**2017**

**West Allegheny**

**Speech & Debate Tournament**

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# Welcome to the 2017 West Allegheny Speech & Debate Tournament

**Events being offered are:**

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| **Humorous Interp (PHSSL Rules)**  **Dramatic Interp (PHSSL Rules)**  **Duo Interp (PHSSL Rules)**  **Policy (PHSSL Rules)**  **Lincoln Douglas (PHSSL Rules)**  **Public Forum (PHSSL Rules)**  **Parliamentary (PHSSL Rules)**  **Big Question Debate (NSDA Rules)**  **Student Congress (PHSSL Rules)** | **Commentary (PHSSL Rules)**  **Extemporaneous – Mixed (PHSSL Rules)**  **Impromptu (PHSSL Rules)**  **Prose (PHSSL Rules)**  **Poetry (PHSSL Rules)**  **Program of Oral Interp (NSDA Rules)**  **Declamation (9th & 10thonly) (CFL Rules)**  **Original Oratory – Informative (PHSSL Rules)**  **Original Oratory – Persuasive (PHSSL Rules)** |

**-Registration is located on** [www.tabroom.com](http://www.tabroom.com)

**- The fee: $5.00 per student. Please make checks out to *West Allegheny Speech & Debate***

**-All Debates will be single-fight. If rooms are an issue debate will be moved across the parking lot to the Middle School.**

**-Registration will be in the Main High School Lobby.**

**-Tabroom will be located in Room C126.**

**-Judges Lounge will be located in Room B114.**

**-Opening and Closing Ceremonies will be in the auditorium.**

**-Extemp, Commentary & Impromptu Prep will be located in the library.**

**-Lunch Tickets will be on sale for $5.00**

**-At the end of the Round Judges are to report back to the Judges’ Lounge and**

**Competitors are to report to the Cafeteria.**

**-All Rounds will be posted in the cafeteria.**

**-Speech Competitors will have their sheets for the Judges.**

**-Debate Judges will have the score sheets for the round.**

**-Judges are to complete the score sheets in a timely manner and bring them back to the tabroom at the end of the round.**

**-The 1st 3 rounds of speech and the 1st 2 rounds of debate will be randomly prescheduled.**

**-Rounds 1-3 of Parli will be Impromptu. Round 4 (and possible 5) will be the Prepared topic**

**-Speech will have a Final Round if time permits. If no final they will have a full fourth round**

**- LD, PF, BQ & Parli will have 5 Rounds, only if time permits**

**-Speech & Debate Awards will be given to the top 6 competitors. Top 3 Trophies, the remaining certificates or medallions.**

**-Congress Trophy wards will be to the PO and top 3 Speakers, remaining board will receive medallions**

**-Sweepstakes will be awards to the Top 2 schools in Speech, Debate and Overall.**

**-Each team may indicate 15 Speech competitors, 5 Debate and 2 Congress.**

**-Events may be eliminated or combined based on number of entries.**

**Judging Requirements**

**Speech 1 judge for every 4 competitors (of partners)**

**Debate PF,LD, BQ & Parli 1 judge for every 2 individuals or teams**

**CX 1 judge for every 2 teams**

**Congress All congress judges will come from the speech poll**

**There will be a charge of $100 for every uncovered Judge.**

**There will be a $100 charge to your team for every judge replaced in a round.**

***PLEASE NOTE: All debate judges may be swapped in all types of debates. All speech judges are may be swapped in all speech and congress events.***

**Speech & Debate Schedule Congress Schedule**

**7:15 – 8:45 Registration 7:15 – 8:45 Registration**

**8:30 Opening in Auditorium 8:30 Opening in Auditorium**

**8:45 Exempt & Commentary Starts 8:45 Judges Meeting in Room B114**

**8:45 Judges Meeting in Room B114 9:00 – 12:00 Morning Session**

**9:00 – 10:15 Round 1 12:00 – 12:45 Lunch**

**10:15 – 11:30 Round 2 1:30 – 3:00 Afternoon Session**

**11:30 – 12:45 Round 3 3:00 Voting**

**12:45 – 1:30 Lunch 3:30 Closing Ceremony**

**1:30 – 3:00 Finals \*\*\*Breaks determined by Parli\*\*\***

**3:30 Closing Ceremony**

**Parliamentary Debate Topics**

**Prepared – This House should substantially increase its investment in algae biofuels.**

**Extemporaneous Topic Areas:**

**1. Energy**

**2. Higher Education**

**3. Trade**

**4. Genetic Engineering**

**5. International Sports**

**Big Question Debate Topic**

##### **Resolved: Science leaves no room for free will.**

**-If there are any problems or concerns please feel free to email** [mshaffer@westasd.org](mailto:mshaffer@westasd.org) **or** [mshaffer7777@gmail.com](mailto:mshaffer7777@gmail.com) **or call my cell (724)601-3890. If you have drops please call ahead.**

Commentary Topics

Extemporaneous Speaking Topics

1. Shakespeare quotes in today’s world

2. Trends in Secondary Education

3. American’s First Ladies Legacies

4. There’s an App for that

5. Island Nations

6. “New” College Majors

1. Asian Economics

2. International Conflicts

3. Space – The Final Frontier

4. Urban Issues

5. World Leaders and Elections

6. European Migration