

MERCER HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH

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Dear NCFL Colleagues:

You are cordially invited to attend the fourth CFL of Erie League Tournament of the season to be held at Mercer High School on **Thursday, December 8, 2016**. We will meet in the high school cafeteria (follow the posted signs as you enter the school) for **registration from 3:30-3:50 p.m.** The opening meeting will begin at 3:50 p.m. Extemp draw and Round 1 of debate will begin promptly at 3:55 p.m. We plan to begin Round 1 of speech events at 4:00 p.m. with Round 2 scheduled for 5:15 p.m. Results will be announced at 7:00 p.m., and we hope to have you back on the road by 7:20 p.m. **NOTE: Despite Mercer's late dismissal time (3:15), we are offering an earlier start time.**

Topics for the debates and legislation for congress are posted on the tabroom.com website.

Congress legislation for the tournament must be e-mailed to Susan Peebles by Thursday, December 1st at 3:00 PM.

Judging quotas are as follows:

****Speech:** 1 judge for every 5 contestants or fraction thereof;

****Congress:** One (1) capable scorekeeper or trained parliamentarian for every 10 students entered (or fraction thereof). If you have only one congress entry, please bring an adult who can serve in either role.

****Debates:** 1 judge for every 2 contestants or fraction thereof (this includes Policy Debate, Lincoln-Douglas, and Public Forum).

A new judges' workshop will be held, if needed, during Round 1. However, be advised that you must bring the required number of qualified judges in addition to the new ones to be trained. Please indicate on your registration those adults who will need the training.

Pizza, other light food items, and drinks will be sold to students and adults beginning at 3:30 p.m. as well as throughout the competition. **This is a fundraiser for the Mercer Speech Parents' Booster Club, so we would appreciate your support.** Complimentary light refreshments will be provided by the Mercer speech coaches for all coaches and judges in the faculty dining room of the cafeteria.

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All registration needs to be submitted on <https://www.tabroom.com> by 3:30 PM on Tuesday, December 6th. You can e-mail any late changes in registration to me at my home e-mail address which is hpr@zoominternet.net up to 12:00 NOON on Thursday. For drops after 12:00 NOON on Thursday, please call my cell phone... 724-699-2390.

NOTE WELL: WE WILL SCHEDULE THIS TOURNAMENT ON WEDNESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 7th. PLEASE MAKE CERTAIN YOU MEET THE TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6th 3:30 PM DEADLINE. ONLINE REGISTRATION RECEIVED AFTER THE 3:30 PM TUESDAY DEADLINE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

****PLEASE REMEMBER...CFL OF ERIE HAS A HARD AND FAST RULE REGARDING DROPS AND LATE ADDS...DROPS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED AS SOON AS THEY ARE KNOWN (see procedures outlined above and below) AND NO ADDS ARE PERMITTED THE DAY OF THE TOURNAMENT.**

We look forward to seeing you in Mercer on December 8th.

Sincerely,

Hugh Ringer
Director of Forensics

***NOTE: IF YOU HAVE LATE CHANGES IN REGISTRATION ON TUESDAY EVENING, ON WEDNESDAY, OR BEFORE NOON ON THURSDAY, E-MAIL ALL CHANGES TO HUGH RINGER...**

(hpr@zoominternet.net) (I will verify all received messages!)

****AFTER NOON ON THURSDAY (12/8) – CALL MY CELL PHONE 724-699-2390 UP TO 3:45 P.M WITH LAST-MINUTE ADJUSTMENTS.****

REMINDERS:

- 1) Selections used in previous years cannot be used during the 2016-17 season by the same student.
- 2) If a conflict exists with a judge and any registered student, please indicate that specific conflict on the registration form.