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# Holy Redeemer Speech and Debate

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The coaching staff and team of Holy Redeemer High School Speech and Debate are pleased to invite you to a tournament to be held on **Holy Redeemer campus in Wilkes-Barre, PA on Saturday, April 7th**. We are calling our invitational 'The Redeem Yourself Tournament,' and we will be running a variety of events as an opportunity for teams to prep for nats, or just try out something new.

In addition to a deep judging pool of alumni judges, we will be hosting all debate and speech events with an experienced tab room staff that will be dedicated to keeping the tournament running on time, so awards stay on schedule, and you can get your teams to their dinners. Our parent's organization is running a stellar judge's lounge stocked with goodies and they've also got a few cool surprises at the snack stand for the competitors. We are also allowing (and encouraging) triple entry in speech events - we value competitors willing to stretch their limits and try new events. Plus, since this tournament is post nat-quals, we're hoping competitors who aren't focusing on nationals might be willing to try new events.

So. The highlights:

- Deep judging pool of alumni judges
- Stellar judge's lounge and student concession stand
- Triple entry in speech events (unfortunately not debate, also BOTH Extemp and Comm is a no-go. Students can do either of these with other speech events, both together.)
- Post nat-quals for either practice or branching out, depending on your student's needs
- Excellent Tab staff dedicated to running on time
- Post finals/preawards tournament-wide entertainment
- Plus a few surprises we just aren't willing to spill at the moment
- We are additionally running Radio Announcing, Crisis Management (Created by Meyers), and Extemp Commentary.

We welcome any questions or concerns you may have regarding the tournament and hope to see you on April 7th! Full invite is on TabRoom.com (it's called the "Redeem Yourself" Tournament at Holy Redeemer High School) or you can email and ask for a copy directly. Thanks for all you do,

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### Tournament Specifics

- Date:** Saturday April 7th, 2018
- Location:** Holy Redeemer High School, Wilkes-Barre, PA
- Registration Deadline:** Wednesday April 4th, 2017 at 9pm
- Registration:** 7:30 - 8:15 am Saturday Morning, in the Auditorium Lobby
- Method of Registration:** Tabroom.com
- Name on Tabroom:** "Redeem Yourself" Tournament at Holy Redeemer High School
- Triple Entry:** Allowed for all speech competitors (except Congress) **\*\*Note:** Students may NOT enter in BOTH Extemp AND Extemp COMMENTARY. These students may have multiple speech entries, just not in both of those events.
- Other Notes:** We are allowing Original Poetry to be entered in our poetry division, no league or district rules regarding poetry sources will be followed.
- Cost:** \$12 School Fee (Covers entry into Team Sweepstakes)  
\$8 per individual speech entry  
\$16 per Duo team, Public Forum team or Policy team  
\$8 per LD entry  
\$24 per Parli Debate team
- Drop Fees:** \$5 After Thursday, April 5th
- Each judge covers:**  
Up to and including 5 slots in Speech and/or Congress  
Up to and including 2 slots in Debate

\*A limited number of additional judges can be hired for any uncovered slots at \$20 per uncovered speech slot, \$25 per uncovered debate slot. We must be notified by Wednesday April 4th.

### The Schedule:

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| 7:30 - 8:15 | Registration   |
| 8:30        | Opening meeting  |
| 9am         | Speech Round One & Debate Round One & Congress Session 1 |

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| 10:30     | Speech Round Two & Debate Round Two                        |
| 11:45     | END of Congress Session One                                |
| 12pm      | Speech Round Three & Debate Round Three & Congress Lunch   |
| 1:30 pm   | Lunch for Speechers and Debaters                           |
| 2:30/ASAP | Finals (announced on facebook and in the auditorium lobby) |
| 3:45 pm   | Tournament entertainment in the Auditorium                 |
| ASAP      | Awards   |

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** The administrators of Holy Redeemer High School require that we have your school's Certificate of Liability Insurance (or any form that indicates your students are covered by your school's insurance).

**Lincoln-Douglas Topic:** March/April Resolution

**Public Forum Topic:** April Resolution

**Definition of Novice:** Any competitor in the 9th grade (or lower), or any person in their first year of competition.

Congress Bills are due by March 28th at 5pm. They will be available on Tabroom.com by March 29th at 8am. Please email bills to: [jeffrey.niemiec72@gmail.com](mailto:jeffrey.niemiec72@gmail.com)

#### Lunch

We are selling lunch tickets for students both ahead of time and the day of the tournament. If you know how many lunch tickets you will need during your registration, please mark that down (Estimations are fine). We are especially interested to know if the number of lunch tickets your team needs is zero - we don't want to have loads more pizza on hand than we need. Lunch tickets are \$6 each.

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The Events:

We will be offering:

**Speech:**

Dramatic Interpretation of Literature  
DUO Interpretation  
Extemporaneous Speaking  
Extemp Commentary  
Impromptu Speaking  
Original Oratory  
Poetry Interpretation (Allowing for Original Poetry alone or combined with published)  
Prose Interpretation  
Declamation  
Student Congress  
Crisis Management (A Meyers High School Original Event!)

**Debate:**

Lincoln-Douglas Debate  
Parliamentary Debate  
Public Forum Debate

Since this is after both State Qualifiers and National Qualifiers, we will only be offering an open division, but allow for a novice designation. If numbers permit, we will acknowledge a top novice at awards.

Further queries may be directed to Jes Niemiec at **(570)954-8846** or **jesniemiec@gmail.com**

We hope to see you at Holy Redeemer on April 7th! It's never too late to Redeem Yourself....  
(except if you register after April 4th)