

Dear Coaches,

The Meadville Area Senior High School Forensics Team is honored to extend an invitation to you and your students for a CFL of Erie tournament to be held on **Thursday, February 19, 2026**, at Meadville Area Senior High School. Topics for the debates and legislation for congress are posted on the Tabroom website.

Tournament Details:

- Registration will be in the cafeteria between **3:30-3:45 p.m.** The cafeteria will be used for the opening and closing meetings (please follow the posted signs when you enter the main building entrance).
- **DROP OFF:** Busses and vans can drop off students in the front bus loop of the main entrance of the high school; immediately after dropping off, **do NOT park in the bus loop** but in the upper teacher parking lot (directly across from main high school entrance) OR in the student parking lot (located across from the track field).
- The opening meeting will begin at **3:45 p.m.**
- The goal is for Round 1 of debate to begin at **3:50 p.m.** Extemp draw can begin at **3:55 p.m.**
- The goal is to start Round 1 of speech events at **4:00 p.m.** with Round 2 scheduled for **5:15 p.m.**
- Awards will be announced at **7:00 p.m.**, if not sooner, and the goal is to have your teams leaving MASH by **7:20 p.m.**

***NOTE: MASH does not dismiss until 3:25; despite this late dismissal time, we hope to adhere to the above schedule.

Judges:

Judging Quotas are as follows:

- **Speech:** 1 judge for every 5 contestants or fraction thereof
- **Congress:** 1 for every 10 competitors or fraction thereof
- **Debate:** 1 for every 2 entries or fraction thereof
- If training is required for a new judge, please notify Susan Peebles or Bob Hall in advance.
- Please provide the required judges for student entries to prevent forced student drops.

***Contestants, judges, and coaches are reminded that we are using online balloting at this tournament, and access to a Tabroom.com account is required. Please make sure your judges and competing students have Tabroom.com accounts as well as access to a smart device (phone, tablet, laptop, etc.) If a conflict exists with a judge and any registered student, please indicate that specific conflict on the registration form.

Registration/ Drops/ Adds:

Registrations must be entered by **4:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 17th, 2026**, via Tabroom. Registration received after 4:00 pm. on Monday will not be accepted. No individual student adds will be made after the tournament is scheduled. Please make sure your registration is as accurate as possible by the due date to minimize registration changes once the tournament has been scheduled. Remember we have to pay for

each tournament entry above 50, so all drops need to be reported to Bob Hall at hallr@fairviewschools.org AND (814) 392-4524 and Susan Peebles via email susan.peebles@ncfl.org AND text (814) 602-7417 by 1 p.m. on the day of the tournament.

Food:

As a fundraiser, the MASH Forensics team will be selling refreshments, so we appreciate your support in advance. **A combination of 2 slices of pizza, chips, and a drink will be sold for \$6.** Individual slices of pizza, snacks, water, and soda will be sold for different prices. Coaches, judges, and bus drivers will be provided free food, snacks, and refreshments in the pit of the cafeteria! All events are on the 1st floor unless otherwise stated.

Wi-Fi/ Internet:

All visitors to MASH can connect to the Wi-Fi network titled “MASH Forensics.” If there are any changes to this information, you will be notified the day of the tournament.

Important Reminder for National Qualifiers: *Eligibility*

1. Only schools who have paid their dues and submitted their School Membership form to the league director by November 15 (or January 5 with late fees paid in full) are eligible to participate in the Diocesan Qualifying Tournament. In addition, these member schools must have **competed in at least two diocesan sponsored monthly League tournaments** during the current academic year.
2. Any individual student who wishes to compete in the Diocesan Qualifying Tournament must be a student of a member school, and he/she must have competed in **at least two diocesan sponsored monthly League tournaments** during the current academic year.

We are so excited to have you at MASH!

Sincerely,

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