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# Holy Redeemer Speech and Debate

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The coaching staff and team of Holy Redeemer High School Speech and Debate are pleased to invite you to a tournament to be held on **Holy Redeemer campus in Wilkes-Barre, PA on Saturday, April 1st**. We are calling our invitational 'The Redeem Yourself Tournament,' and we will be running PHHSL events as an opportunity for teams to have an opportunity to prep for nats, or just try out something new.

In addition to a deep judging pool of alumni judges, we will be hosting all debate and speech events with an experienced tab room staff that will be dedicated to keeping the tournament running on time, so awards stay on schedule, and you can get your teams to their dinners. Our parent's organization is running a stellar judge's lounge stocked with goodies and they've also got a few cool surprises at the snack stand for the competitors. We are also allowing (and encouraging) double entry in speech events - we value competitors willing to stretch their limits and try new events. Plus, since this tournament is post nat-quals, we're hoping competitors who aren't focusing on nationals might be willing to try new events.

So. The highlights:

- Deep judging pool of alumni judges
- Stellar judge's lounge and student concession stand
- Double entry in speech events (unfortunately not debate)
- Post nat-quals for either practice or branching out, depending on your student's needs
- Excellent Tab staff dedicated to running on time
- Post finals/preawards tournament-wide entertainment
- Plus a few surprises we just aren't willing to spill at the moment
- We are additionally running Radio Announcing, Crisis Management (Created by Meyers), and Extemp Commentary.

We welcome any questions or concerns you may have regarding the tournament and hope to see you on April 1st!

Thanks for all you do,

The Coaching Staff  
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### **Tournament Specifics**

- Date:** Saturday April 1st, 2017
- Location:** Holy Redeemer High School, Wilkes-Barre, PA
- Registration Deadline:** Wednesday March 29, 2017 at 7pm
- Registration:** 7:30 - 8:15 am Saturday Morning, in the Auditorium Lobby
- Method of Registration:** Tabroom.com
- Name on Tabroom:** "Redeem Yourself" Tournament at Holy Redeemer High School
- Double Entry:** Allowed for all speech competitors (except Congress)
- Cost:** \$12 School Fee (Covers entry into Team Sweepstakes)  
\$8 per individual speech entry  
\$16 per Duo team, Public Forum team or Policy team  
\$8 per LD entry  
\$24 per Parli Debate team
- Drop Fees:** \$5 After Thursday, March 30th

WE ARE REQUESTING THAT ALL SCHOOLS TEXT THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR ON THE MORNING OF THE TOURNAMENT AS YOU LEAVE YOUR SCHOOL. PLEASE TEXT ANY DROPS YOU HAVE, OR JUST CONFIRM THAT EVERYONE WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE. IF ALL SCHOOLS DO THIS, REGISTRATION GOES MUCH FASTER AND IT ENSURES THE TOURNAMENT STARTS ON TIME. IT IS NEVER TOO EARLY TO TEXT. ALL SCHOOLS THAT DO THIS WILL BE REWARDED WITH VIGOROUS HIGH FIVES.

**JEFF NIEMIEC: (570) 954-8845**

**Each judge covers:**

- Up to and including 5 slots in Speech and/or Congress
- Up to and including 2 slots in Debate

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\*A limited number of additional judges can be hired for any uncovered slots at \$20 per uncovered speech slot, \$25 per uncovered debate slot. We must be notified by Wednesday March 29th.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** The administrators of Holy Redeemer High School require that we have your school's Certificate of Liability Insurance (or any form that indicates your students are covered by your school's insurance).

**Lincoln-Douglas Topic:** March/April Resolution

**Public Forum Topic:** March Resolution

**Definition of Novice:** Any competitor in the 9th or 10th grade, or any person in their first year of competition

Congress Bills are due by March 15th at 5pm. They will be available on Tabroom.com by March 17th at 8am. Please email bills to: [jeffrey.niemiec72@gmail.com](mailto:jeffrey.niemiec72@gmail.com)

#### Lunch

We are selling lunch tickets for students both ahead of time and the day of the tournament. If you know how many lunch tickets you will need during your registration, please mark that down (Estimations are fine). We are especially interested to know if the number of lunch tickets your team needs is zero - we don't want to have loads more pizza on hand than we need. Lunch tickets are \$6 each.

#### The Schedule:

7:30 - 8:15	Registration
8:30	Opening meeting
9am	Speech Round One & Debate Round One & Congress Session 1
10:30	Speech Round Two & Debate Round Two
11:45	END of Congress Session One
12pm	Speech Round Three & Debate Round Three & Congress Lunch
1:30 pm	Lunch for Speechers and Debaters
2:30/ASAP	Finals (announced on facebook and in the auditorium lobby)
3:45 pm	Tournament entertainment in the Auditorium
ASAP	Awards

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### The Events:

Following PHHSL guidelines (with a little extra sparkle from the Redeemer Creative Minds), we will be offering:

#### **Speech:**

- Dramatic Interpretation of Literature
- Humorous Interp
- DUO Interpretation
- Extemporaneous Speaking
- Extemp Commentary
- Impromptu Speaking
- Informative Speaking
- Persuasive Speaking
- Poetry Interpretation
- Prose Interpretation
- Radio Announcing
- Declamation
- Student Congress
- Crisis Management (A Meyers High School Original Event!)

#### **Debate:**

- Cross Examination Debate (Policy Debate)
- Lincoln-Douglas Debate
- Parliamentary Debate
- Public Forum Debate

Since this is after both State Qualifiers and National Qualifiers, we will only be offering an open division.

Further queries may be directed to Jeff Niemiec at (570)954-8845 or [JEFFREY.NIEMIEC72@GMAIL.COM](mailto:JEFFREY.NIEMIEC72@GMAIL.COM)

We hope to see you at Holy Redeemer on April 1st! It's never too late to Redeem Yourself....  
(except if you register after March 29th)