



DELONE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

"Be Doers of the Word"

September 2019

Dear Forensics Coaches,

The members of the Delone Catholic Forensics Team, their parents, and the entire Delone Catholic community cordially invite you and your students to attend the 40th Annual William R. Lyons Forensics Invitational. This tournament will be held December 7, 2019 at Delone Catholic High School in McSherrystown, PA.

Competition will be offered in Varsity and Novice Policy Debate, Varsity and Novice Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Varsity and Novice Public Forum Debate, Declamation, Extemporaneous, Student Congress, Impromptu, Original Oratory, Dramatic Performance, Duo Interpretation, Varsity and Novice Oral Interpretation. Double entries are permitted in all speech events. Please note, if numbers do not warrant, the Novice and Varsity events will be combined. We will be using NCFL rules for all events, except Impromptu, which will be done using PHSSL rules. No internet connectivity will be allowed in any event. Novice Lincoln-Douglas will be using the same resolution as Varsity. Congress legislation is due by 3:00 p.m. Monday, November 18th to jknechtmann@delonecatholic.org.

We will have no judges available for hire. The judging requirements will include one qualified judge for every one or two policy teams, one judge for every one or two Lincoln-Douglas Debaters, one judge for every one or two Public Forum teams, one judge for every one to four entries in the speech and Congress events. Judging requirements lock at 3:00 pm on December 4, 2019.

The schedule for the day will be as follows:

7:15 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Registration in the School Lobby- Coaches only
8:15 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Assembly for all students, judges, coaches, and observers
8:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Round 1 in speech, debate and Congress Session 1
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Round 2 in speech and debate
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch available in cafeteria
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Round 3 in speech, debate and Congress Session 2
2:50 p.m.	Posting of the Final Round Participants in the Cafeteria
3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Final Round in speech and debate and Congress Session 3
6:00 p.m.	Awards Assembly

Some breakfast items will be available for purchase in the morning before the tournament begins. Lunch will be available for purchase by the students beginning at 12:30 pm. Students are to remain in the school building during lunch break. There will be a variety of snacks and drinks available throughout the day for a reasonable price. We ask that you refrain from having food

brought into the tournament, as we will have plenty available. In addition, we will provide hospitality throughout the day for all judges and coaches. **This is a closed tournament and anyone who leaves the property of Delone Catholic will be disqualified.**

Please use the tabroom to register. Registration Fees and judge obligations will freeze at 3:00 pm on December 4, 2019. Drops can be done up until 9:00 am on December 6th.

Please make every effort to have your registration accurate. Drops on the day of the tournament can cause major delays with the schedule and will be assessed a \$5 drop fee for all drops made after Friday at 9:00 am. Drops before this time, will not be assessed a drop fee. While sickness and no shows will impact the number of students you bring, it must not alter the number of judges you are responsible for bringing on your original entry fee.

If you have any questions about this tournament, please feel free to call us at the school at 717-637-5969 or email us at jknechtmann@delonecatholic.org. Email is the best way to contact us.

We look forward to seeing you on December 7, 2019.

Sincerely,

Jennifer A. Knechtmann
Speech and Debate Coach