **Coaches are encouraged to bring volunteer timers.**

The day's schedule will be as follows:

Arrival & Registration in Cafeteria	9:30 – 10:00
Workshops for Debaters, and Judges & Timers	10:00 – 11:00
Round 1	11:15 – 12:00
Round 2	12:00 – 12:45
Lunch	12:45 – 1:30
Round 3	1:30 – 2:15
Debate Game in Auditorium	2:15 – 2:45
Final Round	2:45 – 3:30
Awards & Departure	3:30 – 3:45

Debaters may pack their lunches or buy tickets for pizza and drinks between 9:30 & 10 am. Pizza will be \$2 per slice and water and lemonade will be \$1 each. Coffee and lunch will be provided for judges.

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