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# Holy Redeemer Speech and Debate

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The coaching staff and team of Holy Redeemer High School Speech and Debate are pleased to invite you to a tournament to be held on **Holy Redeemer campus in Wilkes-Barre, PA on Saturday, April 13th**. We are calling our invitational 'The Redeem Yourself Tournament,' and we will be running a variety of events as an opportunity for teams to prep for nats, or just try out something new.

In addition to a deep judging pool of alumni judges, we will be hosting all debate and speech events with an experienced tab room staff that will be dedicated to keeping the tournament running on time, so awards stay on schedule, and you can get your teams to their dinners. Our parent's organization is running a stellar judge's lounge stocked with goodies and they've also got a few cool surprises at the snack stand for the competitors. We are also allowing (and encouraging) triple entry in speech events - we value competitors willing to stretch their limits and try new events. Plus, since this tournament is post nat-quals, we're hoping competitors who aren't focusing on nationals might be willing to try new events.

So. The highlights:

- Deep judging pool of alumni judges
- Stellar judge's lounge and student concession stand
- Triple entry in speech events (unfortunately not debate, also BOTH Extemp and Comm is a no-go. Students can do either of these with other speech events, both not together.)
- Post nat-quals for either practice or branching out, depending on your student's needs
- Excellent Tab staff dedicated to running on time
- Post finals/preawards tournament-wide entertainment
- Plus a few surprises we just aren't willing to spill at the moment
- We are additionally running News Broadcasting, Crisis Management (Created by Meyers), Original Poetry, and Extemp Commentary.

We welcome any questions or concerns you may have regarding the tournament and hope to see you on April 13th! Full invite is on TabRoom.com (it's called the "Redeem Yourself" Tournament at Holy Redeemer High School) or you can email and ask for a copy directly. Thanks for all you do,

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### **Tournament Specifics**

- Date:** Saturday April 13th, 2019
- Location:** Holy Redeemer High School, Wilkes-Barre, PA
- Registration Deadline:** Wednesday April 10th, 2017 at 7pm
- Registration:** 7:30 - 8:15 am Saturday Morning, in the Auditorium Lobby
- Method of Registration:** Tabroom.com
- Name on Tabroom:** "Redeem Yourself" Tournament at Holy Redeemer High School
- Triple Entry:** Allowed for all speech competitors (except Congress) **\*\*Note:** Students may NOT enter in BOTH Extemp AND Extemp COMMENTARY. These students may have multiple speech entries, just not in both of those events.
- Other Notes:** Original Poetry has no rule regarding sourcing.
- Cost:** \$12 School Fee (Covers entry into Team Sweepstakes)  
\$8 per individual speech entry  
\$16 per Duo team, Public Forum team or Policy team  
\$8 per LD entry  
\$24 per Parli Debate team
- Drop Fees:** \$5 After Thursday, April 5th
- Each judge covers:**  
Up to and including 5 slots in Speech and/or Congress  
Up to and including 2 slots in Debate

\*A limited number of additional judges can be hired for any uncovered slots at \$20 per uncovered speech slot, \$25 per uncovered debate slot. We must be notified by Wednesday April 4th.

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**The Schedule:**

7:30 - 8:15	Registration
8:30	Opening meeting
9am	Speech Round One & Debate Round One & Congress Session 1
10:30	Speech Round Two & Debate Round Two
11:45	END of Congress Session One
12pm	Speech Round Three & Debate Round Three & Congress Lunch
1:30 pm	Lunch for Speechers and Debaters
2:30/ASAP	Finals (announced on facebook and in the auditorium lobby)
3:45 pm	Tournament entertainment in the Auditorium
ASAP	Awards

**IMPORTANT NOTE: The administrators of Holy Redeemer High School require that we have your school's Certificate of Liability Insurance (or any form that indicates your students are covered by your school's insurance).**

**Lincoln-Douglas Topic:** March/April Resolution

**Public Forum Topic:** April Resolution

**Definition of Novice:** Any competitor in the 9th grade (or lower), or any person in their first year of competition.

Congress Bills are due by March 29th at 5pm. They will be available on Tabroom.com by March 30th at noon. This gives students 2 weeks to prepare their speeches on bill. Please email bills to: [jesniemiec@gmail.com](mailto:jesniemiec@gmail.com)

**Lunch**

We are selling lunch tickets for students both ahead of time and the day of the tournament. If you know how many lunch tickets you will need during your registration, please mark that down (Estimations are fine). We are especially interested to know if the number of lunch tickets your team needs is zero - we don't want to have loads more pizza on hand than we need. Lunch tickets are \$6 each.

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### **The Events**

#### **Speech:**

Dramatic Interpretation of Literature  
DUO Interpretation  
Extemporaneous Speaking  
Extemp Commentary  
Impromptu Speaking  
Original Oratory  
Poetry Interpretation  
Original Poetry Interpretation  
Prose Interpretation  
Declamation  
Student Congress  
Crisis Management (A Meyers High School Original Event!)

#### **Debate:**

Lincoln-Douglas Debate  
Parliamentary Debate  
Public Forum Debate

Since this is after both State Qualifiers and National Qualifiers, we will only be offering an open division, but allow for a novice designation. If numbers permit, we will acknowledge a top novice at awards.

Further queries may be directed to Jes Niemiec at **(570)954-8846 (text or call)** or [jesniemiec@gmail.com](mailto:jesniemiec@gmail.com)

We hope to see you at Holy Redeemer on April 7th! It's never too late to Redeem Yourself...  
(except if you register after April 10th)