2017 7th Annual Robert Garcia Invitational

Saint Francis High School

September 16-17, 2017

Dear Colleague,

Saint Francis High School invites you to participate in the Seventh Annual Robert Garcia Invitational to be held Saturday, September 16th through Sunday, September 17th, 2017. It is our hope that we can assist you in getting your students excited and involved in forensics while opening up the Fall 2017 forensics season with a success.

The schedule for the tournament includes five preliminary rounds of debate (with a break the top 16 in all debate events (unless entries facilitate larger/smaller breaks). California High School Speech Association rules will be used as a guideline, but discretion is at the hands of the tournament director.

Due to campus space constraints, the invitational will be a varsity-only event. Please take note of the entry limits on the pages that follow. Competitors who reach the top 16 in debate will receive awards Speaker awards will be given to the top five (10 if numbers justify) competitors in Lincoln-Douglas, Public Forum, and Policy Debate.

You will find the tournament schedule on the website.  The deadline for entries is Wednesday, September 13, 2017 before 6pm Pacific Standard Time.  You will not be refunded your entry fee for any drops after this date.  Due to the nature of this tournament, there will be *absolutely no adds* at registration.  We do not accept email entries. Unpaid entries will not be allowed to compete- so please send in your money ahead of time- you will be placed on a wait-list regarding entries until payment is received.

Please enter your squad on Tabroom.com as soon as possible (and when available). We take entries on a first-come, first-served basis and the tournament will likely fill up before the official deadline. While we will make every effort to accept all entrants, it may be necessary to limit entry in some popular events. We will take as many entries, up to 50 per event, with all other additional students being placed on a waitlist.

Schools are required to bring qualified judges. One judge will cover two debate teams, four Public Forum debate teams, or two Lincoln-Douglas debaters. Schools are required to provide one judge for every two debate teams in elimination rounds up to one round past that school's dropping from competition. Because all balloting will be done online, ALL JUDGES MUST BE SIGNED UP FOR A TABROOM.COM ACCOUNT. Judges that are not listed on Tabroom will be dropped from the pool, so make sure you have them sign up when you sign them up.

Please call if you have any questions about your judging obligations. Schools will pay a penalty for uncovered judges: $50 per uncovered judge in all events. Schools will also be fined $50 per round for missed ballots. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE bring your own qualified critics. While there will be some available for hire, we would much rather have your critics than your money. And while we can’t demand you bring qualified and helpful judging- wait, I CAN require that. Bring judges that know what they’re doing.

The tournament committee will resolve any disputes that arise during the tournament.

Registration (this should merely be verification of who is attending as you will have already entered and paid) will be held on-site on Saturday, Spetpember 16th from 7a, to 9am in the Sobrato Learning Commons.

Send checks with entry fees to the address below or bring them with you to our on-site registration.

Speech and Debate Director

c/o Sam Haley-Hill

Saint Francis High School

1855 Miramonte Ave

Mountain View, CA, 94040

We hope to make the Robert Garcia Invitational a successful and exciting tournament. With your help, it will be done. We are looking forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Sam Haley-Hill John Foy Laurel Goycoolea

Forensics Moderator Forensics Assistant Forensics Assistant

TOURNAMENT EVENTS

Debate Pattern

\*       Team Debate

\*       Lincoln-Douglas Debate

\*       Public Forum Debate

DEBATE RESOLUTIONS

Policy Debate:

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its funding and/or regulation of elementary and/or secondary education in the United States.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate:

Resolved: In the United States, national service ought to be compulsory.

Public Forum Debate:

Resolved: Deployment of anti-missile systems is in South Korea’s best interest.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Please remind students to stay on campus during the competition. We will sell a variety of foods at reasonable prices. We also ask that students respect the campus and classrooms. Rooms will be monitored and any student found tampering with any items disqualified, as will the *entirety of their team competing*. The judge should be the first to enter and the last to exit the classroom. Judges will be asked to turn in the names of students violating this rule. We are trying to keep tournament costs to a minimum; any damage to property will result in disqualification. Moreover, in concurrence with California law, any student caught smoking in view of the campus will be disqualified as well.

ENTRY LIMITS PER SCHOOL

A limit of four entrants per event, with others added to a wait-list.

Questions can be directed to Sam Haley-Hill at samhaley-hill@sfhs.com

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School Fee $50.00

Lincoln-Douglas Debate $30.00

Team Debate $60.00

Public Forum Debate $60.00

Uncovered Judges: $150.00 PER ENTRY

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**Director of Speech and Debate**

**c/o Sam Haley-Hill**

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**Saturday**

7am-9am: Registration

9am-10:30am Round 1 of LD and PF

9am-11:30am Round 1 of Policy Debate

11am-12:30pm Round 2 of LD and PF

11:30-1:30 Round 2 of Policy Debate

12:30pm-1:30pm - **LD and PF Lunch**

1:30-2:30 - **Policy Lunch**

1:30- 3 Round 3 of PF and LD

2:30-4:30 Round 3 of Policy Debate

4:30-6 Round 4 of PF and LD

5-7:30 Round 4 of Policy Debate

**Sunday**

9am-10:30pm - Round 5 of PF and LD

9am-11:30pm - Round 5 of Policy Debate

11:30-12 - Awards

12-1:30 First Elim for PF and LD

12-2:30 First Elim for Policy

**1:30-3pm Lunch**

3pm-4:30pm -  Second Elim for LD and PF

3pm -5:30pm - Second Elim for Policy

5-6:30pm - Third Elim for LD and PF

7-8:30pm - LD and PF Finals

6pm-8:30pm - Policy Debate Finals