Dear Coaches and Moderators,

It gives me great pleasure to invite you and your team to the **Sterner Steel City Invitational** on Saturday, December 16th, 2017 at Central Catholic High School in Pittsburgh, PA. Registration will be in front of the Bookstore on the Main Floor (as you enter from the Quadrangle and Parking Lot) and will run from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m. The awards ceremony is scheduled to begin as close to 5:00 p.m. as possible. We are happily looking forward to hosting schools from the Pittsburgh NSDA and CFL Districts, as well as from the PHSSL and beyond.

An exciting feature of this year’s tournament will be the use of new classrooms and competition spaces found in the state of the art Zupancic Family Center (STEM) adjacent to the Main Building. In addition, upon arrival to Central Catholic, you will also note many physical improvements to our campus, including ramps and redesigned staircases providing much enhanced access from the parking lot.

Please find all of the tournament details and registration information on the Tabroom.com website. The registration fee is $5.00 per student and $10.00 per school, please make all checks payable to **Central Catholic High School.** Lunch will be available to students for purchase and to judges and coaches courtesy of our parents’ association.

Additional information regarding judging requirements and events can be found below.

So, please plan to send your team for what promises to be a great conclusion to the 2017 calendar year. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

*Brother Kevin*

Director of Forensics

**Events Offered**

NOTE: All events will use NSDA rules except for Oral Interpretation which will use CFL rules.

Congress

Extemp

Dramatic Interpretation

Humorous Interpretation

Duo Interpretation

Oral Interpretation (Prose and Poetry combined)

Original Oratory

Lincoln Douglas Debate (Will be using the November/December topic)

Public Forum Debate (Will be using December topic)

Parliamentary Debate (Prepared: This House should remain in NAFTA. | Extemp areas: US Economy, Latin America, Crime, Genetics)

Policy Debate (Will be using the 2017-2018 Education topic)

**Judge Requirements**

1 judge per two entries in all debate events (LD, PFD, Parli, Policy)

1 judge per four entries in all speech events (Dramatic, Humorous, Duo, Oral, and Original Oratory)

**Schedule**

Registration 7:30 – 8:15

**Debate**

Round 1: 8:30 AM

Round 2: 9:45 AM

Round 3: 11:00 AM

Lunch: 12:00 PM

Round 4: 1:00 PM

Final: 2:30 PM

Awards: 4:30 PM

**Speech**

Extemp Draw: 8:30 AM

Congress Morning Session: 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Round 1: 9:00 AM

Round 2: 10:30 AM

Lunch: Whenever you have time

Round 3: 1:00 PM

Congress Afternoon Session: 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Finals: 2:30 PM

Awards: 4:30 PM

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