Dear Coaches,

The La Salle College High School Speech and Debate Team is proud to invite you to the 2017 La Salle Forum Invitational Speech & Debate Tournament on Saturday, December 9, 2017.

Online registration opens on October 5th, 2017!  This year, we are again using Tabroom.com.  The direct link for the tournament information and online registration is <http://lschsforum.Tabroom.com>.  The registration information, event rules, congress legislation information, and more details are posted on the pages available on the right side of the Website.  A few key reminders are included at the end of this invitation as well.

**Entries are due Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 6:00 PM - please note that entry fees and judge obligations will be frozen at that time.  Your judge names will be due by Wednesday December 7th at 4:00 PM. Any additional changes will result in a Nuisance fine starting on Wednesday, December 7th at 4:00 PM.**   Thank you for understanding that these deadlines allow us to best prepare for a smooth tournament.  **Our plan is to release speech schematics on Friday, December 9th** to help expedite the beginning of the tournament on Saturday, but your cooperation with the deadlines will be needed to accomplish this goal.  If you know you will be hiring judges, please request those hires ASAP in tabroom. Just because you have requested a hire does not guarantee the tournament will be providing you a judge – I will do my best to fill the tournament with as many qualified critics as I can.

Once again, we also plan to make **online ballots available in the debate events** and will be contacting registered judges in advance of the tournament if they don't already have a linked Tabroom.com account.

Our beautiful and brand new Glaser Student Center is completed and ready for our use. We look forward to hosting you at our spacious Wyndmoor campus on December 9th!

Peace,
-Mike

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# Important Tournament Notes

**Events** – We will again offer all NCFL events at both the Varsity and JV divisions as well as a few exceptions/additions.  All speech events will follow NSDA rules, with two exceptions – Varsity OI and Declamation.

As always, we may decide to collapse events/divisions if numbers necessitate.

**Topics & Legislation** –

* **Policy Debate** will use the 2017-18 Resolution, 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** will use the November-December topic.
* **Public Forum** will use the December topic.
* Topic Areas for **Extemp** will be published by December 1st.
* **Congressional Debate** all legislation emailed to McCabeM@lschs.org by November 28th. Each school may submit up to 2 pieces of legislation for debate. NOTE CHANGE: THE PCFL PACKET WILL NOT BE USED. PCFL SCHOOLS MUST SUBMIT A PIECE OF LEGISLATION IF THEY’D LIKE TO DEBATE IT.

**Waitlists** – Due to our space limitations, we have some initial event and school caps in place.  Students will be added from the event waitlists in the order that they were registered.  In past years we have been able to accommodate most of the students initially waitlisted.

**Double-Entry** – Double-Entry is permitted in most Speech events.  We will again allow double-entry for JV speech students but we stress that inexperienced students should not double-enter!

**Entry Fees** – Entry fees are $10 per student.  Two person teams (Duo, PFD, CX) are $20.

**Judges** – All judge names will be due on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 4:00 PM.  Please include Judge cell phone numbers so that we can contact a judge during the tournament and a brief description of their experience to help with our judge assignments.  A limited number of hired judges will be available ($100 for Speech/Congress and $125 for CX/LD/PF).  Requests must be made through your school’s registration on Tabroom.com and will be fulfilled in order of request.

**Concessions** – This year we will share the facility with a Wrestling Tournament as we have a few times in recent years.  The La Salle Forum will not be collecting Pizza orders as the Wrestling Parents will be handling the student concessions throughout the day. For coaches and judges, the La Salle Forum Parents are happy to host you once again with a wonderful spread of breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks in the faculty room of the Student Center.