

Dear Forensics Moderator,

Holy Ghost Prep will host our annual Grade School Invitational Forensics Tournament on

Saturday, April 27, 2019 on our campus.

Our tournament will feature seven events: **Original Oratory, Duo Interpretation, Declamation, Oral Interpretation of Poetry, Oral Interpretation of Prose, Extemporaneous Speaking, and Dramatic Performance.** We would like to offer **Student Congress** if there is sufficient interest.

We ask that each school bring one judge for every four (4) competitors registered. Parents and coaches are welcome to judge, but must be familiar and competent in each event. We ask that if a person is registered to judge, they should be able to judge what they are assigned. Failure to do so will result in a fine, because it will delay the tournament and make everyone cranky.

If you are unable to meet the judging requirement, the HGP Forensics Team will have some students available to judge. Please contact us if you need judges. Please recognize that there is a limited number of HGP judges, so it will be first come first served. Please do not bring judges who are unfamiliar with competitive speech and debate.

ALL FINALISTS will be recognized with an award. School Sweepstakes awards will be presented to the top three schools, counting the top five entries from each school. Due to the size of Holy Ghost Prep, a **maximum** of 20 students/entries from each school will be allowed to compete, with no more than 6 entries in each category per school. **You may request additional slots in each event by emailing Patrick McGhee at pmcghee@holyghostprep.org**

The registration fee will be \$8.00 per entrant. This will be used to cover the cost of the awards. Please submit your registration on Tabroom no later than Friday, April 19, 2019. All registration will be done through our website at <http://holyghostprep.tabroom.com>. The tournament is in the Philadelphia Scholastic Debate League, Philadelphia Catholic Forensics League, and National Circuit (US/HS). You must be registered for one of these leagues to register for our tournament.

Registration will open by March 27, 2019. You will also be able to see important announcements, results, and the event rules on this website.

Schedule

8:15am to 9:00am —Registration in the Sonnenberg-Keeble Library, Founders' Hall (coaches only)

—Students may report to the Chapel of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

—Judges may report to the judges' lounge (Faculty Room by Chapel)

9:15am – General Assembly in the Chapel of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit, Cornwells Hall

9:30am – Round I (Speech); Session 1 (Congress)

10:30am – Round II (Speech)

11:30am – Round III (Speech)

12:30pm – Lunch Break (Bring lunch or pizza orders may be placed at registration-\$)

1:00pm – Posting of Final Round Participants (Chapel of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit)

1:15pm – Final Rounds in All Events

2:30pm – Presentation of Awards - Chapel of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit, Cornwells Hall

Judges and coaches are welcome to enjoy light refreshments and lunch in our Faculty Dining Room throughout the day.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly at pmcghee@holyghostprep.org

We look forward to welcoming you on April 27th.

Sincerely,

Patrick McGhee

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