

January 27, 2010

Dear Colleagues:

The District One Tournament of the Pennsylvania High School Speech League will be held **at Pine-Richland High School on Saturday, February 27, 2010**. We cordially invite you and your team to participate in this tournament which qualifies students for the P.H.S.S.L. State Tournament, scheduled for March 12-13, 2010 at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, PA. **(PLEASE NOTE: The state tournament is being held two weeks earlier this year...and will take place only two weeks after the qualifier.)**

The **deadline for submission of all entries is Tuesday, February 23**. Please note that **entries must be received by that date or they will not be accepted**.

Tournament registration will begin at 7:45 AM on February 27th and conclude at 8:30. There will be three rounds of competition in all events with final rounds scheduled in speech as entries permit.

Here are other specific tournament details, times, and quotas...

Events Offered: Informative (7 minutes maximum), Persuasive, Extemporaneous, Commentary (5 minutes maximum), Prose, Poetry, Dramatic Interp, Humorous Interp, Duo Interp, Policy Debate, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Public Forum Debate...and, for the first time, the newest PHSSL event, Parliamentary Debate

--Note that entries are limited to **2 students/entries from each school in each event**.

--Be aware that P.H.S.S.L. rules require that copies (preferably typed) of all Informative and Persuasive speeches, complete with a title page signed by the coach and student declaring it is an original speech, **and** a bibliography must be submitted with the registration form or be turned in to the District Chairman prior to Round I.

**** ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR EACH EVENT ARE OUTLINED IN THE P.H.S.S.L. CONSTITUTION AND ON ALL BALLOTS WHICH WERE PUBLISHED IN THE COMMUNICATOR. These are available on line at www.phssl.org or at www.susqu.edu/programs/phssl/publications.****

All competitors and judges are asked to purchase lunch tickets (cost is \$5.00) before Round I.

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TOURNAMENT TIME SCHEDULE:

8:30 AM.....Registration ends
8:45Extemp & Commentary Draw and Judges' Meeting
9:00.....Round I- all events
10:15.....Round II
11:15.....Round III
12:00 NOON....Lunch
1:00-1:30 PM...Finals Posting
2:00.....Final Rounds- speech
3:30.....Awards Ceremony

NOTE: The debate events schedule may vary from the speech schedule.

Judging Quotas:
(Note change in speech quotas)

****Speech- 1 judge for 1-3 contestants
2 judges for 4-6 contestants, etc.
plus one (1) additional speech judge**
(i.e.- 3 total contestants = 2 judges, 6 contestants = 3 judges,
12 contestants = 5 judges, 18 contestants = 7 judges,
20 contestants = 8 judges)
The increased speech judging quota from previous years will allow for more flexibility in scheduling judges.
PLEASE NOTE: All Public Forum judges will come from the speech pool, unless indicated on your registration.

****Lincoln Douglas Debate- 1 judge for 1-2 contestants
**Policy Debate- 1 judge for 1 or 2 teams
Parliamentary Debate- same quota as Policy Debate

Registration forms for the district tournament can be found in the January, 2010 edition of The Communicator. Make certain that you send in your tournament registration on the official PHSSL form! **Remember that only qualified and experienced judges are to be included in your entry.** Once again this year, District One judges will judge District Two contestants, and vice-versa.

The entry fee is \$35.00 per school or \$3.00 per contestant, whichever is larger. Make all checks payable to: Hugh P. Ringer. Please make every effort to submit the entry fee in full at registration.

Please mail or fax entries to either my address or the fax number listed below so that all entries reach me by Tuesday, February 23.

Hugh P. Ringer Fax #- 724-662-2993
Mercer Area High School
545 West Butler Street
Mercer, PA 16137

If you need to contact me at home with questions or changes in registration my home phone number is 724-662-3094 and my e-mail address is hpr@zoominternet.net In the event that you have changes or an emergency on the day of the tournament (2/27/10), I will have my cell phone on from 6:30 AM to 8:45 AM. The number is 724-699-2390.

****PLEASE DO NOT CALL MERCER HIGH SCHOOL WITH QUESTIONS.
I AM RETIRED!****

The Tab Room will be staffed by Fr. Raymond Hahn (debates) from Cathedral Prep, Bob Hall (speech) from Fairview, Linda Camlin (speech) from Jamestown, and me.

We look forward to seeing you at Pine-Richland on February 27th.

Sincerely,

Hugh Ringer, District 1 Chairman