

December 2022

Dear Coaches,

Best wishes to all in this holiday season, in what we hope has been a "getting-back-to-normal" school year. And part of "getting back to normal" is hosting the Chaminade Invitational Tournament in person!

Chaminade High School is happy to announce that the 76th Annual Chaminade Invitational Speech Tournament will take place on Saturday, January 7, 2023. The tournament will take place, in person, at Chaminade High School.

LIVE DOC: To keep everyone informed, we will establish a Live Doc, which we will update. When we send out the information, please share the Live Doc with all competitors. We will provide instructions in the Live Doc.

EVENTS: Varsity Extemporaneous Speaking, JV Extemporaneous Speaking, Original Oratory, Dramatic Performance, Varsity Oral Interpretation of Literature, JV Oral Interpretation of Literature, Oratorical Declamation, Duo Interpretation, Program of Oral Interpretation, and Student Congress.

ENTRANTS: unlimited. All entries will be placed on a waiting list. Because the Chaminade Tournament has a long history of support, we will give preference to schools that have been to the tournament in the past, schools in New York State, and schools that have hosted Chaminade at their tournaments. After that, other schools will be admitted. If registration is too large, we may ask some schools to limit their registration.

JUDGES: Each school must provide **one judge for every FIVE speakers or fraction thereof**. For the purpose of determining judges, a Duo team counts as ONE speaker. **If schools compete in Student Congress, they must supply one judge regardless of the number of students they bring.** A limited number of judges are available for hire. The cost will be \$100 per judge. We will determine the hired judges in late December.

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FEES: The registration fee is \$15.00 per speaker. For determining fees, a duo team counts as TWO speakers. Make all checks payable to CHAMINADE HIGH SCHOOL. Please mail the check to: Mrs. Tina Smith, Chaminade High School, 340 Jackson Avenue, Mineola, NY 11501. Schools in the Rockville Centre League will have their fees taken care of by the League. Unless you have made other arrangements, fees must be paid before the start of the tournament, or students may not compete.

ROUNDS: It is our plan to have three rounds before lunch and a final round after lunch. If time permits and if the registration in certain categories is particularly large, we **may** have a semifinal round in those categories. There will be two rounds of Student Congress, followed by a supersession. We hope to be done by 6:00 pm. In order to finish up by 6:00 p.m., it is imperative that all judges keep to the time schedule. Please be sure that your judges know how to judge using Tabroom and have the correct technology to do so.

congress BILLS: All Congress bills should be sent to tsmith@chaminade-hs.org, by 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20, 2022. Schools may submit two (2) bills. If you submit two bills, please label one bill for prelims and one for finals. All legislation must be in appropriate format. We will publish the docket on http://www.lifa.org by Tuesday night, January 3, 2023.

AWARDS: Individual awards and sweepstakes awards will be presented at the end of the tournament. The two highest point scorers in each event will count towards sweepstakes totals. New York State half-qualifications will be awarded according to NYSFL regulations.

LUNCH: Coaches and judges will be guests of Chaminade. Students will be able to purchase lunch in the cafeteria.

PRE-REGISTRATION: You should register online at http://www.tabroom.com.

Registration closes and fees are frozen at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 4, 2023. You will not be permitted to add speakers after that time. You must also provide the same number of judges that you indicated on your initial registration; failure to do so could result in a \$150.00 fine per judge, plus the cost of hiring judges to cover your obligation.

If we have received your fees, your school should confirm via Tabroom on January 7, from 8:15 – 8:45 a.m. If we have not received your fees, you should check in at the main lobby at Chaminade by 8:45 a.m.

We look forward to welcoming you back to Chaminade High School after a long absence!

Sincerely yours,

Bro. Stephen Balletta, S.M.

Ms. Crystal Cepeda, Mr. William Clemens, Mr. Domenick Ciccoio, Ms. Lindsay McCoy,

Bro. Dermot Meehan, S.M., Ms. Jordan Rindenow, Mrs. Tina Smith

Directions to Chaminade High School

1. From New York City: Take the Long Island Expressway (495) East to Exit 35 (Shelter Rock Road, South)

OR

2. Take Grand Central Parkway (also known as Northern State Parkway in Nassau County) to Exit 27 (Shelter Rock Road, South).

Once on Shelter Rock Road, turn right at the fifth or sixth light (depending on whether you take LIE or Northern State), onto Herricks Road. Continue south for four lights, and turn left (east) onto Jericho Turnpike (Route 25). Continue four lights to Saville Road. Turn right. Chaminade is on the right. Park along Saville or Jackson Avenue or across Jericho Turnpike in the parking lot. Enter by the main steps on Jackson Avenue.

PARKING:

There is a small parking lot on the corner of Jackson Avenue and Saville Road. This lot has parking spaces FOR CARS ONLY. There is a parking lot across Jericho Turnpike. You can park your buses and cars there.