September 2015

Dear Forensics Colleague,

The member of the Delone Catholic speech and debate team, their parents, and the entire Delone Catholic community cordially invite you and your students to attend the 36th Annual William R. Lyons Forensics Invitational. This tournament will be held December 5, 2015 at Delone Catholic High School in McSherrystown, PA.

Competition will be offered in Varsity and Novice Policy Debate, Varsity and Novice L-D Debate, Public Forum Debate, Parliamentary Debate, Declamation, Ex Temp, Commentary, Student Congress, Impromptu, Original Oratory, Dramatic Performance, Duo Interpretation, Varsity Oral Interpretation (which includes prose and poetry in alternation rounds), Novice Oral Interpretation (students choice of prose or poetry for all rounds). Please note novice defined as Freshmen and Sophomores in their first year of competition. Double Entries are permitted in all speech events, including Congress. Please note, if numbers do not warrant Novice and Varsity events will be combined.

We will have no judges available for hire. The judging requirements will include one qualified judge for every one or two policy teams, one judge for every one or two L-D Debaters, one judge for every one or two Public Forum Team, one judge for every one or two Parliamentary Team, and one judge for every one to four entries in the speech events. Judging requirements lock at noon on December 3, 2015.

The Schedule for the day will be as follows:

8:15a.m. - 9:00a.m.                        Registration in the School Lobby- Coaches only

9:15a.m. - 9:30a.m.                        Assembly for all students, judges, coaches, and observers

9:45a.m. - 11:00a.m.                        Round 1 in all events

11:00a.m. – 12:30p.m.             Round 2 in all events

11:30a.m. - 1:15p.m. Congress Session 1

12:30p.m. – 1:30p.m. Lunch for all Debate Events

12:30p.m. – 2:00p.m.                        Round 3 in Speech Events

1:30p.m. – 3:00p.m. Round 3 in Debate Events

1:30p.m. – 3:00p.m.                        Lunch for Speech Events

2:30p.m. - 4:15p.m. Congress Session 2

4:00p.m. - 4:30p.m.                        Posting of the Final Round Participants in the Cafeteria

4:30p.m. – 5:45p.m.                        Final Round in all events

6:30p.m.                                      Awards Assembly

Some breakfast items will be available for purchase in the morning before the tournament begins. Lunch will also be available for purchase by the students beginning at 1:00 p.m. Students are to remain in the school building during lunch break. The Delone Catholic Speech and Debate Parents Association will be offering a variety of baked goods and lunch items at reasonable prices throughout the day and during lunch for all the students. In addition, they will provide hospitality throughout the day for all judges and coaches. **This is a closed tournament and anyone who leaves the property of Delone Catholic will be disqualified.**

We look forward to your coming! Teams have started coming from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh and lots of places in between. For those of you from outside the area, McSherrystown is located right next to Hanover, PA and about 20 miles from Gettysburg. It is approximately 2 and a half hour from Philadelphia, two hours from Danville, 1 hour from Baltimore and Harrisburg, three hours from Scranton, and four hours from Pittsburgh.

Should you decide to come Friday evening, Hanover has a Holiday Inn Express, a Hampton Inn, a Super 8, and an Econo-Lodge- all of whom have affordable rates. If you wish to go top of the line there is a Wyndham Hotel 25 minutes away in Gettysburg at the intersection of Routes 15 and 30. The Wyndham’s number is 717-339-0020.

**Again we will be using tabroom.com**. Please use the website for registration. Registration will open on October 1, 2015. All additions must be made by Thursday, December 3, 2015 by 12:00pm. Registration Fees and judge obligations will freeze at this time. Drops can be made on tabroom.com until 9:00am, Friday, December 4, 2015.  IF and only IF you cannot register online we will accept paper registration. Please email your registration to deloneforensics@gmail.com or fax to 717-637-0442 ATTN: Nathan Lawver.

Please make every effort to have your registration accurate. Drops on the day of the tournament can cause major delays with the schedule and will be assessed a $5 drop fee for all drops made after Friday at 9:00am. Drops before this time, will not be assessed a drop fee. While sickness and no shows will impact the number of students you bring, it must not alter the number of judges you are responsible for bringing on your original entry fee.

**Please note congress bills are due before registration on Wednesday, November 25, 2015. Bill can be submitted by email,** **deloneforensics@gmail.com****, or by fax 717-637-0442 ATTN: Nathan Lawver. Please adhere to this deadline.**

If you have any questions about this tournament please feel free to call us at the school at 717-637-5969 or email us at deloneforensics@gmail.com. Email is the best way to contact us.

We look forward to greeting you on December 5, 2015. This part of the state is known for its delicious snacks, it being home to Utz, Martins, and Snyder's of Hanover.

Sincerely yours,

Nathan Lawver and Neil Groft

Delone Catholic Forensics Team