**Back Mountain Invitational**

**Dallas High School**

**Conyngham Avenue, Dallas, PA 18612**

November 13, 2024

 Dear Coaches,

 On behalf of the Dallas School District and the Dallas High School speech and debate team, I would like to invite you and your team to our first annual Back Mountain Invitational on Saturday, December 7, 2024, at Dallas High School. We will offer competition in the following categories:

Novice Declamation

Novice and Varsity Original Oratory

Novice and Varsity Extemporaneous Speaking

Novice and Varsity Oral Interpretation

Novice and Varsity Dramatic Performance

Novice and Varsity Impromptu Speaking

Novice and Varsity Duo Interpretation

Novice and Varsity Student Congress

Novice and Varsity Lincoln-Douglas Debate

Novice and Varsity Public Forum Debate

We may combine novice and varsity events if numbers warrant. Finals will be held in all events. All competitors advancing beyond preliminary rounds will be recognized at our awards ceremony.

 The following pages outline registration deadlines, fees, and important dates. Please be sure all of your competitors and judges have Tabroom.com accounts. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at Dallas High School or at home at the phone numbers listed below.

I hope to see you on December 7th!

Angela Carpenter

Dallas High School Speech and Debate Coach

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**General Tournament Information**

**Event Rules**

We will use NCFL rules for all events, with the exception of Impromptu Speaking, which will use PHSSL rules.

**Double Entries**

Double entries are allowed in all speech events, excluding Student Congress. There are no double entries in Lincoln-Douglas Debate or Public Forum Debate.

**Debate Topics**

Lincoln-Douglas Debate will use the NSDA November/December topic:

Resolved: The United States ought to adopt a wealth tax.

Public Forum Debate will use the NSDA November/December topic:

Resolved: The United States should substantially reduce its military support of Taiwan.

**Congress Legislation**

Please submit one piece of legislation per school no later than **Wednesday, November 20, 2024.** Upload your bills directly to Tabroom.com. The bill packet will be posted on **Friday, November 22, 2024**. Please note we will pre-set our agenda for the preliminary rounds when the packet is posted.

**Registration**

Registration will be online through Tabroom.com. Registration will be open from Wednesday, November 13, 2024, until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4, 2024. Changes made after the registration deadline must be emailed to Angela Carpenter at acarpenter@dsdhs.com or called in at 570-540-9389.

**Fees**

$15.00 School Fee

$5.00 per Individual Entry IE or LD debater

$10.00 per Public Forum or Duo team

$5.00 per change made after registration closes

**Teams that withdraw their complete entry after 5 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, will be asked to pay a nuisance fee equal to 50% of their registration fee.**

**Judges**

\*1 judge for every 5 speech or Congress entries or fraction thereof. A Duo team counts as one speech entry.

\*1 judge for every 2 Public Forum teams or fraction thereof

\*1 judge for every 2 Lincoln-Douglas Debaters or fraction thereof

Judges are expected to be available for the entire day.

**Checks**

Checks should be made out to **Dallas High School** with Speech and Debate in the memo.

**Lunch Tickets**

You can purchase lunch tickets for $7. Lunch will include pizza, water, a choice of fruit or chips, and a baked good. Place your lunch order by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4, 2024. Please use the concessions tab on Tabroom.com to place your order. Additional concessions will be available throughout the day.

**Tentative Schedule**

| **8:00 - 8:30** | **Registration: Lobby** |
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| **8:45 - 9:00** | **Opening Assembly: Performing Arts Center** |
|  | **IE, LD, PF** | **Congress** |
| 9:15  | Round 1: IE, LD, PF | Session 1: Student Congress |
| 9:30 |
| 10:15  | Round 2: IE, LD, PF |
| 11:15  | Round 3: IE, LD, PF |
| 12:00 | Lunch: Commons |
| 12:15  | Lunch: Commons |
| 1:15  | Round 4: LD and PF | Session 2: Student Congress |
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| 2:45 | Finals in select events |
| 3:30 |
| **4:30** | **Awards Ceremony: Performing Arts Center** |