

October 2017

Dear Director of Forensics,

Your Speech Team is cordially invited to participate in the 71st Annual Chaminade High School Speech Tournament. The contest will be held on Saturday, January 6, 2018.

EVENTS: Varsity Extemporaneous Speaking, JV Extemporaneous Speaking, Original Oratory, Dramatic Performance, Varsity Oral Interpretation of Literature, JV Oral Interpretation of Literature, Oratorical Declamation, Duo Interpretation, and Student Congress. Rules governing all events will be those most recently defined by the National Catholic Forensic League. Due to room constraints, we cannot accommodate double entries.

ENTRANTS: unlimited. **NOTE:** in the event that the registration is too high, we may have to limit some contestants. If that is the case, we will notify the schools with the largest registration immediately.

JUDGES: Each school must provide one judge for every **SIX** speakers or fraction thereof. For the purpose of determining judges, a Duo team counts as ONE speaker. If schools compete in Student Congress, they must supply one judge regardless of the number of students they bring. A limited number of judges are available for hire. The cost will be \$50 per uncovered entry.

FEES: The registration fee is \$15.00 per speaker. For determining fees, a duo team counts as TWO. Make all checks payable to **CHAMINADE HIGH SCHOOL**. Schools in the Rockville Centre League will have their fees taken care of by the League. Fees must be paid before the start of the tournament or students may not compete.

ROUNDS: Three rounds before lunch and a final round after lunch. There will be two rounds of Student Congress followed by a supersession.

Congress Bills: All Congress bills should be sent to jmcgrory@chaminade-hs.org by Sun. Dec. 17. Schools may submit 2 bills. If you submit two bills, please label one bill for prelims and one for finals.

AWARDS: Individual awards will be given to the top 8 speakers in each event. Sweepstakes trophies will be awarded to the top 5 teams. The two highest point scorers in each event will count towards sweepstakes totals.

LUNCH: Coaches and judges will be the guests of Chaminade. **STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO PURCHASE LUNCH IN THE CAFETERIA.**

PREREGISTRATION: You should register online at tabroom.com. Registration closes and fees are frozen on Wednesday, Jan 3, 2018. You will not be permitted to add speakers after that time. You must also bring the same number of judges that you indicated on your initial registration; failure to do so could result in a \$100.00 fine per judge plus the cost of hiring judges to cover your obligation.

Below, you will find directions to Chaminade. If you need further clarification, do not hesitate to contact me. Registration will be held from 8:15 - 9:00 AM. In the event of inclement weather, registration will be delayed until 10:00 AM. Any changes will be posted to the LIFA website (www.lifa.org) and emailed to coaches.

Sincerely yours
Bro. John McGrory, S.M.
Mr. Steven Zelubowski
Bro. Dermot Meehan, S.M.
Bro. Stephen Balletta, S.M.
Mr. Jeremy Reyes

DIRECTIONS TO CHAMINADE H.S.:

1. From New York City: Take the Long Island Expressway (495) East to Exit 35 (Shelter Rock Road, South)

OR

Take Grand Central Pkwy. (also known as Northern State Pkwy. in Nassau County) to Exit 27 (Shelter Rock Road, South).

Once on Shelter Rock Road, turn right at the fifth or sixth light (depending on whether you take LIE or Northern State), onto Herricks Road. Continue south for four lights, and turn left (east) onto Jericho Tpke. (Route 25). Continue four lights to Saville Road. Turn right. Chaminade is on the right. Park along Saville or Jackson Ave or across Jericho Turnpike in the parking lot. Enter by the main steps on Jackson Ave.

2. From Eastern Long Island:

Take the Long Island Expressway to Exit 36 (Searingtown Road). Go south on Searingtown Road to Herricks Road. Follow the directions above.

OR

Take Northern State Pkwy to Exit 31, Jericho Tpke, westbound. Continue going west for about 2 miles. Turn left onto Saville Rd. Follow directions above.

OR

Take Southern State Pkwy to the Meadowbrook Pkwy, north. Exit at M1, Old Country Rd. Take Old Country west to Mineola Blvd. Continue to Jericho Tpke. Turn left (west) to Saville Rd. Follow directions above.

PARKING:

There is a small parking lot on the corner of Jackson Ave. and Saville Rd. This lot has parking spaces FOR CARS ONLY. There is a parking lot across Jericho Turnpike. You can park your busses and cars there.