



WHAT IS BOB?: Battle of the Books is a national program that encourages reading, discussion, and friendly competition. It's like a book club and game show put together. Students at any reading level are encouraged to sign up! Each team will have 2 to 5 students, a coach, and access to the books to check out. Once most of the books have been read by the team, they meet weekly to talk about the books and answer provided questions. Team meetings can start in October and end at the competition dates. During that time, students can check out books to take home and read at their own pace. Because this is a team effort, students are asked to read all the books from the list and participate in the weekly meetings. Parent and child may read together, child may read alone, or parent may read to child. Just before Spring Break, O'Dea teams compete by grade level by answering questions at our Battle of the Books Competition in the Library. The first place team in each grade will go to the district Battle of the Books Competition in May.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

- If your student is interested in joining Battle of the Books, GREAT!! Please have a discussion with your student about expectations, work-load, and team commitment before signing up. Each team

member has 6 books to read over roughly 5 months and will be expected to recall specific details about each book for competition.

- Get a group together and create a team! Teams may have as little as 2 members but no more than 5. Teams can range in reading ability and be from different classrooms but need to be the same school and the same grade level. If you cannot find a team to join, fill out the paperwork and submit it anyways. I might be able to find a team for you to join.
- Find a coach! Each team is responsible for finding its own coach. A coach can be any trusted adult–parent, caregiver, grandparent, teacher, or friend, willing to commit 1 hr. a week to the team. Meetings are on the day/time/location/ your team sets from October–March.
- Please fill out the attached form and return it to Ms. Anne (library), the front office, or teacher no later than October 16th 2024.

We will have a short, optional parent/coach meeting to discuss, logistics, rules, and questions on October 16th after school in the library. If you cannot make that meeting, please feel free to contact us with any additional questions.

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