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Dear Coaches:

William Tennent High School's Speech and Debate Team is pleased to invite you to the 2022 William Tennent Invitational on **Saturday, November 5, 2022**, at William Tennent High School in Warminster, Pennsylvania. We are very conveniently located to major transportation routes (76, 95, 276, and 476), and we anticipate a strong regional draw from a two-hour radius. We are excited to welcome you back in person this year!

About the Centennial School District and William Tennent High School

Our region boasts a rich history of education and innovation. In 1727 Mr. William Tennent founded Log College in Warminster, Pennsylvania. Log College was Pennsylvania's first college and one of the oldest in America. Its first graduates founded Princeton University and 130 other colleges and universities. Tennent led "The Great Awakening", an educational enlightenment that occurred and spread throughout the colonies. John Fitch invented the steamboat in Warminster, with the first successful trial run on the Delaware River in 1787. The American Space Program began at the Johnsville Naval Air Development Center in Warminster, which housed the Centrifuge where astronauts John Glenn, Neil Armstrong, and Scott Carpenter trained.

William Tennent High School was completely renovated in 2011. We served as a competition site for preliminary policy debate rounds of the National Catholic Forensic League's 2013 Grand National Tournament, and we have hosted the Valley Forge District National Qualifier Tournament for the National Speech and Debate Association.

Registration

Tournament registration will be through www.tabroom.com. Registration will close and the names of all judges are due on **Tuesday, November 1 at 5:00 PM**, with fees frozen on **Wednesday, November 2 at 5:00 PM**. Fees are \$10 per student entry (e.g., a policy debate team is \$20). Because we seek to single flight all rounds of Lincoln-Douglas and Public Forum, we do not anticipate having anything but a very, very small pool of judges available for hire.

Additional information regarding lunch arrangements will be posted at a later date.



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Schedule

On-site registration will open promptly outside our library at 7:45 AM and will close at 8:15 AM on November 5th. Students and judges should gather in our cafeteria, which will serve as the tournament hub for announcements. Round 1 will start at 9:00 AM for all events except Policy Debate, which will begin at 8:45 AM.

There will be three rounds of speech, breaking to finals; three sessions of Congress (or two and a final session); four rounds of Public Forum Debate and Lincoln-Douglas Debate, breaking to quarterfinals (likely semifinals for JV); and four rounds of Policy Debate. Additional elimination rounds will be held should numbers warrant.

The awards ceremony is scheduled to begin at 6:30 PM.

Events

The tournament will feature competition in the following events:

Main Speech Events	Main Debate Events
Declamation (9 th & 10 th Grade Only) Dramatic Performance (JV & Varsity) Duo Interpretation (JV & Varsity) Extemporaneous Speaking (JV & Varsity) Informative Speaking Original Oratory (JV & Varsity) Program Oral Interpretation Oral Interpretation of Poetry (JV) Oral Interpretation of Prose (JV) Oral Interpretation (Varsity)	Congressional Debate (JV & Varsity) Lincoln-Douglas Debate (JV & Varsity) Policy Debate (JV & Varsity) Public Forum Debate (JV & Varsity)
Supplemental Events	
Big Questions Debate Extemporaneous Debate Impromptu	



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TOC Bids

Bids will be awarded based on the number of entries in a given speech event as indicated below:

Number of Entries	Bids Awarded
125 or more	Top 24 quarterfinalists
73 - 125	Top 14 semifinalists
25-72	Top 7 finalists
24 or fewer	Top 3

Please note that a bid in prose OR poetry counts toward qualification to the TOC in Oral Interpretation.

NIETOC Bids

Contestants advancing to bid rounds of this tournament will earn one official bid for the 2022 NIETOC. The NIETOC main events include Duo Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Dramatic Interpretation, Original Oratory, Informative Speaking, Program Oral Interpretation, and Extemporaneous Speaking. Dramatic Performance contestants would declare either HI or DI, depending on the piece performed. Contestants earn bids at the following levels:

- 0 – 19 contestants: 1st place bid
- 20 – 34 contestants: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place bids
- 35 – 50 contestants: final round bids
- 51 – 70 contestants: semifinal round bids
- 71 – 99 contestants: quarterfinal round bids
- 100+ contestants: octafinal round bids

Balloting

We will use electronic ballots in all speech and debate events. Please be sure that your judges bring their own devices and have linked Tabroom accounts!



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Event Rules

The following events will follow NCFL rules:

- Declamation (9th and 10th grade only)
- Dramatic Performance (JV and Varsity)
- Duo Interpretation
- Extemporaneous Speaking (JV and Varsity)
- Lincoln-Douglas Debate (JV and Varsity)
- Oral Interpretation (Varsity only; Prose and Poetry separately for JV)
- Original Oratory (JV and Varsity)
- Policy Debate (JV and Varsity)
- Public Forum (JV and Varsity)

The following events will follow NSDA rules:

- Congressional Debate (JV and Varsity)
- Informative Speaking
- Program Oral Interpretation

Debate events will use the national NSDA topics for November/December. The Lincoln-Douglas Debate novice topic will **NOT** be used.

Congress will use the PCFL legislation packet plus any legislation submitted to moonco@centennialsd.org by **Monday, October 24th at 5:00 PM.**

Students may double-enter in Speech events EXCEPT Extemporaneous Speaking. There is no double entry in Debate events.

All students registered in Speech or Debate -- may also enter a single Supplemental Event.




Questions

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. We look forward to seeing you in November!

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