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Our 52nd year

STATE TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- 1. REGISTER by March 8, 2013, at www.joyoftournaments.com**
- 2. NO PAPER REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
- 3. For each student in Informative and Persuasive speech events: you must send a copy of the speech, bibliography and cover sheet signed by the student and the coach declaring this to be an original speech to the State Office. See B7.6 and B8.6.**
- 4. FINANCES: Please calculate your registration fees from the Joy of Tournaments fee page and either mail or hand carry said fees to the State Office prior to the State Tournament.**
- 5. A late fee of \$50.00 will be assessed to any tournament registrants that register after 4 p.m. on Friday, March 8, 2013.**
- 6. A nuisance fee of \$50.00 will be assessed per entry dropped after 4:00 PM the Tuesday prior to the State Tournament (March 19, 2013). No charge for name changes in Impromptu, Radio Announcing and Student Congress.**
- 7. BE CERTAIN THAT YOUR CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE IS ON FILE AT THE STATE OFFICE.**
- 8. You must enter your Impromptu, Radio Announcing, and Student Congress: House student when you register on the *Joy of Tournaments* web site.
Do not enter a Student Congress: House student if you have not sent a bill/resolution to Ms. Alice Ursin at ursin@yahoo.com by January 25.**

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Forms can be found on the PHSSL website (www.phssl.org), or obtained by calling or emailing the State Office at 570-372-4300 or nevil@susqu.edu.

DIRECTOR'S PAGE

Here is the second PHSSL newsletter for 2012-2013. Most of the information in it deals with the District and State tournaments. **Do** pay attention to the established deadlines (all reported earlier in the first newsletter of this year--and again repeated in this edition of the newsletter). See **CALENDAR**.

All District Chairpersons should let me know how many pins and certificates are needed for their District Tournaments, and I'll see you get them. **Remember: Membership dues to the State Office are due no later than February 1. If dues are not in by the February 1 date you may NOT participate in Districts.** PHSSL will be supplying each District with a Sweepstakes award to be presented to the Most Outstanding School. Since District points are not considered in the tabulation of state awards, the creation of this District Sweepstakes Award was established. We are asking each District Chair to review the Checklist at the end of the District Bylaws section of the Binder. Also, the District Chairs are to announce the State Tournament qualifying students at their tournament so the students and schools know they are eligible to attend the State Tournament and can submit their registration form in a timely manner. **Remember: March 8 is the deadline for schools to register for the State Tournament.** No paper registrations will be accepted, **you must register through www.joyoftournaments.com.** See **CALENDAR**.

At this year's State Tournament on Friday evening, several events will be held at the Selinsgrove High School and Selinsgrove Elementary School (busing provided). There will be one prep room at the high school for Impromptu. The events taking place at the high school are: Impromptu, Duo Interpretation, Prose and Poetry. LD, Parliamentary Debate, & Persuasive Speaking will be held at the Selinsgrove Elementary School. Students are requested to keep single files. The **9:30 P.M. until 11:45 PM** buffet will again be available. The tentative schedule is included in this issue.

Let me remind everyone that the Executive Board will be holding its semi-annual spring meeting at Susquehanna University on Thursday, March 21. If you have any matter to be brought to the Board's attention, please communicate with your Board representative or let me know about the matter so it can be placed on the meeting's agenda. This particular Board meeting mainly discusses State Tournament concerns, and other matters are postponed until the July meeting.

Remember: (1) All Cross-X debate teams must be registered not later than 12:00 noon--those who aren't will forfeit Round I; (2) school codes will be dropped for the tournament; and (3) food items will be for sale at the Selinsgrove Area High School and Selinsgrove Area Elementary School for those participating in the events scheduled there on Friday evening.

I hope that all the tournaments, local and District, held in the next number of weeks turn out to be excellent ones! Again, thank you for all the extra and time-consuming work you put into forensics. The students and schools do really appreciate it! Hope to see you at the State Tournament in the spring.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- **Policy Debate may ONLY enter two two-person teams from Districts to the State Tournament.**
- **Informative and Persuasive Speaking: "Prior to each PHSSL tournament the student must send a copy of the speech, a bibliography, and a cover sheet signed by the student and coach declaring the speech to be original." See B7.6 & B8.6.**
- **Register for State Tournament through www.joyoftournaments.com ONLY. No paper copy will be accepted by the State Office.**
- **Student Congress: Senate has been added to District and State Tournament competition. Your students are now able to participate in Congress events at both tournaments.**
- **The PHSSL Handbook has been updated. Please be sure to visit the PHSSL website (www.phssl.org) to locate new forms and the handbook for the newly created State Congress: Senate competition. The website is still under construction and there will be lots of new additions in the future, however the following pages have current information available as provided: Contacts, Documents/Forms, and Calendar/Events.**

Larry D. Augustine
Executive Director

Pennsylvania High School Speech League

2013

January 1 - FIRST DAY TO E-MAIL CONGRESS BILLS/RESOLUTIONS

MS. ALICE URSIN

(Email as MS Word Document attachment to ajursin@yahoo.com)

January 9 - District 4 Senate and Policy Qualifiers

Norwin High School, North Huntingdon

(Contact: Mary Ann Berty, germar02@verizon.net)

January 12 - The Blue, Maroon, and White Invitational Tournament

Shikellamy High School, Sunbury

(Contact: Ellen Boyer, boyere@shikbraves.org)

January 16 - District 4 Parliamentary and Lincoln Douglas Qualifiers

Norwin High School, North Huntingdon

(Contact: Mary Ann Berty, germar02@verizon.net)

January 19 - The Dr. Martin Luther King Speech and Debate Tournament

E.L. Meyers High School, Wilkes-Barre

(Contact: Kimberly D. Borland, kborland@borlandandborland.com)

January 21 - LAST DAY TO E-MAIL CONGRESS BILLS/RESOLUTIONS

MS. ALICE URSIN IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN STATE TOURNAMENT (REQUIRED)

(Email as MS Word Document attachment to ajursin@yahoo.com)

January 26 - 39th Annual Mercer Invitational

Mercer Area High School, Mercer

(all speech events, including Public Forum)

(Contact: Hugh Ringer, hpr@zoominternet.net)

February 1 - PHSSL MEMBERSHIP DUES/FEES DEADLINE

(Money must be received by the state office by this date for you to participate in the district and/or state tournaments)

February 8-9 - Bethel Park Black Hawk Tournament

Bethel Park High School, Bethel Park

(Contact: Alice Ursin, ajursin@yahoo.com)

February 9 - District 6 and 7 Policy Debate Qualifiers

Messiah College, Mechanicsburg

(Contact: Kathy Gingerich-District 6, kgingerich@wssd.k12.pa.us or Nathan Lawver-District 7, Nrlawver@yahoo.com)

February 15 - District 14 and 5 Qualifiers

Richland High School, Johnstown

(Contact: Holly Smith-District 14, smithh1@pcam.org)

Tanya Lucas-District 14, tlucas@altoonasd.com)

(Contact: Kasey Connor-District 5, Kconnor@sssd.com)

Missy Livermore-District 5, melsto@mail.fhds.k12.pa.us
Angie Sloan-District 5, ams@whsd.org)

February 16 - District 9 Tournament

Midd-West High School, Middleburg
(Contact: Ellen Boyer, boyer@shikbraves.org)

February 16 - District 4 Speech and Public Forum Qualifiers

Trinity High School, Washington
(Contact: Mary Ann Berty, germar02@verizon.net)

February 16 - District 6 and 7 Speech, Public Forum, Lincoln Douglas, Parliamentary Events

Messiah College, Mechanicsburg
(Contact: Kathy Gingerich-District 6, kgingerich@wssd.k12.pa.us
Nathan Lawver-District 7, Nrlawver@yahoo.com)

February 22 - District 3 Policy Qualifiers

Bethel Park High School, Bethel Park
(Contact: Alice Ursin, ajursin@yahoo.com)

February 23 - District 3 Speech, Public Forum, and Lincoln Douglas Qualifiers

Peters Township High School, McMurray
(Contact: Alice Ursin, ajursin@yahoo.com)

February 23 - District 11 and 12 Tournament

St. Joseph Preparatory, Philadelphia
(Contact: Raymond Shay-District 11, ShayR@LSCHS.org
Terrence Roche-District 12, Roche@nazarethAcademyHS.org)

February 23 - District 8 Tournament

Abington Height High School, Clarks Summit
(Contact: Dave Long, longdr@hotmail.com)

February 23 - District 2 Qualifiers

Pine-Richland High School, Gibsonia
(Contact: Jeff Byko, jbyko@pinerichland.org)

February 26 - District 3 Senate Qualifiers

Bethel Park High School, Bethel Park
(Contact: Alice Ursin, ajursin@yahoo.com)

March 8 LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR STATE TOURNAMENT (www.joyoftournaments.com)

March 21 - Executive Board Meeting

Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove

March 22 & 23 - *** STATE TOURNAMENT *******

Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove

May 4 - Spartan Invitational

Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley
(Contact David Long: longdr@hotmail.com)

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: The Executive Board of the Pennsylvania High School Speech League will meet on March 21, 2013. These individuals are YOUR elected representatives and want to present and address your ideas and needs in handling the business of PHSSL's programs, activities, and policies. Therefore, if you have any concern or business matter that the Executive Board needs to review, please let your board representative or the PHSSL State Office know.

TOPICS

February Public Forum Debate Topic

Resolved: On balance, the rise of China is beneficial to the interests of the United States.

January Public Forum Debate Topic

Resolved: On balance, the Supreme Court decision in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission harms the election process.

2012-2013 Policy Debate Topic

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its transportation infrastructure investment in the United States.

January-February 2013 L-D Topic

Resolved: Rehabilitation ought to be valued above retribution in the United States criminal justice system.

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2013-2014 National High School Debate Topic

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its economic engagement toward Cuba, Mexico, or Venezuela.

DISTRICT LIST 2012-2013

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District 1 Cathedral Preparatory Fairview High School Jamestown Area High School Lakeview High School McDowell High School Meadville High School Mercer Area High School Mercyhurst Preparatory Slippery Rock Area High School	Hugh P. Ringer Mercer Area High School c/o 368 Sanbern Dr. Mercer, PA 16137 Bob Hall Fairview High School 7460 McCay Rd. Fairview, PA 16415-2401
District 2 Deer Lakes High School Fox Chapel Area High School Knoch High School Mars Area High School North Allegheny High School North Catholic High School Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School Pine-Richland High School Quigley Catholic High School Saint Joseph High School Sewickley Academy Shady Side Academy	Jeff Byko Pine-Richland High 700 Warrendale Rd. Gibsonia, PA 15044
District 3 Baldwin High School Bethel Park High School Bishop Canevin High School Keystone Oaks High School Lakeview Christian Academy Moon Area High School Mount Lebanon High School Oakland Catholic High School Peters Township High School PITT Allderdice High School PITT Central Catholic High School Upper Saint Clair High School West Allegheny High School	Alice Ursin Bethel Park High School 309 Church Rd. Bethel Park, PA 15102 Staceyanne Cawley Baldwin High School c/o 3543 Washington Pike Bridgeville, PA 15017
District 4 Belle Vernon Area High School Greater Latrobe High School Greensburg Salem High School Hempfield Area High School McKeesport Area High School Norwin High School The Kiski School Trinity High School Uniontown High School	Mary Ann Berty Trinity High School 231 Park Ave. Washington, PA 15301

DISTRICT LIST 2012-2013 (cont.)

<p>District 5 Berlin Brothers Valley High School Bishop McCort High School Central Cambria High School Conemaugh Twp Area High School Forest Hills High School North Star High School Richland Senior High School Rockwood High School Shade-Central City High School Shanksville-Stoneycreek High School Somerset Area High School Westmont Hilltop High School Windber Area High School</p>	<p>Kasey Connor Shanksville-Stoneycreek High School 1325 Corner Stone Rd. P.O. Box 128 Shanksville, PA 15560</p>
<p>District 6 Bible Baptist School Carlisle High School Cedar Cliff High School Cumberland Valley High School Hershey High School Mechanicsburg Area High School Red Land High School Trinity High School West Perry High School</p>	<p>Kathy Gingerich Redland Sr. High School 560 Fishing Creek Rd. Lewisberry, PA 17339</p>
<p>District 7 Central York High School Delone Catholic High School Gettysburg Area High School Lampeter-Strasburg High School South Western High School</p>	<p>Nathan Ryan Lawver Delone Catholic High School 140 S Oxford Ave. McSherrystown, PA 17344</p>
<p>District 8 Abington Heights High School Coughlin High School E L Meyers High School Elk Lake High School Holy Redeemer High School Lake-Lehman Jr/Sr High School Notre Dame High School Pocono Mountain West High Scranton High School Scranton Preparatory School Southern Lehigh High School</p>	<p>Keith Brosious Elk Lake High School P.O. Box 100 Dimock, PA 18816</p> <p>David Long Southern Lehigh High School 5800 Main St. Center Valley, PA 18034</p>
<p>District 9 Bloomsburg Area High School Danville High School Midd-West High School Sayre Area High School Selinsgrove Area High School Shikellamy High School Southern Columbia Senior High School State College High School Towanda Area High School</p>	<p>Ellen Boyer Shikellamy High School 6th & Walnut St.'s Sunbury, PA 17801</p>

DISTRICT LIST 2012-2013 (cont.)

<p>District 10 Conestoga High School Friends Central School Harriton High School Haverford High School Interboro High School Marple Newtown High School Plymouth Whitemarsh High School Sun Valley High School The Haverford School The Shipley School</p>	<p>Bonnie Perry Harriton High School c/o 130 Anton Rd. Wynnewood, PA 19096</p>
<p>District 11 Bishop McDevitt High School Germantown Friends School Gwynedd Mercy Academy Julia Reynolds Masterman Laboratory & Demonstration School LaSalle College High School Olney Charter High School Parkway West High School Saint Joseph's Preparatory The Episcopal Academy Upper Dublin High School Upper Merion Area High School</p>	<p>Ray Shay LaSalle College High School 8605 Cheltenham Ave. Wyndmoor PA 19038</p>
<p>District 12 Academy at Palumbo Bodine High School for International Affairs Constitution High School George Washington High School Holy Ghost Preparatory Nazareth Academy High School Pennsbury High School Truman High School William Tennent High School</p>	<p>Terry Roche Nazareth Academy High School 4001 Grant Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19114</p>
<p>District 14 Altoona Area High School Bellwood-Antis High School Blacklick Valley High School Cambria Heights High School Chestnut Ridge High School Conemaugh Valley High School Greater Johnstown High School Northern Cambria High School Penn Cambria High School</p>	<p>Holly Smith Penn Cambria High School 401 Linden Ave. Cresson, PA 16630</p> <p>Tanya Lucas Altoona Area High School 1415 6th Ave. Altoona, PA 16602</p>
<p>District 15 Bishop Shanahan High School Henderson High School Malvern Preparatory School Strath Haven High School The Hill School Unionville High School West Chester East High</p>	<p>Sue Hayes Unionville High School c/o 3 Hillspring Rd. Chadds Ford, PA 19317</p> <p>Marie Langevan Bishop Shanahan High School 220 Woodbine Rd. Downingtown, PA 19335</p>

2012-2013 INSURANCE FORMS RECEIVED

Insurance Forms from the following schools have been received by the State Office. The expiration date is noted next to each school; **those that expire prior to 3/23/2013 must provide an updated form before participating in the State Tournament.**

Abington Heights High School	7/1/2013	Malvern Preparatory School	9/9/2013
Altoona Area High School	7/1/2013	Marple Newtown High School	7/1/2013
Baldwin High School	7/1/2013	Mars Area High School	7/1/2013
Bayard Rustin High School	7/1/2013	Meadville High School	7/1/2013
Bellwood-Antis High School	7/1/2013	Mechanicsburg Area High School	7/1/2013
Berlin Brothers Valley High School	7/1/2013	Mercer Area High School	7/1/2013
Bible Baptist School	5/16/2014	Mid-West High School	7/1/2013
Bishop Canevin High School	2/1/2013	Moon Area High School	7/1/2013
Bishop McCort High School	4/1/2013	Mount Lebanon High School	7/1/2013
Bishop Shanahan High School	12/1/2013	Nazareth Academy High School	6/15/2013
Blacklick Valley High School	7/1/2013	North Catholic High School	2/1/2013
Bloomsburg Area High School	7/1/2013	North Star High School	9/18/2013
Camp Hill High School	7/1/2013	Northern Cambria High School	7/1/2013
Carlisle High School	7/1/2013	Norwin High School	7/1/2013
Central Cambria High School	10/1/2012	Oakland Catholic High School	2/1/2013
Central York High School	7/1/2013	Penn Cambria High School	7/1/2013
Conemaugh Twp Area High School	7/1/2013	Peters Township High School	7/1/2013
Conemaugh Valley High School	7/1/2013	Pine-Richland High School	7/1/2013
Conestoga High School	7/1/2013	Quigley Catholic High School	2/1/2013
Crestwood High School	7/1/2013	Richland Senior High School	7/1/2013
Dallastown Area High School	7/1/2013	Rockwood High School	8/23/2013
Danville High School	7/1/2013	Saint Joseph's Preparatory	7/1/2013
Delone Catholic High School	7/25/2013	Sayre Area High School	7/1/2013
E L Meyers High School	7/1/2013	Scranton High School	7/28/2013
Elk Lake High School	7/1/2013	Scranton Preparatory School	3/21/2013
Fairview High School	7/1/2013	Selinsgrove Area High School	7/1/2013
Ferndale Area High School	7/1/2013	Shade-Central City High School	7/1/2013
Forest Hills High School	7/1/2013	Shady Side Academy	7/1/2013
Fox Chapel Area High School	7/1/2013	Shanksville-Stoneycreek High School	7/1/2013
Franklin Towne Charter HS	9/13/2013	Shikellamy High School	7/1/2013
Gettysburg Area High School	7/1/2013	Somerset Area High School	7/1/2013
Greater Johnstown High School	7/1/2013	South Western High School	7/1/2013
Greensburg Salem High School	11/3/2013	Southern Lehigh High School	7/1/2013
Hempfield Area High School	7/1/2013	Sun Valley High School	7/1/2013
Henderson High School	7/1/2013	The Kiski School	1/1/2014
Holy Redeemer High School	7/1/2013	The Shipley School	2/1/2013
Indiana Area Senior High School	7/1/2013	Towanda Area High School	11/21/2013
Interboro High School	7/1/2013	Truman High School	7/1/2013
Iroquois High School	7/1/2013	Uniontown High School	7/1/2013
Keystone Oaks High School	7/1/2013	Upper Dublin High School	7/1/2013
Knoch High School	7/1/2013	Upper Saint Clair High School	7/1/2013
Lake-Lehman Jr/Sr High School	7/1/2013	West Allegheny High School	7/1/2013
Lakeview Christian Academy	8/10/2014	West Chester East High	7/1/2013
Lakeview High School	7/1/2013	Westmont Hilltop High School	7/1/2013
LaSalle College High School	6/15/2013	William Tennent High School	7/1/2013
Littlestown High School	7/1/2013	Windber Area High School	7/1/2013

STATE DRAMA FESTIVAL RESULTS

Congratulations to the schools who won at the District and Regional Drama Festivals held during the first semester of this school year. Also, thanks to all those schools who offered keen competition making the winners possible.

The citations offered at the State Drama Festival held at Susquehanna University on December 8 & 9, 2012, were as follows:

First Place:	Shikellamy High School
Second Place:	Abington Heights High School
Third Place:	Towanda High School
State Finalist:	Carlisle High School
State Finalist:	Peters Township High School
State Finalist:	West Allegheny High School

ALL STATE CAST

<u>Name</u>	<u>Play</u>	<u>High School</u>
Zoe McNichols	<i>Almost Maine</i>	Abington Heights High School
Zack Percy	<i>Almost, Maine</i>	Abington Heights High School
Abby Mapps	<i>Almost, Maine</i>	Abington Heights High School
Nick Kremp	<i>Almost, Maine</i>	Abington Heights High School
Christa Beveridge	<i>The Laramie Project</i>	Shikellamy High School
Shelby Snyder	<i>The Laramie Project</i>	Shikellamy High School
Rachel Dunderf	<i>Tall Tales</i>	Carlisle High School

PHSSL Offers Appreciation

The Pennsylvania High School Speech League wants to thank Susquehanna University and the Weber Chapel for the use of its facilities for the Annual State Drama Festival. A special thank you to PAUL A. SMITH, MIKE SWANK and AARON BOWERSOX for their technical help and assistance in the backstage operations. PHSSL also wants to thank the S.U. students who contributed to the success of the Festival. Without their help, the Festival would not have operated as smoothly as it did.

Also, the League is indebted to the five judges who gave their time and talent to evaluate the plays and select the All State Cast: 1. GEORGE CRAVITZ, Supervisor Student Teacher Interns, Adjunct Faculty Education, Director, Leadership Institute for Entrepreneurship, Advisor, Students in Free Enterprise, Sigmund Weis School of Business, Susquehanna University; 2. JOYCE HENDRICKS, Director of Musical Productions, Selinsgrove Area High School; 3. KEN KOPF, Professor of Communications/Information Systems; 4. MARTHA ROW, Past performer at Bloomsburg University, Dramatic Director and Forensic Coach, Saint Monica School; and 5. GERARD STROPNICKY, Director, writer and actor. Co-founder & Ensemble Director of Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble (BTE), the Network of Ensemble Theaters

ALL-STATE CASTS

(Last five years)

- 2012 Cory Schoonover, Towanda High School
Nicholas Spencer, Towanda High School
Diana Crowley, Abington Heights High School
Zoe McNichols, Abington Heights High School
Ben Shemory, Shikellamy High School
Daniel Snyder, Shikellamy High School
Starletta Noll-Long, Shikellamy High School
- 2011 Cory Schoonover, Towanda High School
Nicholas Spencer, Towanda High School
Diana Crowley, Abington Heights High School
Zoe McNichols, Abington Heights High School
Ben Shemory, Shikellamy High School
Daniel Snyder, Shikellamy High School
Starletta Noll-Long, Shikellamy High School
- 2010 Alicia Donahoe, Abington Heights High School
Annabeth Foucher, Westmont Hilltop High School
Ryan Glover, Westmont Hilltop High School
Andrew Kilpatrick, Westmont Hilltop High School
Marisha Lozada, West Scranton High School
- 2009 Olivia Berrigan, Trinity High School #6
Daniel Delgado, Shikellamy High School
Karl Dickey, Trinity High School #6
Marissa Henrie, Shikellamy High School
John McGovern, Peter's Township High School
Alexandra Swartz, Shikellamy High School
- 2008 Andrew Adamietz, Wyalusing Valley High School
Carla Bonilla, Shikellamy High School
Zack Evans, Westmont Hilltop High School
Victor Gowl, Shikellamy High School
Rakel Joyce, Abington Heights
Colleen Kane, Shikellamy High School

Past Drama Winners

2012	Shikellamy High School, Sunbury
2011	Shikellamy High School, Sunbury
2010	Westmont Hilltop High School, Johnstown
2009	Shikellamy High School, Sunbury
2008	Shikellamy High School, Sunbury
2007	Towanda High School, Towanda
2006	Towanda High School, Towanda
2005	Scranton High School, Scranton
2004	Shikellamy High School, Sunbury
2003	Shikellamy High School, Sunbury
2002	Wallenpaupack Area High School, Hawley
2001	Wallenpaupack Area High School, Hawley
2000	Scranton High School, Scranton
1999	Boiling Springs High School, Boiling Springs
1998	Westmont-Hilltop High School, Johnstown
1997	Scranton High School, Scranton
1996	Lancaster Catholic High School, Lancaster
1995	Westmont Hilltop High School, Johnstown
1994	Scranton High School, Scranton
1993	Lancaster Catholic High School, Lancaster
1992	Milton S. Hershey School, Hershey
1991	Scranton Central High School, Scranton
1990	Westmont Hilltop High School, Johnstown
1989	Scranton Central High School, Scranton
1988	Scranton Central High School, Scranton
1987	Harry S. Truman High School, Levittown
1986	Scranton Central High School, Scranton
1985	Lancaster Catholic High School, Lancaster
1984	Scranton Central High School, Scranton
1983	Harry S. Truman High School, Levittown
1982	Scranton Central High School, Scranton
1981(F)	Shikellamy High School, Sunbury
1981(S)	Boyertown High School, Boyertown
1980	Fox Chapel High School, Pittsburgh
1979	Shikellamy High School, Sunbury
1978	Shikellamy High School, Sunbury
1977	Council Rock High School, Newtown
1976	Scranton Central High School, Scranton
1975	Lancaster Catholic High School, Lancaster
1974	William Tennent High School, Lancaster
1973	Marple Newtown Senior High School, Newtown Square
1972	Council Rock High School, Newtown
1971	Marple Newtown Senior High School, Newtown Square
1970	Marple Newtown Senior High School, Newtown Square
1969	North Catholic High School, Pittsburgh
1968	Scranton Central High School, Scranton
1967	Scranton Central High School, Scranton

2012

**PARTICIPANTS IN THE
PENNSYLVANIA HIGH SCHOOL
SPEECH LEAGUE
DRAMA FESTIVALS**

(In alphabetical order)

**Abington Heights High School
Carlisle High School
Mid-West High School
North Allegheny High School
Peters Township High School
Shikellamy High School
Towanda High School
Trinity High School (#4)
Trinity High School (#6)
West Allegheny High School**

NFHS EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING TOPICS

November 2012

Domestic

Easier Topics

1. Should schools monitor the posts and tweets of their students?
2. Should corporal punishment be eliminated in those states that still permit it in schools?
3. Which political party now holds the greatest sway over Latino voters?
4. Are moderates being squeezed out of the American political process?
5. Should the federal government provide support for public radio and television?
6. Should the United States try to expand legal immigration?
7. Was the United States negligent in protecting its Consulate in Benghazi, Libya?
8. Will the 2012 elections change the perception of gridlock in Washington, DC?
9. Has the 2012 election season proven that social issues or economic issues are more important to voters?
10. Is the United States adequately prepared for foreign cyberattacks?
11. Has New York reached too far in its efforts to limit the availability of unhealthy foods?
12. Are new school lunch nutrition regulations unfair to the consumer?
13. Should the United States curtail the use of drone warfare?

More Difficult Topics

1. Can American workers anticipate growth in their wages anytime soon?
2. Should the process of conducting presidential debates be changed?
3. Are federal lawsuits against major American banks good or bad for the U.S. economy?
4. Has Tim Cook proven that Apple can survive without Steve Jobs?
5. What does the federal government need to do to avoid the "Fiscal Cliff"?
6. Is Mark Zuckerberg's "Move fast, break things" philosophy a recipe for business success?
7. Should foreign citizens be allowed to sue multinational corporations in United States courts?
8. With the 2012 elections at their conclusion, is it time to consider new campaign finance reforms?
9. Should the United States Food and Drug Administration increase regulations on pharmaceutical compounding facilities?
10. Are "reverse mortgages" an abuse of the elderly?
11. Will Lance Armstrong's recent troubles with blood-doping allegations undermine his charitable work?
12. Is the federal government doing enough to promote the development of electric cars?

International

Easier Topics

1. What can the world expect from China's new leadership team?
2. Is al Qaeda making a comeback?
3. Has Mahmoud Abbas been good for the cause of Palestinian statehood?
4. Who will be the likely winner in South Korea's upcoming presidential election?
5. Has the conflict in Syria become a stalemate?
6. Do economic problems present an opportunity for reformers to gain power in Iran?
7. Is Benjamin Netanyahu likely to remain Prime Minister for an additional term?

8. Are extreme nationalists gaining a voice in Japan?
9. Should Malaysia's Prime Minister, Najib Razak, call an early parliamentary election?
10. Can Saudi Arabia act to drive down the global price of oil?
11. Can Somalia's fledgling government expand its zone of control?
12. Is war likely to break-out between Syria and Turkey?
13. Should China's neighbors fear its new aircraft carrier?

More Difficult Topics

1. Despite his recent electoral win, is Hugo Chavez's control over Venezuela slipping?
2. Will the change in parliamentary leadership in Georgia change relations between Georgia and the United States?
3. Will the recently proposed peace plan to end conflict between the Philippines and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front succeed?
4. Is Julia Gillard losing her grip on power in the Australian parliament?
5. Is the Pakistani branch of the Taliban capturing the support of the Pakistani people?
6. Do China's stock markets need reform?
7. What steps should King Abdullah take to calm the political crisis in Jordan?
8. What can the Eurozone do to keep Greece afloat?
9. Is Britain's conservative party losing its common message?
10. Can Sudan and South Sudan reach a final accord that will bring peace along their border?
11. Is economic turmoil fueling a rise in right-wing extremism in Greece?
12. Can Libya curtail the strength of its militias?

December 2012

Domestic

Easier Topics

1. *Will the President and Congress reach an agreement to avoid the "fiscal cliff?"*
2. *Are higher taxes in Americans' future?*
3. *If Hillary Clinton steps down as Secretary of State, as expected, who should be appointed to succeed her?*
4. *If Leon Panetta steps down as Secretary of Defense, as expected, who should be appointed to succeed him?*
5. *Who is the leading contender to carry the Democratic Party's standard in the 2016 presidential election?*
6. *Who is the leading contender to carry the Republican Party's standard in the 2016 presidential election?*
7. *Can the Obama administration take credit for declining unemployment rates?*
8. *Should the United States declare China a "currency manipulator"?*
9. *Will the petition by Texas citizens to peaceably secede from the Union succeed?*
10. *Should federal regulators ban "5 Hour Energy" and similar products?*
11. *Was FEMA's response to Hurricane Sandy adequate?*
12. *Should David Petraeus face a Court Martial for violating the military's prohibition on extra-marital affairs?*
13. *Are "daily deal" websites such as "Groupon" losing their attraction with consumers?*

More Difficult Topics

1. *What should be the most important legislative priority of the next Obama term?*

2. *Should Congress act to undo the effects of the Supreme Court's decision in Citizens United?*
3. *Will the concern over intelligence about the Consulate attack in Benghazi, Libya turn into a full-blown scandal?*
4. *What will be the repercussions of the David Petraeus adultery scandal for the CIA?*
5. *With the passage of marriage equality initiatives in several states, should Congress pursue repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act?*
6. *What steps should the Republican Party take to increase its favor among minority voters?*
7. *In retrospect, what is the chief reason for President Obama's defeat of Mitt Romney in the 2012 election?*
8. *With Obamacare now unlikely to be repealed, what impact will its full implementation have on the U.S. economy?*
9. *Should the federal government encourage the development of alternatives to the traditional college degree?*
10. *Has the Justice Department reached a fair settlement with BP over the 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico?*
11. *Should state governors agree to manage health care insurance exchanges under the Affordable Care Act, or leave that responsibility to the federal government?*
12. *Should residents of states affected by Hurricane Sandy be able to sue utilities for their failure to promptly restore power?*

International

Easier Topics

1. *Can the conflict between Israel and Hamas militants in Gaza be contained?*
2. *Is it time for the United States to intervene militarily in Syria?*
3. *Is the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel in danger of collapsing?*
4. *Will China's new leadership increase the pace of reform?*
5. *Can the Euro survive a second recession?*
6. *Why do the Greek people so strongly oppose their government's austerity measures?*
7. *Is France at the center of the Eurozone's problems, as some critics suggest?*
8. *Is Evo Morales losing popularity among the Bolivian people?*
9. *Can Libya's government tame the country's Islamist militia groups?*
10. *Is the Arab League an effective mediator for conflicts in the Middle East?*
11. *Is Islamic extremism spreading in Africa?*
12. *Can the Afghanistan government advance peace talks with the Taliban?*
13. *Does Vladimir Putin's invitation to President Obama to visit Moscow suggest a thaw in chilly US-Russian relations?*

More Difficult Topics

1. *What will be the social consequences of China's slowing economic growth?*
2. *Should China privatize its state-owned enterprises?*
3. *Are India's current social welfare policies appropriate for tackling the effects of poverty?*
4. *Is the Liberal Democratic Party's choice of Shinzo Abe as its new leader a good choice for the party regaining control of Japan's government?*
5. *Can the government of Myanmar quell conflict between Buddhists and Muslims?*
6. *Can Cuba turn its renowned health care system into a fresh source of revenue for the ailing state?*
7. *Are Canada's tar sands a remedy to the high cost of global oil?*
8. *Will UN involvement in Mali help to drive-out Jihadist forces in the country's civil war?*
9. *What will be the effect of Brazil's increased investment in African nations?*

10. How will the increasing age of Saudi Arabia's leadership impact the country's government?
11. Should Turkey cooperate with Iraqi Kurdistan to build an oil export pipeline through its territory?
12. How will President Obama's reelection impact Pakistan's relationship with the United States?

January 2013

Domestic

Easier Topics

1. Should the Obama administration enforce federal marijuana laws in states that have legalized the drug?
2. Is the cost of health care a serious deterrent to Americans getting treatment?
3. Is Grover Norquist's influence over the Republican Party shrinking?
4. Is the Republican Party in danger of splitting?
5. Should entitlement programs, such as Social Security and Medicare, be reformed?
6. Is the value of American higher education in decline?
7. Should the power of parties to filibuster in the US Senate be curtailed?
8. Will the Newton, Connecticut school shootings change public views on gun control?
9. Should states pass legislation allowing teachers to carry firearms in schools?
10. Should the federal government take an active role in fighting obesity among its citizens?
11. Can Republicans politically afford to support tax increases?
12. Can Democrats politically afford to support major spending cuts?
13. Was Susan Rice treated unfairly by her critics in Congress?

More Difficult Topics

1. How will low water levels on the Mississippi River impact the US economy?
2. What portion of the federal budget can Congress most safely cut?
3. Why did Congress reject the UN disability treaty?
4. Is Google becoming too large?
5. How is the US Supreme Court likely to rule on challenges to the Defense of Marriage Act?
6. Is President Obama likely to be more or less interventionist in foreign affairs during his second term?
7. What should cities do to address the high cost of supporting public pensions?
8. How has the debate over averting the "fiscal cliff" impacted hopes for bipartisanship in Washington, DC?
9. How will America's declining birth rate impact the future economy?
10. What is the significance of Michigan's passage of a "Right to Work" law?
11. Will the recent report on the attack on the Benghazi consulate hurt the legacy of Hillary Clinton as she leaves the State Department?
12. Has the fight against tobacco smoking among youth inadvertently encouraged the use of marijuana?

International

Easier Topics

1. Is Egypt making strides toward a true democracy?
2. Should the European Union create a banking union?
3. Will Xi Jinping succeed at combating corruption as China's new leader?
4. Why has the UN mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo been unsuccessful?
5. Will Catalan's separatist parties unite to break from Spain?

6. Will recent efforts to bring the Taliban into talks with the Afghan government succeed?
7. Is Hamas overtaking Fatah in influence over the Palestinian people?
8. Can the international community prevent the Syrian government from using chemical weapons against its opponents?
9. Does a recent coup attempt in Sudan suggest that the government of Omar al-Bashir is in danger?
10. Will President Putin's efforts to defeat corruption in Russia be successful?
11. Should Germany reform its parliamentary election system?
12. Will a left-leaning government emerge in Italy next year?
13. Should Britain leave the European Union?

More Difficult Topics

1. Is Israel safer today than it was ten years ago?
2. Can Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood be relied upon to honor the country's peace treaty with Israel?
3. How will North Korea's successful launch of a satellite change perceptions of the rogue nation's threat?
4. Will government divided between two parties be the downfall of Georgia's democracy?
5. What can the Pakistani government do to undermine the increasing power of the Pakistani Taliban?
6. How will the opening of the Northern Sea Route impact international trade?
7. Do developments in North Korea have a significant impact on South Korean politics?
8. How will changes in China's leadership impact the defense policies of its nervous neighbors?
9. What will be the impact of Israel's planned new West Bank settlements?
10. Is Brazil's Dilma Rousseff on track to reelection?
11. What changes will Enrique Pena Nieto bring as Mexico's new president?
12. Should supporters of former Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra give up their efforts to bring him home?

DISTRICT AND STATE TOURNAMENT TOPICS

TOPIC AREAS

Topic areas in **Commentary** for use at District and State competitions are:

Topic areas in **Extemporaneous Speaking** for use at District and State competitions are:

Commentary Topics

1. Future of Medicine
2. Higher Education
3. US State Motto's
4. Reality TV
5. History Changing Events
6. World Cultures and Leaders

Extemporaneous Speaking Topics

1. Our Digital World
2. Healthcare
3. US / Latin America Relations
4. Impacts of the 2012 US Elections
5. World Economy
6. Global Leadership Changes

PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE – Prepared Rounds for 2012-2013 District and State Competition

This House believes capitalism is an enemy of environmentalism.

(Please do not use this topic at other tournaments)

Impromptu round topics for **Parliamentary Debate:**

- must be used at Districts if there are more than two rounds of Parliamentary Debate
 - will be used at States
 - Please ENCOURAGE other tournaments to use these as their **Impromptu** topics.
1. This House supports free immigration.
 2. This House believes that the governments should be allowed to disable social networks during civil disorders.
 3. This House believes that the Commonwealth should increase the regulation of the PA natural gas industry.
 4. This House should stop sending humans into space.
 5. This House would make voting in national elections mandatory.
 6. This House believes that there should be an independent Palestinian state.

PLAIN TALK ABOUT STUDENT CONGRESS BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

(Prepared by Peggy Madden and Alice Ursin)

In order to participate in the Student Congress held during the State Tournament, a school (not a student) must submit a bill or resolution by the date listed on the PHSSL Calendar.

Bills and resolutions submitted to PHSSL should be original to your school and not something you found at another student congress.

It is important that bills and resolutions follow the proper format. Hybrids (half bill/half resolution) are not acceptable.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions answer two simple questions:

1. Why do we want to do something?
2. What is it we want to do?

The WHY is expressed through whereas clauses which begin the resolution. If you were to substitute the word "because" in place of "whereas" at the beginning of each clause it would read smoothly, but the language of Parliamentary Procedure requires you use the word "Whereas."

The resolution ends with a statement that begins with "Therefore, be it resolved by this PHSSL State Student Congress here assembled that . . ." and simply explains what it is you wish to do. A resolution may consist of just this statement and not explain why.

Resolutions may suggest change (but you need not indicate how) or may be written to support the status quo, to praise a person or event, to chastise, or to offer a proclamation.

BILLS

Bills answer many questions:

1. What is it we want to do?
2. How will we do it?
3. Who will administer it?
4. When will we start to do it?
5. How will it be financed?
6. How will it be enforced?
 - A. By whom?
 - B. Do we need penalties if people don't comply?
 - C. What will these penalties be?

Bills do not explain why, and so they begin immediately with the clause "Be it enacted by the PHSSL State Student Congress here assembled that . . ." Sections that follow answer the necessary questions listed above. It is not always necessary to answer all of the questions listed nor in the order listed.

Bills do not suggest; they mandate change, and if enacted (passed), have the power of law.

The CONGRESS WORKSHEET on the following three pages should help you in preparing a good bill or resolution for the PHSSL State Student Congress.

**WORKSHEET FOR PREPARING
CONGRESS BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

So.....you want to write a bill. **DECIDE**, is it something that you want to be definite and have the force of law **OR** are you merely stating a conviction and saying "Wouldn't it be nice if....?"

HOW TO BEGIN:

LOOK AROUND YOU, READ AND WATCH THE NEWS. Is something troubling you about our society, our foreign policy, our morals, etc. **THEN:**

I. **STATE THE PROBLEM:** _____

II. **WHY IS THERE A PROBLEM? ARE THERE ANY CONTRIBUTING FACTORS? WHAT'S HAPPENING?**

III. **WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT? ARE THERE PENALTIES IF THE LAW IS VIOLATED? IF FINANCING IS NEEDED, HOW WILL IT BE DONE? WHEN WILL THE LAW TAKE EFFECT?**

NOW YOU'RE READY TO BEGIN

First write a resolution. Begin with WHEREAS clauses. Whereas clauses are where you build your rationale. Use Parts I and II to help you. Conclude with BE IT RESOLVED...using Part III.

What can be done?

1. WHEREAS: _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. WHEREAS: _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. WHEREAS: _____

8. _____

9. _____

10. WHEREAS: _____

11. _____

12. _____

13. WHEREAS: _____

14. _____

15. _____

16. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the PHSSL State Student Congress here assembled that:

17. _____

18. _____

19. _____

20. _____

Perhaps you feel more strongly about the issue. You feel that "THERE OUGHT TO BE A LAW!" – O.K. Write one! Use Part III to write your ENACTMENT sections. Penalties, financing, and when the bill goes into effect will be in the last section. What you want the law to be are in the first sections.

BE IT ENACTED by the PHSSL State Student Congress here assembled that:

1. Section 1: _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. Section 2: _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. Section 3: _____

8. _____

9. _____

10. Section 4: _____

11. _____

12. _____

13. Section 5: _____

14. _____

15. _____

16. Section 6: _____

17. _____

18. _____

5:15 p.m.	<i>Announce pairing and judges for</i> Cross X Debate APFELBAUM HALL LOBBY	Round III
5:30 p.m.	Cross-X Debate Public Forum Debate	Round III Round II
5:30-9:00 p.m.	Student Congress: HOUSE. Session I Commonwealth House — SEIBERT HALL, ISAACS AUDITORIUM State House— SEIBERT HALL, ROOM 108 Keystone House – Garrett Sports Complex, Apple Rm	
5:45 p.m.	L-D Debate Parliamentary Debate Prepared Topic Round	Round II Round II
6:00 p.m.	Extemp. Speaking FISHER SCIENCE, FAYLOR LECTURE HALL Commentary FISHER SCIENCE, FAYLOR LECTURE HALL Impromptu Speaking SHS AUDITORIUM	Prep. Prep. Prep.
6:30 p.m.	Persuasive Speaking Informative Speaking Oral Interpretation of Prose Oral Interpretation of Poetry Dramatic Interpretation Humorous Interpretation Duo Interpretation Extemporaneous Speaking Commentary Impromptu Speaking	Round II Round II Round II Round II Round II Round II Round II Round II Round II Round II
7:00 p.m.	Parliamentary Debate Public Forum Debate	Round III topics released Round III
7:15 p.m.	L-D Debate	Round III
7:30 p.m.	Parliamentary Debate Impromptu Topic Round Radio Announcing – All Sections	Round III Round II
8:00 p.m.	Cross-X Debate	Round IV
8:00 p.m.	Extemp. Speaking FISHER SCIENCE, FAYLOR LECTURE HALL Commentary FISHER SCIENCE, FAYLOR LECTURE HALL Impromptu Speaking SHS AUDITORIUM	<u>Prep.</u> <u>Prep.</u> <u>Prep.</u>
8:30 p.m.	Persuasive Speaking Duo Interpretation Dramatic Interpretation Humorous Interpretation Oral Interpretation of Poetry Oral Interpretation of Prose	Round III Round III Round III Round III Round III Round III
8:30 p.m.	Extemporaneous Speaking Commentary Impromptu Speaking Informative Speaking	Round III Round III Round III Round III

8:45 a.m.	Extemporaneous Speaking Commentary	Semi-finals Semi-finals
8:00-11:00 a.m.	Student Congress: HOUSE, Session II. Commonwealth House - SEIBERT HALL, ISAACS AUDITORIUM State House - SEIBERT HALL, ROOM 108 Keystone House – SEIBERT HALL, FACULTY LOUNGE	
9:45 a.m.	Announce pairings and judges for Cross-X Debate	Semi-finals
10:00 a.m.	Cross-X Debate Parliamentary Debate	Semi-finals Semi-final topics released
10:15 a.m.	Announce pairings and judges for L-D Debate Public Forum Debate Extemporaneous Speaking Commentary Impromptu Speaking Informative Speaking Humorous Interpretation Dramatic Interpretation Oral Interpretation of Prose Oral Interpretation of Poetry Duo Interpretation Persuasive Speaking APFELBAUM HALL LOBBY	Semi-finals Semi-finals Final round Final round Final round Final round Final round Final round Final round Final round Final round Final round
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11:00 a.m.	<i>Radio Announcing</i>	Semi-finals
11:15 a.m.	Announce pairings and judges for L-D Debate Public Forum Debate APFELBAUM HALL LOBBY	Final round Final round

11:30 a.m.	L-D Debate Public Forum Debate	Final round Final round
11:45 a.m.	<i>Announce pairings and judges for</i> Cross-X Debate	Final round
12:00 NOON	Cross-X Debate Parliamentary Debate Student Congress: Senate (CCMA, Stretansky Hall)	Final round Impromptu Final topics released Super Session
12:30 p.m.	Student Congress: HOUSE. Super session SEIBERT HALL, ISAACS AUDITORIUM	
12:30 p.m.	Parliamentary Debate	Final round
1:00 p.m.	Radio Announcing	Final round
3:00 PM	AWARDS ASSEMBLY WEBER CHAPEL AUDITORIUM All contestants and coaches are expected to attend and remain for the entire program. Appropriate dress is requested.	

MAJOR EVENT ASSIGNMENTS

MAJOR EVENT ASSIGNMENTS - FRIDAY, March 22, 2013

SELINGROVE HIGH SCHOOL

Impromptu Prep.....SELINGROVE HIGH SCHOOL, AUDITORIUM
High School Tabulation Room.....SELINGROVE HIGH SCHOOL, ROOM 202
Coaches/Judges Hospitality Room.....SELINGROVE HIGH SCHOOL, DINING ROOM
Student Snack Room.....SELINGROVE HIGH SCHOOL, DINING ROOM

SELINGROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Elementary Tabulation Room.....SELINGROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, C106
Coaches/Judges Hospitality Room..... SELINGROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, C104
Student Snack Room..... SELINGROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, CAFETERIA

SUSQUEHANNA UNIVERSITY

Opening Assembly.....WEBER CHAPEL AUDITORIUM
Extemp. Speaking Prep.....FISHER SCIENCE BLDG, FAYLOR LECTURE HALL
Commentary PrepFISHER SCIENCE BLDG, FAYLOR LECTURE HALL
Tabulation Rooms.....APFELBAUM HALL, ROOM 319 & ROOM 322
Coaches/Judges Hospitality Room.....APFELBAUM HALL, ROOM 217
Student Lounge.....CAMPUS CENTER, MELLON LOUNGE
L-D/Cross X Debate Postings.....APFELBAUM HALL LOBBY
IE Posting Area.....APFELBAUM HALL LOBBY

MAJOR EVENT ASSIGNMENTS - SATURDAY, March 23, 2013

SUSQUEHANNA UNIVERSITY

Extemporaneous Speaking PrepFISHER SCIENCE BLDG, FAYLOR LECTURE HALL
Commentary Prep FISHER SCIENCE BLDG, FAYLOR LECTURE HALL
Impromptu Speaking PrepBOGAR HALL, ROOM 102
Tabulation Rooms.....APFELBAUM HALL, ROOM 319 & ROOM 322
Coaches/Judges Hospitality RoomAPFELBAUM HALL, ROOM 217
Student LoungeCAMPUS CENTER, MELLON LOUNGE
L-D/Cross X Debate PostingsAPFELBAUM HALL LOBBY
IE Posting Area.....APFELBAUM HALL LOBBY
Awards Ceremonies WEBER CHAPEL AUDITORIUM

STATE TOURNAMENT RADIO ANNOUNCING

The event of Radio Announcing is open to all PHSSL schools, and every member is invited to participate. This event is held at the State level only, and there is no qualifying procedure except for registering. Description of Radio Announcing is in Article B16, PHSSL Bylaws. Every member school may enter one (1) student in Radio Announcing. There is no charge for name changes in Impromptu, Radio Announcing and Student Congress. A \$50.00 nuisance fee will be assessed for drops.

Students who participated in PHSSL District and/or Regional Tournaments and who did not qualify to the State Tournament may be entered in Radio Announcing.

All contestants will compete in two preliminary rounds:

- A. Round I. Student will read a two-minute prepared newscast focusing on international news events. Script is prepared by the student, covering international events of the time period Sunday two weeks prior to the State Tournament through Round I of the State Tournament.
- B. Round II. Students will read a two-minute prepared newscast focusing on the “lighter side” of the news. Script is prepared by the student covering the lighter side of the news of the time period Sunday two weeks prior to the State Tournament through Round I of the State Tournament.
- C. Quarterfinal Round. Students will read a two-minute prepared newscast focusing on national news events (sports news may also be included in this national news script). Script is prepared by the student covering national events of the time period Sunday two weeks prior to the State Tournament through Round I of the State Tournament.

Selection for the Quarterfinal Round will be based on the approximately 24 lowest cumulative ranks from Rounds I and II.

- D. Semifinal Round. Fifteen minutes before the contestant is to appear before the microphone, he/she shall be given a copy of a radio broadcast script provided by the Executive Director. This sight reading will concentrate on national news events and Pennsylvania news, but not exclusively one or the other.

Semifinal Round selection will be based on the lowest rank totals of the top three speakers in each Quarterfinal Round room.

- E. Final Round. Approximately six students will be selected to compete in a Final Round. Twenty minutes before appearing before the microphone, the student shall be given a four-minute script provided by the Executive Director which may be a combination of national and world news, sports, and weather. The script must be cut to three minutes for presentation.

For entering students in the State Tournament for Radio Announcing, registration must be processed through The Joy of Tournaments Website. (See Forms Section) **No entries will be accepted after the State Registration date listed in the PHSSL calendar.**

PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE INFORMATION

Prepared by: Michael Nailor

Parliamentary Debate for Districts and States

One of the potentially confusing parts of our new event -- Parliamentary Debate -- is that there are two types of rounds: **Impromptu** and **Prepared**. The topic for the **Prepared** rounds for districts and states is announced below.

Two rounds of both PHSSL District competition and State competition will be on the **Prepared** topic. For **Prepared** rounds students are allowed to bring any resources – including electronic devices into the debates as in all other PHSSL events.

For the **Impromptu** rounds the topics are selected from the list provided below. Sides are drawn and teams have 30 minutes to prepare. Teams may not bring any handwritten, printed or published materials with them into their preparation room for Impromptu debates, with the exception of an English Language dictionary, and a single-volume encyclopedia or almanac per team. A person taking part in an **Impromptu** debate may not take into the preparation room or the debate room a telephone, computer or any other device capable of communicating or accessing information outside those rooms.

The order and placement of the **Impromptu** debate rounds in the schedule of the tournament will be at the discretion of the tournament director.

So – the **Prepared** round topic:

- must be used for two rounds at Districts
- will be used for two rounds at States
- Please DISCOURAGE other tournaments from using this as their **Prepared** topic.

Resolved: That this house believes capitalism is an enemy of environmentalism.

And – the **Impromptu** round topics:

- must be used at Districts if there are more than two rounds of Parliamentary Debate
 - will be used at States
 - Please ENCOURAGE other tournaments to use these as their **Impromptu** topics.
1. RESOLVED: This House supports free immigration.
 2. RESOLVED: This House believes that the governments should be allowed to disable social networks during civil disorders.
 3. RESOLVED: This House believes that the Commonwealth should increase the regulation of the PA natural gas industry.
 4. RESOLVED: This House should stop sending humans into space.
 5. RESOLVED: This House would make voting in national elections mandatory.
 6. RESOLVED: This House believes that there should be an independent Palestinian state.

Parliamentary Debate Blurb

Parliamentary Debate was a new event that PHSSL began offering at the 2009-2010 district and state tournaments. The Executive Board encourages other tournaments throughout the state to experiment with this event and send us your feedback. We based our rules on an annual international competition called the World Schools Debating Championships (see <http://www.schoolsdebate.com> for information and videos of their format). The specifics of our bylaws, a Guide to Parliamentary Debate, a ballot and a judge information sheet will be posted on our website (<http://www.phssl.org>).

Teams in Parliamentary Debate will consist of three students from a school who will debate both Prepared and Impromptu topic rounds. The Prepared round topics for the State Tournament will be announced in the January *Communicator*. The Impromptu topics will be drawn 30 minutes prior to the start of the round from the list of six below. The teams will then retire to a preparation room where with limited time and limited resources, they must plan their arguments.

The Impromptu topics to be used at the 2013 State Tournament, and which may be used at the District Tournaments and at other invitational topics, are:

1. RESOLVED: This House supports free immigration.
2. RESOLVED: This House believes that the governments should be allowed to disable social networks during civil disorders.
3. RESOLVED: This House believes that the Commonwealth should increase the regulation of the PA natural gas industry.
4. RESOLVED: This House should stop sending humans into space.
5. RESOLVED: This House would make voting in national elections mandatory.
6. RESOLVED: This House believes that there should be an independent Palestinian state.

The six students in the debate and the judge(s) form a legislative body voting on an issue of policy. Arguments flow pro and con on the motion at hand and the judge(s) vote at the end to accept or reject the motion. Each speaker has 6 minutes and the speeches alternate for and against the motion. There is a final 3-minute reply speech from each side with the reply speaker in favor of the motion ending the debate. There is no extra preparation time provided. There is no grace period to extend remarks beyond the time limits.

An unusual feature of parliamentary debate is the Point of Information. Opponents use Points of Information to briefly interject a point or a question that the speaker must immediately respond to. The first and last minute of each main speech and the entire reply speech is “protected time” when no Points of Information may be offered.

We expect this form of debate to be an exciting forum for the discussion of policy issues. The PHSSL Executive Board invites your reactions, comments and topics for use in future tournaments.

LODGING

Selinsgrove Area of Central Pennsylvania (distance from SU in parenthesis)

SELINGSGROVE

Selinsgrove Inn

214 N. Market St.
Selinsgrove, PA 17870
570.374.4100
866.375.1700
(0.9 miles)

Golden Arrow Motel

2681 N. Susquehanna Trail
Shamokin Dam, PA 17876
570.743.1611
(4.4 miles)

Days Inn University

409 N. Derr Drive
Rte. 15
Lewisburg, PA 17837
570.523.1171
(14.7 miles)

Hampton Inn

3 Stettler Ave.
Shamokin Dam, PA 17876
570.743.2223
(4.3 miles)

Phillips Motel

2943 N. Susquehanna Trail
Shamokin Dam, PA 17876
570.743.3100
(4.6 miles)

LEWISBURG

Best Western Country

Cupboard Inn
Rte. 15 North
Lewisburg, PA 17837
570.524.5500
800.528.1234
(16.2 miles)

Econo Lodge

3249 N. Susquehanna Trail
Shamokin Dam, PA 17876
570.743.1111
(4.9 miles)

Comfort Inn

613 N. Susquehanna Trail
Selinsgrove, PA 17870
570.374.8880
(2.8 miles)

Comfort Suites

4775 West Branch Highway
Lewisburg, PA 17837
570.524.8000
(13.2 miles)

Rodeway Inn

4687 Westbranch Hwy.
Lewisburg, PA 17837
570.523.1106
(13.1 miles)

NEW COLUMBIA

Comfort Inn

I-80 & Rte. 15
330 Commerce Park
New Columbia, PA 17856
570.568.8000
(21 miles)

Holiday Inn Express

I-80 & Rte. 15
160 Commerce Park
New Columbia, PA 17856
570.568.1100
1-800-HOLIDAY
(20.9 miles)

DANVILLE

Pine Barn Inn & Motel

1 Pine Barn Place
Danville, PA 17821
570.275-2071
(20.1 miles)

Days Inn

50 Sheraton Rd.
Danville, PA 17821
570.275.5510
800.329.7466
(22.4 miles)

Hampton Inn

97 Old Valley School Rd.
Danville, PA 17821
570.271.2500
(21.8 miles)

Red Roof Inn

I-80 & Rte. 54
300 Red Roof Rd.
Danville, PA 17821
570.275-5100
(21.3 miles)

Quality Inn & Suites

15 Valley West Rd.
Danville, PA 17821
570.275.5100
866.899.9054
(22.4 miles)

PHSSL HALL OF FAME

- 2012 TIM WAXENFELTER, Quigley Catholic High School, Baden
2011 KEITH BROSIIOUS, Elk Lake High School, Dimock
2010 DAVID LONG, Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley
2010 LARRY AUGUSTINE, Susquehanna University, Executive Director
2010 SANDY SAXMAN, Susquehanna University, Secretary
2009 SHARON VOLPE, North Allegheny High School, Wexford
2008 ROBERTA RINGER, Mercer Area High School, Mercer
2007 VICKY TRIMMER, Mechanicsburg Area High School, Mechanicsburg
2007 MARSHA K. WILLIAMS, Greensburg-Salem High School, Greensburg
2006 ELLEN BOYER, Shikellamy High School, Sunbury
2005 MARY FURLONG, Delone Catholic High School, McSherrystown (Retired)
2004 ROBERT CASEY, Trinity High School, Camp Hill
2003 CARL W. ASKEW, Shikellamy High School, Sunbury
2002 KATHLEEN O'HALLORAN, Norwin High School, North Huntingdon
2002 REV. RAYMOND HAHN, Cathedral Preparatory, Erie
2001 ALICE URSIN, Bethel Park High School, Bethel Park
2001 MARIA CARUSI, Gwynedd Mercy Academy (Posthumously)
2000 SALLY FINLEY, Belle Vernon High School, Belle Vernon
1999 NO AWARD GIVEN
1998 WILLIAM MURRAY, Mechanicsburg Area High School, Mechanicsburg
1998 ANTHONY STOKES, The Kiski School, Saltsburg
1997 ROYCE RICE, North Hills High School, Pittsburgh
1997 HUGH P. RINGER, Mercer Area High School, Mercer
1996 JOHN BUETTLER, Holy Ghost Preparatory, Bensalem
1996 JANET DICENZO, Kennedy-Kenrick High School, Norristown
1996 ANTHONY FIGLIOLA, Holy Ghost Preparatory, Bensalem
1995 MARY ANN YOSKEY BERTY, Trinity High School, Washington
1995 W. MICHAEL NAILOR, Danville High School, Danville
1995 BETH YOUNG, North Catholic High School, Pittsburgh
1994 RALPH KARN, Keystone Oaks High School, Pittsburgh
1994 JANET ROBB, McKeesport Area High School, McKeesport
1993 MARGARET EMELSON, Uniontown High School, Uniontown
1992 GLORIA WASILEWSKI, Riverside High School, Ellwood City
1992 CARL GRECCO, Truman High School, Levittown
1992 GLENN CAVENAUGH, Derry Area High School, Derry
1991 THOMAS FARR, Shikellamy & Danville High School(s)
1990 MARILYN ENGLEHART, Central Cambria High School
1990 FATHER TOM MEULEMANS, Archmere Academy
1989 EDWIN KELLY, Pennsbury High School
1989 CALLISTUS W. MILAN, Retired, Saint Vincent College
1988 PEGGY ANN MADDEN, North Hills High School
1988 HOWARD FEDRICK, Retired, Bishop O'Reilly High School
1987 ELEANOR LANGAN, Scranton Central High School
1987 THELMA CARUSO, Retired, Charleroi Area High School
1986 JEANNE M. LUTZ, Director, Pennsylvania High School Speech League
1986 ROBERT E. DUNHAM, Vice President of Academic Services, The Pennsylvania State University
1986 BROTHER RENE STERNER, Principal, Calvert Hall College
1986 BERYL MacLEAN, Retired, Moon Area High School
1986 SISTER ST. IRMINUS, Retired, Lancaster Catholic & Cardinal Brennan High School(s)

PHSSL ANNUAL T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST



Rules and Regulations for contest:

1. The PHSSL logo must appear somewhere in the design.
2. Only 2 colors may be used in addition to the color of the T-shirt.
3. The design should be created for the front of the shirt.
4. Use of copyrighted cartoon characters, emblems, expressions, etc., is prohibited; however, creativity is encouraged.
5. Good taste and the fine reputation of PHSSL are of primary concern.
6. Double entendres are prohibited.
7. Designs may be submitted by students, coaches, and judges of PHSSL contests.
8. All designs submitted become the property of PHSSL and may be adjusted to meet the needs of the league and the T-shirt company.
9. The committee reserves the right to reject any and all designs.
10. Designs must be submitted in camera-ready copy form and should not exceed 11" wide by 13" long.
11. The winning designer will receive a free T-shirt and recognition in the State Tournament Program.
12. Please send all designs to:
Mrs. Alice Ursin
1035 Clifton Road
Bethel Park, PA 15101-3147

**FORMS TO BE USED FOR
DISTRICT AND STATE
2012-2013 TOURNAMENTS**

District Tournament Registration Form	Extemporaneous Speaking Evaluation Form
State Tournament Registration INFORMATION	Oral Interpretation Humorous Dramatic Literature Evaluation Form
Insurance Memorandum & Statement	Informative Speaking Evaluation Form
Policy Debate Judge Philosophy Form	Persuasive Speaking Evaluation Form
Public Forum Judge Guidelines	Poetry Evaluation Form
Parliamentary Debate Form	Prose Evaluation Form
Commentary Evaluation Form	Impromptu Speaking Evaluation Form
Oral Interpretation of Dramatic Literature Evaluation Form	Radio Announcing
Duo Interpretation of Literature	Student Congress: House
	Student Congress: Senate

**All PHSSL forms can be obtained from the
PHSSL website (www.phssl.org) or by
calling or emailing the State Office at
570-372-4300 or nevil@susqu.edu.**

Public Forum Judge Guidelines

During the Tournament

- Check the schedule
 - Public Forum rounds run on a slightly different schedule than the rest of the tournament.
- Check the judge list
 - All of the judges we will be using for rounds 3 and 4 are listed on the schematic.
 - We cannot tell you which rooms you will be judging in until after we pair the debates for that round.
 - However, if your name is listed, you will be judging that round and will need to pick up ballots at the appropriate times.
- Elimination Rounds (States Only)
 - Judges will be posted with the general speech pools for early and later elimination rounds.
 - Check the schedule and make sure you check the postings to see if you are judging an elimination round.
 - Do NOT leave the judge lounge.
 - Early judging pool assignment may mean either Quarter-Finals or Semi-Finals.
 - Later judging pool assignment may mean Finals.

Before the Debate Begins

- Verify that the two teams that are supposed to debate are actually in your room.
- Make sure the correct number of judges are present {States only}
 - Two judges should be present for preliminary rounds.
 - Three judges should be present for Quarters and Semis.
 - Five judges should be present for Finals.
- Have the teams do the coin flip and choose sides and order of speaking only after both judges are present (States only).
- Write the names of the debaters for each team on the correct side, Pro and Con, of the ballot.
 - If it helps to have the Pro team on the left side of the room and the Con team on the right side, in order to match the ballot positions, you may ask the teams to arrange themselves that way.
 - **Make sure** you know which team is going **first** and which team is going second.
- Decide which judge is keeping time in the round.
 - Debaters may have their own timers; however, at least one judge in the round **MUST** keep official time for each of the speeches or crossfires in the round.
 - Determine how time signals are going to be given – This is an absolute must.
- Determine how prep time is going to be signaled and who is going to keep track of it.
 - Verbally telling when each 30 seconds has passed is the normal way to do this.
 - Keep track of how much each TEAM uses throughout the debate.
 - They get a maximum of 2 minutes throughout the entire debate.
 - They do not have to use it.

During the Debate

- Be a tabula rosa, blank slate, during the debate.
 - Do not bring any personal arguments or personal opinions in to the debate.
 - Only decide on issues based on what is presented in the debate and how it is presented.
- Give time signals when necessary.

First Pro Speaker	4 minutes
First Con Speaker	4 minutes

Crossfire	3 minutes
Second Pro Speaker	4 minutes
Second Con Speaker	4 minutes
Crossfire	3 minutes
Summary – First Pro Speaker	2 minutes
Summary – First Con Speaker	2 minutes
Grand Crossfire	3 minutes
Final Focus – Second Pro Speaker	2 minutes
Final Focus – Second Con Speaker	2 minutes

Each team will have a total of 2 minutes of preparation time throughout the debate.

- Students must stand during all speeches and crossfires.
- Write the ballot as the round progresses.
 - The debates move quickly and you will most likely forget comments you wanted to put down if you wait until the end of the round to write it down.
 - This saves down time at the end of the round.
 - You should only have to write your reason for decision at the end of the round.
 - Write in ballpoint pen because it needs to transfer through two sheets of paper.
- Write down major arguments as the round progresses.
 - This may help you make your decision at the end of the round.
 - This may help you follow the organization of each debate team.

At the End of the Debate

- Thank the participants for debating.
- Write a clear reason for your decision.
 - You are allowed to vote on any aspect(s) of the debate round that you want.
- Do not converse with the other judge(s) in the room. (States and Tie Breaking rounds at Districts)
- Fill in all of the boxes with the letters.
- Sign the ballot.
- Flight A judges need to vacate the room ASAP so that Flight B can start on time. (States only)
- Return the ballot to the tab room immediately after the round.
 - It should take no more than five minutes after the round for you to finish writing the ballot.