

## **Lee-Davis Thursday Night Talk 2019**

\*\*\* This is a shortened tournament: two rounds total \*\*\*

### Location:

Lee-Davis High School  
7052 Mechanicsville Tnpk  
Mechanicsville, VA 23111

Date: Thursday, October 17, 2019

Time: 5PM-8PM

### Contacts:

Debate Tournament Directors:

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### Tournament Debate Topics:

Lincoln-Douglas (LD) \*\*\* Only two rounds\*\*\*

Resolved: In the United States, colleges and universities ought not consider standardized tests in undergraduate admissions decisions.

Public Forum (PF) \*\*\* Only two rounds\*\*\*

Resolved: The European Union should join the Belt and Road Initiative.

### Student Congress (SC)

We will split one session into two parts, each lasting 45 minutes to one hour. We will be focusing on only two topics to maximize participation in such a short time.

Domestic:

Virginia:

Immigration

Gun Control

### Tournament Forensics:

The following individual speech events will be offered: extemporaneous speaking, impromptu speaking, original oratory, prose, poetry, dramatic interpretation, humorous interpretation, duo performance (humorous or serious), and storytelling.

As this is practice, students need not have pieces memorized.

## Deadlines

Thursday, October 10 @ 11:59pm:

**Registration Deadline @ 10PM** (We **cannot** accept entries after this date & time!)

A) School Name

B) Participants' Names (for debate categories, it is helpful to know which debaters are brand new to debate so that I can pair them with other beginner debaters)

### C) Events

D) Judges' names (see below for judging requirements)

Thursday, October 10 @ 11:59pm:

**Student Congress Bill/Resolution Deadline.** Please email a copy to

[laubry@hcps.us](mailto:laubry@hcps.us) so that we can make copies. Since we are only doing one session,

students should only do one bill or one resolution.

### Schedule of Events:

Thursday, October 17

4:30PM-5:00PM: Check-In (Lee-Davis High School—Lee-Davis students will be posted at each entrance of the school to point you in the direction of the commons/cafeteria)

**Please coordinate your team's dismissal from school to assure prompt arrival!**

Extemp. will start drawing topics at 5:00 so that speeches can start at 5:30.

5:00: Coaches' & Judges' Meeting (Location: H-4, hallway adjacent to commons)

During the coaches' meeting, we will take orders for pizza for any interested students.

Please have your orders and money ready. Students will have to eat on their breaks, as there will be no formal dinner break. Coaches and judges will have food provided. As

we have done in the past, if you can bring some food or drink to share with the other judges and coaches, that would be great!

5:30PM: 1st Congress Session; Round 1 PF, LD, Forensics events

6:30PM: Round 2 PF, LD, Forensics events

Tabulations and Distribution of ballots will occur as soon as the last round is complete. Our aim is to have everyone headed home no later than 8:00pm.

**Judging Requirements: (No experience necessary—great practice!)**

## Lincoln-Douglas

**1 judge per 1-2 entries**

## Public Forum

**1 judge per 1-2 entries**

## Student Congress

**1 judge per 1-6 entries**

## Forensics

**1 judge per 1-4 entries**

Dinner:

During the coaches' meeting, we will take orders for pizza for any interested students. Please have your orders and money ready. Pizza will be \$2/slice. Students will have to eat on their breaks, as there will be no formal dinner break. Coaches and judges will have food provided. As we have done in the past, if you can bring some food or drink to share with the other judges and coaches, that would be great!

Rules & Sportsmanship:

We will strive to follow the VHSL rules and sportsmanship creed. Please make sure your students are aware of these rules and policies! Please stress the importance of sportsmanship with your kids!