



BISHOP GARRIGAN

1224 N. McCoy St. – Algona, IA 50511

September 30, 2018

Dear Quiz Bowl Coaches,

Thank-you for registering for the 2017 Bishop Garrigan High School quiz bowl tournament. The tournament will be Saturday, October 13. While numbers are down a bit this year, we still expect to welcome thirty-three teams from seventeen different schools. Schools represented include:

- Algona (3 teams)
- Ankeny (2)
- Bishop Garrigan – Algona (6)
- Bishop Heelan – Sioux City (2)
- Clay Central Everly (1)
- Emmetsburg (2)
- Estherville Lincoln Central (2)
- Forest City (1)
- Lake Mills (1)
- Newman Catholic – Mason City (2)
- North Iowa – Buffalo Center (2)
- North Union – Armstrong (3)
- Riceville (1)
- South Hamilton – Jewell (1)
- St. Edmond – Ft. Dodge (2)
- West Bend Mallard (1)
- West Hancock – Britt (1)

While most teams have submitted their payments, money is still do from a few schools. If you have not gotten an e-mail acknowledging receipt of your payment, please check with your business office.

Schedules, team signs, scrap paper, and pencils will be provided in team packets when you arrive. Check-in will be in the gym lobby at the south end of our building. Our opening meeting will be in the auditorium (old gym).

We remind you that almost all coaches will be working at the tournament, and we will also have many local workers. While we will try to honor preferences of reading or judging, this is not always possible. Feel free to trade duties with the other worker in your room if you wish.

Complete rules and a brief rule summary are available on our website at <http://bqgoldenbears.org/qb/>. The rules are unchanged from the past. Each team will compete in four preliminary matches in a three-team format. Each game will include toss-up, bonus, and lightning rounds. After the preliminary games, the top sixteen teams (based primarily on win/loss record) will advance to a single elimination playoff. This year we will be awarding medals (up to five per team) to the top four overall teams.

Our approximate schedule is as follows:

- 8:30 = Doors Open
- 9:25 = Opening Meeting (Old Gym)
- 9:50 = Rounds 1 – 4
- 12:05 = LUNCH BREAK (We will not be serving food on site. You have approximately one hour to visit area restaurants. The playoff bracket should be posted around 12:45.)
- 1:10 = Playoffs (Top 16 teams – single elimination)

There is a consolation game as well as a championship. The final round should be done around 3pm. This schedule is not definite. Please inform any family or other visitors that rounds, especially playoffs, may run ahead of schedule.

Rolls and beverages will be available for coaches/workers. As always, we will NOT serve either breakfast or lunch to students, though. There are numerous fast food and other restaurants around Algona. Most of these are located near K-Mart and Hy-Vee at the intersection of highways 18 and 169 or along highway 169 near the downtown area. For those traveling to and from the tournament, there is also convenient fast food in Humboldt and Ft. Dodge to the south, Garner and Clear Lake to the east, and Emmetsburg and Spencer to the west.

Bishop Garrigan High School is located in the northeast corner of Algona, just south of U.S. highway 18 at the corner where Fareway is located and one block east of the stoplight and railroad tracks. Parking for all vehicles will be in the lot south of the school, and check-in will be in the gym lobby by the parking lot. Visitors and spectators are also welcome to use the main entrance on McCoy Street. Full directions to our school can be found on our website at <http://bggoldenbears.org/location/>.

Note that there is **a lot** of construction currently underway in north central Iowa. There are road closures with detours on highway 169 near Ft. Dodge, highway 3 near Humboldt and Pocahontas, highway 17 near Eagle Grove, and highway 69 near Belmond. There are also lane reductions in other locations. You are advised to check the DOT website at 511ia.org and allow extra time for your travels.

Teams are invited to practice using the questions from last year's tournament, which are available online at <http://bggoldenbears.org/qb/>. Following the completion of this year's event, results and the questions used this year will be posted there.

Please remind your students that all workers are volunteers and that of necessity their decisions must be final. We attempt to treat all our guests as well as possible, and we expect good sportsmanship in return. If you have any further questions, you may leave a message for me at 515/295-3521 (school) or 515/295-5285 (home). You may e-mail me at burrowd@bishopgarrigan.org. or text me at 515/341-3763. On the day of the tournament my cell phone should be on. You may contact me in case of emergency at 515/341-3763.

Schools in the Top of Iowa Conference should mark their calendars, as we are again hosting a conference tournament on November 10. More information will be going out shortly, and again this year it will be free of charge for conference schools.

Thanks again for your registration. We look forward to a great day on the 13th.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "David M. Burrow". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David M. Burrow
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Bishop Garrigan High School