

Dear Moderator:

It is with great pride that I invite you and your team to participate in this year's annual Interleague Tournament on Saturday, November 16, 2024 at Kellenberg Memorial High School 1400 Glenn Curtiss Blvd, Uniondale, NY 11553.

EVENTS: Declamation, Dramatic Performance, Duo Interpretation, Extemp Speaking (offered on separate Varsity and JV levels), Original Oratory, Program Oral Interpretation, Oral Interpretation of Literature (also offered on separate Varsity and JV levels) and Student Congress.

REGISTRATION: Please register your students and judges on www.tabroom.com by 8:00 PM on Tuesday, November 12th. After that deadline has passed, you may continue to make changes in the names of students and judges and drop students as necessary, but you may make no additions. As of 8:00 PM on Friday night, November 15th, all fees are frozen and further changes will result in a nuisance fee of \$10/change.

Please be advised that it *MAY* be necessary to restrict registration numbers depending on the size of the tournament and the number of available competition spaces, so please register your students in priority order in each event. We will inform you ASAP after the close of registration on November 12th if it will be necessary to reduce your registration numbers and judging obligations.

SCHEDULE: In speech we will offer 3 preliminary rounds plus finals. In the event of an especially large event we will consider creating several sections of the final round.

We hope to begin round 1 in all events at 10:00 AM sharp. Please be in contact with all of your students and judges so that you can confirm your registration onsite on tabroom before 9:30 AM. If you need to contact us personally, please contact Eamonn Cummings via text message at 516 260-0338 or via email at mrcummings@kellenberg.org.

TOURNAMENT FEES: The cost of participation is \$15 per student per entry. Therefore, the cost of a DUO team will be \$30. Please make checks payable to ***Catholic Forensic League of Rockville Centre***. We would be very appreciative for full payment at the tournament.

AWARDS: Awards will be presented to all advancing students, and overall sweepstakes awards will be presented to the top schools in both speech and congress.

STUDENT CONGRESS: Please submit Congress legislation to mrcummings@kellenberg.org by Friday, November 8th. Schools participating in Congress should submit one bill earmarked as a "priority" bill for use in the preliminary sessions and another bill earmarked for use in "supersession." Any additional bills should be listed as "secondary" bills for use in prelims, but no secondary bill may be brought to the floor until all priority bills are addressed.

JUDGES: As always, speech and congress judges should be high school graduates who have been sufficiently trained in judging by their school's moderator. In speech, please provide 1 judge for every 5 entries (or fraction thereof). If you register any students in Congress you must provide 1 additional judge for use in Congress. Please indicate if your Congress judge is able and willing to serve as a parliamentarian.

LUNCH: A complimentary lunch will be provided for all judges, along with coffee and "noshes." Students are asked to "brown bag" their lunches, but Kellenberg will place information on tabroom about ordering pizza for students. Students will not be able to order delivery to the school.

PARKING and BUSES: Buses can drop off students at the flagpole at the end of the driveway off of Glenn Curtiss Boulevard. There will be student volunteers directing competitors, judges and coaches into the building. There will be **NO** parking available on November 16 in the parking lot on the left side of the entrance north of the building. There will be limited parking available for passenger vehicles south of the flagpole by the main entrance of the building. I highly recommend having buses drop off students for the beginning of the day, leave, and then return at the end of the day to pick students up. If you do have bus parking needs please email speechanddebate@kellenberg.org by Friday, November 9th.

EXTEMP TOPIC AREAS: The topic areas will be *Global Crises and Conflicts* (Maura Rossi), *International and US Political Issues* (Joseph Krug), *US Domestic Policy* (William Clemens) and *Global Economic Issues* (Eamonn Cummings)

SEVERAL FINAL NOTES:

1. All of your judges and students ***MUST*** be registered with tabroom with their email addresses on file. This is how the platform will contact them.
2. Judges should make a point to check their email regularly for postings and/or updates.
3. Extempers should report to the extemp prep room 15 minutes before the designated starting time for each round unless they receive different instructions.
4. We will post one round at a time to avoid confusion.

I hope this letter addresses any questions you may have. I look forward to seeing you all on November 16th at Kellenberg Memorial!!

With best regards,
Eamonn Cummings CFL RVC President