January 2020

Dear Coach,

It is a great pleasure to invite you to the Rocket Invitational Speech Tournament. We are located in Louisville, KY on Bardstown Road right off the Watterson Expressway; and our tournament is scheduled for Saturday, January 18, 2020. We are certainly looking forward to seeing many of you at our tournament, and we will give our best effort to make the day run smoothly for you.

We will be offering all of the KHSSL senior events and Congress. We are allowing **seven** entries per event and students may double in any events.

***Quad entries will be allowed, but only two events in each flight. Please do not enter students in more than 2 events in a flight.***

**Entry fees are $6.00 per entry; duo teams will be counted as two entries for fees ($12) but not for judges.** Each team will need to supply **one** judge for every **six** entries or fractions thereof. No tournament ever has as many judges as the director would like, so please try to help us out with this and bring enough judges for your entries. For every judge needed, but not supplied, we will assess a $35.00 fee. ***Teams may only purchase a maximum of 2 judges. This is very important!*** Please respect this requirement and do your best to bring qualified judges. Please submit your entries by 11:30 PM on Wednesday, January 15th. We are a small school, so when we reach the limit that our space allows, we will reserve the right to not accept later entries. This means that if we reach capacity before the scheduled deadline for entries we WILL CLOSE REGISTRATION.I do not anticipate this being necessary, but I wanted to make you aware of the possibility. Also, it is my intention at this point to flight the tournament to accommodate as many schools as wish to enter.

**Registration will be via Tabroom.com. Please create a log-in for your team if necessary and select the Rocket Invitational for registration. If you have questions or need to contact me directly, please email me at this address: Elizabeth.Bender@ahsrockets.org.**  Changes made after the registration deadline will be assessed a $5 drop/change fee (name substitutions should be done the day of the tournament and do not incur any charge). It is also our intention to use online balloting for our tournament again this year. If you need to reach me at Assumption, the phone number is 502-458-9551.

**Food and Awards:** There are a few fast food restaurants within a short drive of the school; however, getting up and down Bardstown Road can be a challenge, even on weekends. Because of this, we are going to be selling pizza and sub sandwich box lunches to any interested teams. *In order to avoid over-ordering, we will be selling tickets the day of the tournament that will serve as vouchers for the food at lunch time.* On the matter of awards, we will be giving awards to the top three teams in sweepstakes and to the top six competitors in the individual events.

The schedule for the day is as follows (unless it is unnecessary to flight the tournament):

 7:00 - 8:00 AM - Registration

 8:00 AM - Extemp draw in the library

 8:30 -9:45 AM - Round 1, Flight A

 9:45 -11:00 AM - Round 1, Flight B

 11:00 - 12:15 PM - Round 2, Flight A

 12:15 - 1:30 PM - Round 2, Flight B

 1:30 - 2:00 PM Lunch - Finals Posted

 2:30 PM - Finals

 4:30 - 5:00 PM - Awards in the Theater

If it becomes unnecessary to flight the tournament, we will make you aware of this change as soon as possible. We are well aware of the difficulties of traveling back from a tournament that runs late and we will work hard to avoid causing you this inconvenience. Directions to Assumption High School are fairly easy (as easy as any set of directions to a place you’re not sure how to get to, I suppose).

**If you are coming from the east or west by I-64:**

Take the Watterson **West** (I-264) off of I-64

Take the Bardstown Road exit, plan to turn right at the bottom of the ramp.

Turn right (north) on to Bardstown Road.

Proceed through two stoplights. (you will pass a Krispy Kreme doughnut shop on your left ).

Assumption will be immediately on the left.

Please park buses in the lots as directed.

**If you are coming from the south or southwest by I-65:**

Take I-65 North to the Watterson Expressway

Take the Watterson Expressway **East** (I-264)

Take the Bardstown Road exit, plan to turn left at the bottom of the ramp.

Turn left (north) on to Bardstown Road.

Proceed through two stoplights. (you will pass a Krispy Kreme doughnut shop on your left ).

Assumption will be immediately on the left.

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**If you are coming from the north by I-71**

Take I-71 South to the Watterson Expressway

Take the Watterson West (I-264) off of I-71

Take the Bardstown Road exit, plan to turn right at the bottom of the ramp.

Turn right (north) on to Bardstown Road.

Proceed through two stoplights. (you will pass a Krispy Kreme doughnut shop on your left ).

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Flighting Information:

 Flight A (Prose, Extemp, Improv Duo, Broadcasting, Declamation, DI, Informative, Congress)

 Flight B (Poetry, Storytelling, Impromptu, Oratory, Duo Interp, HI, POI)

We very much hope that you will enjoy your visit to our school. We are looking forward to an exciting tournament. If you have any questions, please feel free to call and leave me a message. I will return your call as quickly as I can; again, the school number is (502) 458-9551. I can also be reached via e-mail at Elizabeth.Bender@ahsrockets.org and this is the surest way to reach me. Have a safe trip!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Bender, Francesca Price,

Debate Coach Speech Coach

Iris Boyer, Ella Springer, Katelyn Johnston

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