



# CHAMINADE HIGH SCHOOL

December 2021

Dear Coaches,

We hope that everyone is doing well in yet another unusual school year. Chaminade High School is happy to announce that the 75th Annual Chaminade Invitational Speech Tournament will take place on Saturday, January 8, 2022. The tournament will take place online. We will use NSDA campus for the tournament.

**LIVE DOC:** To keep everyone informed, we will establish a Live Doc, which we will update. When we send out the information, please share the Live Doc with all competitors. We will publish recording and uploading instructions in the Live Doc.

**EVENTS:** Varsity Extemporaneous Speaking, JV Extemporaneous Speaking, Original Oratory, Dramatic Performance, Varsity Oral Interpretation of Literature, JV Oral Interpretation of Literature, Oratorical Declamation, Duo Interpretation, Student Congress, and Program of Oral Interpretation. Rules governing all events will be those most recently defined by the National Catholic Forensic League. Duo Interp will be done asynchronously. To encourage participation in Duo and POI, students may enter either Duo and/or POI and one other event.

**ENTRANTS:** unlimited. All entries will be put on a wait list. Because the Chaminade Tournament has a long history of support, we will give preference to schools that have been to the tournament in the past, schools in New York State, and schools that have hosted Chaminade at their tournaments. After that, other schools will be admitted. If registration is too large, we may ask some schools to limit their registration.

**JUDGES:** Each school must provide one judge for every FIVE speakers or fraction thereof. For the purpose of determining judges, a Duo team counts as ONE speaker. If schools compete in Student Congress, they must supply one judge regardless of the number of students they bring. A limited number of judges are available for hire. The cost will be \$100 per judge. We will determine the hired judges in late December.

**FEES:** The registration fee is \$15.00 per speaker. We will use this money to purchase and mail out trophies, as well as to pay for Campus classrooms and hire some judges. For determining fees, a duo team counts as TWO. Make all checks payable to CHAMINADE HIGH SCHOOL.

Please mail the check to: Bro. Stephen Balletta, Chaminade High School 340 Jackson Ave. Mineola, NY 11501. Schools in the Rockville Centre League will have their fees taken care of by the League. Unless you have made other arrangements, fees must be paid before the start of the tournament, or students may not compete.

**ROUNDS:** It is our plan to have three rounds before lunch and a semis and final round after lunch. There will be two rounds of Student Congress followed by a supersession. We hope to be done by 6 pm. Having a semifinal round requires that all judges keep to the time schedule. If we fall behind, we will have to go straight to a final round. Please be sure that your judges know how to judge online and have the correct tech to do it.

**CONGRESS BILLS:** All Congress bills should be sent to [mrcummings@kellenberg.org](mailto:mrcummings@kellenberg.org) by Monday, December 20, 2021. Schools may submit 2 bills. If you submit two bills, please label one bill for prelims and one for finals. All legislation must be in appropriate format. We will publish the docket on <http://www.lifa.org> by Tuesday night, January 4, 2022.

**AWARDS:** Individual awards will be given to all who break to semis. Sweepstakes awards will be awarded to the top 10 teams. The two highest point scorers in each event will count towards sweepstakes totals. NYSFL half-qualifications will be awarded as well.

**PRE-REGISTRATION:** You should register online at <http://www.tabroom.com>. Registration closes and fees are frozen at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 5, 2022. You will not be permitted to add speakers after that time. You must also provide the same number of judges that you indicated on your initial registration; failure to do so could result in a \$150.00 fine per judge, plus the cost of hiring judges to cover your obligation.

Schools should confirm via Tabroom on January 8, from 8:15 – 8:45 AM.

We look forward to “seeing” you on January 8, even if only on a computer screen.

Sincerely yours,

Bro. Stephen Balletta, S.M.  
Bro. Dermot Meehan, S.M.