



Livingston PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear New Jersey Middle School Forensics Coaches,

On behalf of the Livingston High School Forensics Team, we invite you and your students to the Sixth Annual Carol Geers Memorial Tournament: Lancer Junior Invitational on Saturday, April 1, 2017. This open tournament, held at Livingston High School, will consist of competition in Oratorical Declamation, Interpretive Reading (Prose or Poetry), and Public Forum Debate. A portion of the tournament proceeds will be donated to Susan G. Komen and the Livingston Education Foundation in memory of Mrs. Carol Geers, Livingston G/T teacher and forensics coach.

Varsity and JV divisions will be available in all events. Public Forum Debate will use the National Speech and Debate Association's April topic. All varsity level forensics competitors will range from grades 7 to 8. JV events will be restricted to students in grades 5 and 6. Although students will have the choice of Prose or Poetry in the Interpretive Reading category, they must perform the same piece in all rounds. Oratorical Declamation and Interpretive Reading performances, including those in JV events, shall fall within the time frame of 4 to 7 minutes. Students, coaches, and parents should read the criteria for each event on tabroom.com. All events will include two preliminary rounds and a final round. Trophies will be awarded to the top six finalists in each category, and team sweepstakes trophies will be awarded to the top six schools.

The first round will begin at 9 AM, but all participating students should arrive promptly at 8 AM to register with their parents or coaches. There will be a registration fee of \$20 per student. Double entries will be permitted in Oratorical Declamation and Interpretive Reading. Breakfast, lunch, and healthy snacks will be available for purchase in the school cafeteria. We expect the tournament, including the awards ceremony, to conclude by 3:30 PM.

At least one responsible adult must accompany each child for the duration of the tournament. A group of children may carpool with an adult, but the adult must be responsible for the children throughout the day. The official dress code is business formal--no jeans, sneakers, or t-shirts.

We strongly encourage participation from all schools, as this experience will provide unique educational opportunities for all students. Please inform any other schools that you feel will be interested in participating in this tournament. We also welcome high school forensics students from your districts to volunteer as judges for our tournament.

Registration for the Carol Geers Memorial Tournament is available only on tabroom.com and will remain open until **5 PM on Saturday, March 25**. Payments will be accepted in-person on April 1 at the registration table. Checks should be issued to "Livingston High School Forensics."

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We thank you for your time and look forward to seeing you on April 1.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael Suñga, Mr. Alex Lamon, and the LHS Forensics Team

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