

# **The Navy and Old Gold Debate and Speech Exhibition**

**Holy Cross School**

**5500 Paris Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70122**

August 1, 2017

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Administration, Faculty and Students of Holy Cross School, as well as the Brother Aiden O'Reilly, C.S.C Debating Society, it is my pleasure to extend to you an invitation for you and your students to attend the 2017 edition of the Navy and Old Gold Debate and Speech Exhibition to be held on September 29th and September 30th on the campuses of Holy Cross School in New Orleans, La. and the University of New Orleans.

Please note that The Navy and Old Gold Debate and Speech Exhibition is a Finals qualifier for the National Tournament of Champions (TOC) in Public Forum and and a semis qualifier in Lincoln Douglas Debate. We are also a qualifier to the TOC in Speech and a bid tournament for the NIETOC. . The tournament is also a qualifier for the Louisiana High School Speech League Tournament of Champions in all sanctioned events. We will again offer a division of debate in the World Schools format.

Speech events will be held on Friday and Saturday with each guaranteed 4 preliminary rounds for each event before going into the required elimination rounds depending on the entry. Debate will have six preliminary rounds.

ALL debaters may only enter that event - no cross entries will be allowed. Brackets will not be broken in any debate event.

We will have a limited number of hired judges available for the tournament. Please indicate a need for hiring via email. In addition, anyone wishing to be hired by The Navy and Old Gold Debate and Speech Exhibition should email Byron Arthur at [barthur@holycrosstigers.com](mailto:barthur@holycrosstigers.com)

The Lincoln Douglas topic will be the September/October NFL topic.

The Policy topic will be the high school 2017-2018 Policy topic.

The Public Forum Debate topic will be the NFL topic for September/October. Please note that for Public Forum we will not flip for sides. In addition, the preparation time per team will be four minutes for this event.

Initial entry on the website is necessary. NO phone or fax entries will be accepted. Entries will be accepted until 5:00 pm on Friday September 15<sup>th</sup>. We will only be accepting entries and changes on line. See the information page about specific drop deadlines and fees.

We have begun a tradition of recognizing a parent, volunteer, or supporter of debate and speech with the Delores Taylor Arthur Award. Please nominate a worthy recipient for recognition at the tournament.

Sincerely,

Byron R. Arthur  
Holy Cross Class of 1983  
Director of Debating  
[barthur@holycrosstigers.com](mailto:barthur@holycrosstigers.com)

James D. Sixkiller  
Chairman  
Brother Aiden O'Reilly Debating Society