Odyssey of the Mind
CATOCTIN VOICES & DULLES VOICES & NOVA NORTH
SUPERNOVA REGIONALS 2026

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2026 Super Nova Regional Tournament

Coaches and Teams:

Welcome to the 2026 Super Nova Odyssey of the Mind Tournament! This year, we are thrilled to welcome 158 teams from Region 9 (Nova North), Region 14 (Catoctin Voices), and Region 16 (Dulles Voices), with over 1,100 students competing. Please express your appreciation to Park View School, Principal Dr. Jason Jefferson, and the entire school staff, especially Athletic Director Jason Testerman, who has been incredibly helpful.

Hats off to ALL of the Coaches who worked with the teams, the School Coordinators who kept us on track, the Judges who will help us assess our progress, and all the volunteers who keep everything running smoothly. We are extremely grateful for their time, energy, commitment, and dedication to this program.

Just a few notes for competition day:

- **Please be aware that we are hosting a large number of teams, and will be pressed for space in all areas.** To that end, some special notes:
    - **Parking is extremely limited due to ongoing construction.** Do NOT block the buses, or park in the drop-off loop, which will be for short term loading and unloading. Please carpool as much as possible.
    - **Hallways get very crowded, and we are not the only event in the school today.**We have reserved half the cafeteria as a gathering place for teams, as well as the auxiliary gym. Please use these as much as possible. However, NO PROPS and NO FOOD are allowed in the gymnasium. We must protect the floors.
    - **Stay out of marked areas**
    - **Consider taking your teams out of the building in between performances, especially for lunch.** There are many fast casual restaurants in the area.
- Team Forms: Make sure you have all of your required paperwork completed. As a minimum, you need copies of your Style form (4), Outside Assistance form (1), Cost form (1), and the optional Media Release Opt-Out form (1). Everyone except Primary teams also needs copies of the Team Required List form (4). All forms are available from our website under Coaches Resources.
- Please respect all teams. Show your Omer Spirit and help one another. Keep the hallways passable and keep the noise level to a low roar.
    - Note: Watch for areas of the school that are off-limits, and stay within those boundaries
- Please clean up! Pick up and deposit your trash, and clean up any makeup or other spills. Please DO NOT dispose of any sets or props at the school - the schools are not equipped for this volume of material, AND you may need them if you advance to the state tournament!
- Be on time. Arrive at your site 20 minutes prior to your scheduled performance times: long-term and spontaneous.
- Support all the teams. Watch others perform and cheer them on!
- Come to the awards ceremony at 6:30 PM! Line up for a banner parade into the ceremony at 6:15 PM and show your support for your school and all the teams in the region. (If you are a primary team, we understand that it can be a long day for younger students and certainly understand if the team decides to skip the ceremony.)

But most of all, HAVE FUN!

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