

ST. ANDREW'S

EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

Dear Speech and Debate Friends,

On behalf of the faculty, administration, and students of St. Andrew's Episcopal School, we would like to invite you and your students to join us on our campus for the Twenty-Seventh edition of the Saints Classic, which we plan to hold on our campus on January 10-11, 2025. Over the past quarter century, teams from dozens of schools and a dozen states have joined us for competition and we hope you will do the same this winter.

We are pleased to offer competition in the following events.

Debate: Lincoln-Douglas Debate (Varsity and Novice), Policy Debate, Public Forum Debate

Flight A Speech Events: Dramatic Interpretation, Duet Acting, Impromptu Speaking, Informative Speaking, Program Oral Interpretation, and Prose Interpretation (Varsity and Novice) – note that Informative Speaking has moved to Flight A.

Flight B Speech Events: Declamation (9th/10th grades only), Duo Interpretation, Extemporaneous Speaking, Humorous Interpretation, Original Oratory, Poetry Interpretation (Varsity and Novice) – note that Original Oratory has moved to Flight B.

Student Congress – Two prelim sessions on Friday night, with a Final session Saturday morning. For 2025, we will be using the assigned MHSAA legislation plus out of state submissions.

For those events where we offer a Varsity and Novice split, we reserve the right to collapse divisions if numbers make separate divisions impractical.

In 2023, we imposed a modest increase in entry and judge fees after a decade without entry fee increases. Our 2025 fees will remain as they were in 2023 and for schools from Mississippi, we will honor the MHSAA State Championship entry fees – if need be we will write refund checks to our Magnolia State friends after tournament's end.

Since 2010 the Saints Classic has been a qualifying tournament for the National Individual Events Tournament of Champions (NIETOC). We also are also a bid tournament for the J.W. Patterson Tournament of Champions at the University of Kentucky (KTOC) in Public Forum (Gold at finals, Silver at semis) and Congress (top six). Additionally, all varsity level speech tournaments now can award KTOC bids as described on their page at <https://ci.uky.edu/debate/toc/bids/bid-tournaments> – we're not going to explain it here.

In 2013, the Saints Classic introduced the Perry Tyner Tate Memorial Award, to be presented to a student who has overcome adversity to achieve success in Speech and Debate. We have made some minor revisions to the criteria for this award and invite you to nominate a student you believe to be worthy of this award – that document will be posted to the Tabroom website.

Since we plan to be in person, we will have to contend with space limits, so enter early. We prefer your judges to your money and if you have judges above your requirement, we'd be happy to consider hiring them. We hope to see you in Ridgeland in early 2025.

Sincerely,

Darin Maier and Jharick Shields