

Pine-Richland Invitational

January 2012

Dear Director of Forensics:

Your team is cordially invited to attend the Pine-Richland Forensics Tournament, which will be held on **January 21, 2012, at Pine-Richland High School and Middle School in Gibsonia, PA.** Tournament rounds will be held at both the middle and the high schools. Registration is being taken on-line only at www.varsityspeech.com. The tournament password is PR2012.

We will have three preliminary rounds in speech competitions and break to final rounds. In addition, there will be three rounds in debate hosted at the Middle School. Congress also will be offered at the Middle School. Bills will be posted at pittsburghnfl.com.

Please read the following information carefully:

Location: All speech events will be held at Pine-Richland High School and debate events and Congress will be held at the adjacent middle school at 700 Warrendale Road in Gibsonia. The high school can be reached from the Red Belt directly off Rt 8, Rt 910, or I-279.

Categories:

1. Congress
2. Duo (NFL Rules)
3. Extemp. Speaking (Foreign & Domestic alternate rounds)
4. Humorous Dramatic Interp.
5. Lincoln-Douglas Debate (**a limit of 10 competitors per school**)
6. Poetry
7. Impromptu
8. Prose
9. Original Oratory
10. Serious Dramatic Interp.
11. Public Forum (**a limit of 6 teams per school**)

NFL rules and time limits will be used in all speech events; NFL time limits and rules will be used in debate. **Please note the limits on LD and PF and no double entries, please.**

Registration Fees:

The registration fee will be five dollars (\$5) per speech and L-D contestants, and ten dollars (\$10) per two-person debate team and duo team. **Checks are to be made payable to Pine-Richland Activities Fund.**

Judges:

One qualified judge must be provided for every five students entered in the speech events or a fraction thereof.

5 students=1 judge

6 students=2 judges

One qualified judge must be supplied and specified for every two L-D competitors and every three public forum teams, and one qualified judge must be supplied for every 10 Congress competitors. **WHEN REGISTERING ONLINE, PLEASE SELECT ONE EVENT FOR EACH JUDGE.** High school students may not be used as judges. All judges are expected to stay for the entire tournament. If any judge leaves the tournament early, without providing a replacement, his/her school will be disqualified from competition.

Awards:

Top speakers in all speech and debate events will receive awards. Speech, Debate, and Overall sweepstakes awards will be presented.

Sweeps:

Results will be tabulated from the best performances of 10 of your pre-selected speech students, no more than two per event. Two pre-selected teams/individuals in L-D, Public Forum, and Congress students will be tabbed as debate sweeps. A sweepstakes form will be handed out at the registration table Saturday morning and should be returned before Round 1 begins to the registration table or the tab room.

Lunch:

Lunch tickets will be sold for \$5 prior to Round I in both the high school and middle school. We ask that you do not leave the campus for lunch. Snacks will be available all day at both the middle and high school. Coffee, doughnuts, and juice will also be sold before Round I. Lunch will be available from 12-2p.m at the high school only.

Time Schedule:

We are going to try our best to run our tournament on time. To help us, please make sure that you are on time. Call (724) 816-9611 if you are running late or have any drops.

Registration: 7:00-8:15 at both middle school (debate) and high school (speech)

Speech Schedule:

Extemp to Library: 8:45

Assembly in high school Atrium: 8:45-9:00

Round I: Speech: 9:00-10:15

Round II: Speech: 10:15-11:45

Round III: Speech: 11:45-12:15

Lunch: 12:00-2:00

Final Round Postings: 2:00

Final Round: 2:05

Assembly in Auditorium: 4:30

DEBATE ROUNDS will begin at 9:00 in the middle school and will be scheduled in progress.

Emergencies:

Should there be any emergency on the day of the tournament, please call the school at (724) 816-9611 so that we may adjust the schedule accordingly.

On-line Registration Deadlines:

The registration deadline is 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 19. We cannot guarantee space for all events so register as early as possible. **NO ADDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE.**

TO REGISTER ONLINE FOR THE PINE-RICHLAND TOURNAMENT, GO TO VARSITYSPEECH.COM, CLICK ON P-R TOURNAMENT AND USE THE PASSWORD: PR2012 (the PR should be capitalized)

REMINDERS! VERY IMPORTANT!

- **SPEECH COMPETITORS AND JUDGES SHOULD REGISTER AT THE HIGH SCHOOL AND DEBATE COMPETITORS AND JUDGES SHOULD REGISTER DIRECTLY AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL.**
- EVERYONE MUST BUY LUNCH TICKETS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL OR MIDDLE SCHOOL BEFORE ROUND ONE.
- SNACKS AND DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL.
- THERE WILL BE JUDGES' ROOMS AT BOTH SCHOOLS.
- **LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT THE HIGH SCHOOL ONLY. DEBATE AND CONGRESS COMPETITORS AND JUDGES WILL NEED TO WALK DOWN TO THE HIGH SCHOOL FOR LUNCH AND THEN BACK UP TO THE MIDDLE SCHOOL TO COMPLETE ROUNDS.**
- No double entries.
- Report all irregularities to tab rooms.
- DO NOT smoke on school grounds.
- DO NOT open emergency exits.
- Turn off all cell phones and beepers during rounds.
- Walk quietly in the hallways so as not to disturb competitors.
- **Judges MUST return completed ballots to the Tab Room promptly.**
- Keep all food and drink in the cafeteria.
- Clear tables after lunch.