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New Orleans, LA 70122
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July 1, 2015

Dear Coaches.

We cordially invite your school to join us in New Orleans, La for the **2015 Navy and Old Gold Debate and Speech Exhibition**, Friday and Saturday, October 2-3, 2015.

This year's tournament is sponsored in part by First NBC and the University of New Orleans. While being a Louisiana High School Speech League sanctioned tournament, this year we have been designated as a finals level bid tournament in Lincoln-Douglas and Public Forum by the University of Kentucky Tournament of Champions. Our Speech events will also have bids for the UK-TOC and we have also applied to be a bid tournament for the NIETOC.

We will host students in Policy Debate, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Public Forum Debate, World Schools Debate, Congressional Debate, Duo Interpretation, Oral Interpretation of Literature, Dramatic Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Original Oratory, Extemporaneous Speaking, Declamation, and Impromptu.

Entries are due on September 19, 2015. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at barthur@holycrosstigers.com. We look forward to seeing you in October.

Sincerely,

Byron R. Arthur'83
Director of Debating

Roshan Sadhwani
Chairman, Brother Aiden O'Reilly Debating Society

Important Dates

Registration opens on Tabroom	Saturday, August 1, 2015
World Schools Motions Announced	Tuesday, September 1, 2015
Hotel Block Closes	Wednesday, September 9, 2015
Judges must be entered:	Wednesday, September 23, 2015
All Entry fees due by mail:	Wednesday, September 23, 2015
Drop deadline for refund:	Wednesday, September 30, 2015

All deadlines fall at 5pm CST on the above dates.

Topics and Formats

Debate Topics:

Lincoln-Douglas debaters shall debate the September-October 2015 National Speech & Debate Association LD topic and **Public Forum** debaters will debate the September -October topic for PFD to be announced in August. **Policy** debate teams shall debate the 2015-16 National high school topic on surveillance. **Congressional Debate** legislation will be released several weeks before the tournament and will be announced by the tab director.

Debate Formats:

Policy Debate uses the cross-examination format 8-3-5 which consists of eight-minute constructives, three-minute cross-examination periods, five-minute rebuttals, and ten minutes of preparation for each team.

The **Lincoln-Douglas** Debate format is 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 with five minutes of preparation time for each debater.

Public Forum and **Congressional Debate** will use the National Speech & Debate Association format for speech **BUT will allow four(4) minutes of preparation time. Public Forum will use the National Speech & Debate Association rules for the coin toss.**

Speech Events will follow NSDA rules except for OI, which will follow NCFL rules. There will be no binders in Duo Interp.

Speech will be flighted.

Flight A - OO,DI,HI and DEC
Flight B - DUO, EXT, IMP, and OI.

A student is allowed to enter two(2) events per flight. There is no cross-entry between debate and speech.

Entry fees and Payment Instructions

Entry fees should be paid in full by **Wednesday, September 23, 2011**

-- Please make checks payable to "Holy Cross School." Mail checks to:

Navy and Old Gold Debate and Speech Exhibition
c/o Byron Arthur
Holy Cross School
5500 Paris Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70122

School/Administrative fee:

Per School	\$100(if not staying at Courtyard)
Per Policy entry:	\$50
Per Lincoln-Douglas entry:	\$30
Per Congress entry:	\$25
Per Public Forum entry:	\$40
Per Speech entry:	\$20
Per World Schools Team	\$75

Hired Judges:

Per Policy Judge	\$150
Per LD Judge	\$100
Per PF Judge	\$100
Per Speech Judge	\$50

Registration

All schools must register for the tournament on **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1ST 2011**, between **6:30 and 9:00pm CST**. Registration will be at the **COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT** exact meeting room location TBA. If you cannot make it to Registration by 9:00pm, please call or text **Byron Arthur at (504) 312-9835(or email barthur@holycrosstigers.com to confirm that all members of your party are en route to the tournament.** Please keep us posted regarding any travel delays that you encounter.

Judging Information

General information:

Each entry must be covered by one or more qualified judges. **All judges are obligated through the first elimination round** on Saturday in and also one round past the school's elimination in elimination rounds. For example, if your school's last LD student is eliminated in quarterfinals, your LD judges must be available to judge the LD semifinal round.

Judge Philosophies:

For Policy and Lincoln-Douglas, **all judges must submit a judging philosophy** at: <http://judgephilosophies.wikispaces.com/>. No Policy or LD entry will be considered complete until all affiliated judges have submitted a judge philosophy. For examples, please peruse the judge philosophy website.

Debate Judges: This year we will be using on-line ballots in policy, LD, and PF. This means that all of your judges must have a www.tabroom.com account prior to the tournament.

Judging Obligations

For Policy debate: You must provide **4 rounds** per entry. Two entries requires 8 rounds, three entries requires 12 rounds, etc.

For Lincoln-Douglas:

- For 1 LD entry, the school is obligated for 4 double flighted rounds.
- For 2 LD entries, the school is obligated for 8 double flighted rounds.
- For 3 LD entries, the school is obligated for 12 double flighted rounds.
- For 4 LD entries, the school is obligated for 16 double flighted rounds.
- For 5 LD entries, the school is obligated for 20 double flighted rounds,

For Public Forum:

- For 1 PF entry, the school is obligated for 4 double flighted rounds.
- For 2 PF entries, the school is obligated for 7 double flighted rounds.
- For 3 PF entries, the school is obligated for 11 double flighted rounds
- For 4 PF entries, the school is obligated for 14 double flighted rounds,

For Congressional Debate: 1 qualified judge per school is required.

For Speech: 1 qualified judge per 5 entries or fraction thereof.

2015 Hotel Information

The Tournament hotel is the Courtyard by Marriott in Metairie.

The group rate is **\$129/night** and includes free parking This rate is only guaranteed until **September 9, 2015** or until the block is full. Please use the link below to make your reservations. We are asking that all schools use this hotel if possible. If for some reason you called and the block is full, please contact me as soon as possible.

[Book your group rate for 2015 Navy and Gold Debate and Speech Exhibition](#)

The Awards Ceremony

Please join us in the Holy Cross Student Center for the Awards Ceremony at 7:30 PM on October 3rd. While we will present appropriate awards in all events, in celebration of our history, the following named awards will be presented:

The Brother Melchoir Polowy, CSC Excellence in Coaching Award
The Delores T. Arthur Award for Contributions to the Activity
The Greg St. Angelo Family Prize for Congressional Debating
The Ross P. LaDart Prize for Extemporaneous Speaking
The Jude B. Sheridan Prize for Impromptu Speaking
The Daniel Garrison Prize for Public Forum
The Daniel Williams Prize for Dramatic Interpretation
The First NBC Awards in World Schools Debate
The Hampton-Tompson Award (Formerly the 1922 Award)
The Brother Fisher Iwasko, CSC Award for Excellence in Rhetoric
The Brother James McDonnell, CSC Award for Excellence in Performance
The Dr. Joseph H. Murry, Jr. Award for Excellence in Debating

At the end of the evening, the school with the most outstanding overall performance will receive The Charles DiGange Award for Overall Excellence which is a rotating trophy that the winning school will keep for one year. We will also present a permanent recognition to last year's winner - James Logan High School.

Debate Tournament Schedule - University of New Orleans

Friday October 2, 2015

3:30 Round One

5:30 Round Two

8:00 Round Three

Saturday, October 3, 2015

8:30 Round Four

11:00 Round Five

1:30 Debate Elimination #1

3:00 PF and LD Debate Elimination #2

3:30 Policy Elimination #2

4:30 PF and Debate Elimination #3

5:30 Policy Elimination #3

6:15 PF and LD Elimination #4 at HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

7:30 AWARDS CEREMONY AT HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

World Schools Schedule - Holy Cross

Friday October 2, 2015

3:30 Announcement of Round One Motion

3:30 Judge Training

4:30 Round One - Impromptu

5:45 Round Two - Prepared

6:45 Dinner

7:30 Round Three - Prepared

Saturday October 3, 2015

8:30 - Announcement of Round Four Motion

8:30 Judge Training

9:30 Round Four -Impromptu

11:00 Round Five Prepared

12:30 Quarterfinals - Prepared Motion

2:15 Announcement of Semifinal Motion

3:15 SemiFinals

5:00 Announcement of Finalist Teams

5:30 Finals - Prepared Motion

7:30 Awards

Speech Tournament - Holy Cross School

Friday, October 2, 2015

2:00 Judge Training Workshop

3:00 Speech Round IA

4:15 Extemp Draw

4:45 Speech Round IB

6:00 Speech Round 2A

7:15 Extemp Draw

7:45 Speech 2B

Saturday October 3, 2015

8:00 Speech 3A

9:00 Extemp Draw

10:00 Speech 3B

11:15 Speech 4A

12:15 Extemp Draw
12:45 Speech 4B
1:45 Flight A Semifinals
3:00 Extemp Draw
3:30 Flight B Semifinals
4:45 Flight A Finals
5:45 Extemp Draw
6:15 Flight B Finals
7:30 Awards

Congressional Debate - Holy Cross School

Friday October 2, 2015

3:00 Meeting with Congressional Debaters
3:30 Administration of Oath
4:00 Session One Called to Order
6:00 Session One Adjourns
6:00 Dinner Break
7:00 Session Two Called to Order
9:00 Session Two Adjourns

Saturday October 3, 2015

9:00 Session Three Called to Order
11:00 Session Three Adjourns
11:00 Lunch Break
12:00 Semifinal session Called to Order
2:30 Semifinal Session Adjourns

3:30 Final Session Called to Order

6:15 Final Session Adjourns

7:30 Awards Ceremony

