*11th Annual*

**Tornado Alley Invitational Speech Tournament**

The Speech and Debate team at Paducah Tilghman High School is happy to invite you to the 11th annual Tornado Alley Invitational Speech Tournament on Saturday, January 16, 2016. Tornados have a reputation for being unpredictable, and while certain elements of our tournament will certainly be hard to predict (Welcome to KHSSL), Tilghman is proud to have an outstanding reputation for hosting a well-organized gathering for speech teams of all experience levels, as well as providing unexpected, quirky extras that demonstrate the unique offerings of the Paducah community.

This year’s tournament will feature **three preliminary rounds of competition**, as well as **one final round** for the top six highest scoring competitors in each event. Finalists will each go home with a unique collectible award, which varies year to year. Whether charming, funny, or perhaps even absurd, your Tornado Alley award will stand out on any trophy case. In addition, every student in attendance has an opportunity to win an *unforgettable* door prize.

The following KHSSL senior division events will be offered: Broadcast Announcing, Declamation, Dramatic Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, Extemporaneous Speaking, Humorous Interpretation, Impromptu Speaking, Improvisational Duo, Oratory, Poetry, Program Oral Interpretation, Prose, and Storytelling, Event descriptions and rules may be located at <http://www.khssl.org>. **Schools may enter an unlimited number of competitors in each event category at a fee of $6 for single events and $12 for duo categories.** All entries will count for sweepstakes awards.

**Students may triple and quadruple enter, but at their own risk.** Rounds will not be held for latecomers. **The registration deadline is Wednesday, January 14 at 5:00 p.m.** Any drops after 7 a.m. on Thursday, January 15 will be charged a $10 fee. A judge’s drop fee of $35 will occur for any judges unaccounted for on the day of the event. You may register by visiting [www.tabroom.com](http://www.tabroom.com), clicking on “Kentucky,” then Paducah Tilghman Tornado Alley Invitational.

Each team is responsible for providing one qualified judge for each six student entries (or fraction thereof). PTHS also has a deep pool of well-trained judges who will use their time with your team members to provide constructive feedback and helpful suggestions just in time for the regional tournament. We are happy to provide any judges you cannot for a fee of $25 per judge. Each judge in a limited prep event will be assisted by a student to serve as their timekeeper and provide hand signals to competitors.

If you are coming from out of the area, there is an ample supply of hotels within a five-mile radius of Paducah Tilghman High School including the Drury Inn, the Days Inn, Holiday Inn Express, and many more. Our hotels typically offer wonderful amenities and a free breakfast is usually provided with your room rate. If you struggle to find lodging, please do not hesitate to contact us for assistance.

In addition, we strive to provide reasonably priced breakfast, lunch, and snack concessions for students and guests. Please keep in mind that this tournament is our only fundraiser each year, and every dollar helps to ensure our participation. Coaches, bus drivers, and judges are invited to visit the hospitality room to enjoy an endless smorgasbord of homemade dishes prepared by the PTHS community. We sincerely hope you’ll join us for an extraordinary day.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

*As mentioned above, tornados are unpredictable, as is life at any KHSSL tournament. While we fully intend to adhere to the schedule outlined below, day of tournament decisions will supersede those that are included here.*

7:30-8:00 a.m. Registration PTHS Lobby

8:00-8:30 a.m. Extemp Draw – Round 1 Library

8:00-8:30 a.m. Judges’ Meeting Hospitality Suite

8:30-10:00 a.m. Round 1 Various Classrooms

9:45-10:15 a.m. Extemp Draw – Round 2 Library

10:15-11:45 a.m. Round 2 Various Classrooms

11:30-12:00 p.m. Extemp/Broad Draw – Round 3 Library

12:00-1:30 p.m. Round 3 Various Classrooms

2:30-3:45 p.m. Finals Various Classrooms

 *Extemp/broad draw will begin ASAP after posting.*

4:00 p.m. Awards Ceremony Auditorium