

November 2020

Dear Director of Forensics,

Dear Coaches,

We hope that everyone is doing well in this most unusual school year. Chaminade High School is happy to announce that the 74th Annual Chaminade Invitational Speech Tournament will take place on January 9, 2021. The tournament will take place online. We will use NSDA campus for the tournament.

LIVE DOC: To keep everyone informed, we will establish a Live Doc which we will update. When we send out the information, please share the Live Doc with all competitors and judges.

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, Student Congress, and Program Oral Interpretation. Rules governing all events will be those most recently defined by the National Catholic Forensic League. Duo Interp will be done asynchronously. We will publish recording and uploading instructions in the Live Doc. To encourage participation in Duo and POI, students may enter either Duo and/or POI and one other event.

ENTRANTS: unlimited. All entries will be put on a wait list. Because the Chaminade Tournament has a long history of support, we will give preference to schools that have been to the tournament in the past, schools in New York State, and schools that have hosted Chaminade at their tournaments. After that, other schools will be admitted. If registration is too large, we may ask some schools to limit their registration.

JUDGES: Each school must provide one judge for every **FIVE** 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 \$100 per judge. We will determine the hired judges in late December.

FEES: The registration fee is \$15.00 per speaker. We will use this money to purchase and mail out trophies as well as to pay for Campus classrooms and hire some judges. For determining fees, a duo team counts as TWO. Make all checks payable to **CHAMINADE HIGH SCHOOL Please mail the check to: Bro. John McGrory, Chaminade High School 340 Jackson Ave. Mineola, NY 11501.** Schools in the Rockville Centre League will have their fees taken care of by the League. Unless you have made other arrangements, fees must be paid before the start of the tournament or students may not compete.

ROUNDS: It is our plan to have three rounds before lunch and a semis and final round after lunch. There will be two rounds of Student Congress followed by a supersession. We hope to be done by 6 pm. Having a semifinal round requires that all judges keep to the time schedule. If we fall behind, we will have to go straight to a final round. Please be sure that your judges know how to judge online and have the correct tech to do it.

CONGRESS BILLS: All Congress bills should be sent to jmcgrory@chaminade-hs.org by Mon. Dec. 21. 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 all who break to semis. Sweepstakes trophies will be awarded to the top 10 teams. The two highest point scorers in each event will count towards sweepstakes totals.

LUNCH: Unfortunately, Chaminade will not be providing lunch, but we hope to see you in 2022 for a celebratory lunch.

PREREGISTRATION: You should register online at tabroom.com. Registration closes and fees are frozen on Wednesday, Jan 5, 2021. 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 \$150.00 fine per judge plus the cost of hiring judges to cover your obligation.

Schools should confirm onsite from 8:15 – 8:45 AM.

Sincerely yours
Bro. John McGrory, S.M.
Mrs. Michelle Cicillini
Ms. Lindsay McCoy