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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.

STATE TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- 1. REGISTER by March 14, 2014, at www.joyoftournaments.com. The Joy of Tournament site will be available to accept registrations no later than February 15, 2014.**
- 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 14, 2014.**
- 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 25, 2014). 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 21.)**
- 9. Be sure you have made the necessary updates with your hotel and transportation providers. The date for this year's tournament was moved to March 28 & 29, 2014.**

DIRECTOR'S PAGE

Here is the second PHSSL newsletter for 2013-2014. 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 14 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, Persuasive Speaking, Prose and Poetry. LD & Parliamentary Debate 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 and subject to change.

Let me remind everyone that the Executive Board will be holding its semi-annual spring meeting at Susquehanna University on Thursday, March 27. 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

2014

- January 1** **FIRST DAY TO E-MAIL CONGRESS BILLS/RESOLUTIONS**
(Email as MS Word Document attachment to ajursin@yahoo.com)
- January 11** **The Blue, Maroon, & White Tournament**
Shikellamy High School, Sunbury
Contact: Ellen Boyer (boyere@shikbraves.org)
- January 18** **15th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Open Speech & Debate Tournament**
E.L. Meyers High School, Wilkes-Barre
(Snow day: January 19th) Tournament is open to all
Contact: Ruth & Kim Borland (rborland@borlandandborland.com; kborland@borlandandborland.com)
- January 21** **LAST DAY TO E-MAIL CONGRESS BILLS/RESOLUTIONS IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN STATE TOURNAMENT (REQUIRED)**
(Email as MS Word Document attachment to ajursin@yahoo.com)
- January 29** **PHSSL District 4 Congress: Senate Qualifier**
Greater Latrobe High School, Latrobe (2:00pm)
Deadline for registration is January 21. Registrations can be sent Mary Ann Berty at germar02@verizon.net, or faxed to her attention at 724-228-9057. You will be contacted upon receipt of your school's registration.
Contact: Mary Ann Berty (bertym@trinitypride.org, germar02@verizon.net, 724-222-4135 or 724-225-5380 ext. 6198)
- January 31 & February 1** **Pennsbury Falcon Invitational**
Pennsbury High School East & West, Fairless Hills
Varsity Debate, Speech, and Congress - Tournament is open to all high schools
Contact: Jeff Kahn (kahnjb@gmail.com)
- February 1** **PHSSL District 4 Speech and Forum Qualifiers**
Trinity High School, Washington (8:00am)
Deadline for registration is January 24. Registrations can be sent Mary Ann Berty at germar02@verizon.net, or faxed to her attention at 724-228-9057. You will be contacted upon receipt of your school's registration.
Contact: Mary Ann Berty (bertym@trinitypride.org, germar02@verizon.net, 724-222-4135 or 724-225-5380 ext. 6198)
- 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 1** **PHSSL District 6 & 7 Tournament**
Messiah College, Mechanicsburg
Deadline for registration is January 29. Registrations can be sent to Kathy Gingerich at kgingerich@wssd.k12.pa.us
Contact: Kathy Gingerich (kgingerich@wssd.k12.pa.us)

February 7 & 8 BETHEL PARK BLACK HAWK SPEECH AND DEBATE INVITATIONAL

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

February 12 PHSSL District 4 Lincoln-Douglas and Parliamentary Qualifiers

Greensburg-Salem High School, Greensburg (1:00pm)
Deadline for registration is February 4. Registrations can be sent Mary Ann Berty at germar02@verizon.net, or faxed to her attention at 724-228-9057. You will be contacted upon receipt of your school's registration.
Contact: Mary Ann Berty (bertym@trinitypride.org, germar02@verizon.net, 724-222-4135 or 724-225-5380 ext. 6198)

February 20 PHSSL District 10 Debate Tournament

Harriton High School, Rosemont
Deadline for registration is February 13. Registration is at <http://www.tabroom.com/>.
Contact: Bonnie Perry (blperry2002@yahoo.com or 610-649-8700)

February 20 PHSSL District 15 Debate Tournament

Harriton High School, Rosemont
Deadline for registration is February 13. Registration is at <http://www.tabroom.com/>.
Contact: Bonnie Perry (blperry2002@yahoo.com or 610-649-8700)

February 21 PHSSL District 3 Policy Debate Tournament

Bethel Park High School, Bethel Park
Deadline for registration, drops and add is February 19 at noon. Registration is at <http://www.tabroom.com/>.
Contact: Alice Ursin (ajursin@yahoo.com)

February 22 PHSSL District 3 Tournament

Peters Twp. High School, McMurray
Deadline for registration, drops and add is February 19 at noon. Registration is at <http://www.tabroom.com/>.
Contact: Alice Ursin (ajursin@yahoo.com)

February 22 PHSSL District 9 Tournament

Danville High School, Danville
Deadline for registration is Wednesday, February 19 at 4 p.m. Changes can be made through Thursday, February 20 at 4 p.m. without penalty. After 4:00 on February 20 changes will incur a \$5.00 fee per change. Registrations will be accepted via e-mail or fax 570-286-3775 - Attention: Ellen Boyer.
Contact: Ellen Boyer (boyere@shikbraves.org)

February 22 PHSSL District 11 Tournament

St. Joseph's Preparatory School, Philadelphia
Registrations should be emailed to the contact Raymond Shay at ShayR@lschs.org or faxed to 215-233-1418.
Contact: Raymond Shay (ShayR@lschs.org)

February 22 PHSSL District 15 Speech Tournament

Harriton High School, Rosemont
Deadline for registration is February 13. Registration is at <http://www.tabroom.com/>.
Contact: Bonnie Perry (blperry2002@yahoo.com or 610-649-8700)

- February 22 PHSST District 10 Speech Tournament**
 Harriton High School, Rosemont
 Deadline for registration is February 13. Registration is at <http://www.tabroom.com/>.
 Contact: Bonnie Perry (blperry2002@yahoo.com or 610-649-8700)
- February 22 PHSST District 12 Tournament**
 St. Joseph's Preparatory School, Philadelphia
 Registrations should be emailed to Bernie Miller at millbe@centennialsd.org.
 Contact: Bernie Miller (millbe@centennialsd.org)
- February 22 PHSST District 1 Tournament**
 Pine-Richland High School, Gibsonia
 Deadline for registration is Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. Registrations should be sent to hpr@zoominternet.net or faxed to 724-662-2993.
 Contact: Hugh Ringer (hpr@zoominternet.net or 724-662-3094)
- February 22 PHSST District 8 Tournament**
 Abington Heights, Clarks Summit
 Deadline for registration is February 18. Registrations should be sent to Dave Long at longdr@hotmail.com or faxed.
 Contact: Keith Brosious (keith.brosious@elklakeschool.org)
- February 28 PHSST District 14 Tournament**
 Richland High School, Richland
 Contact: Holly Smith (Smithhl@pcam.org or 814-886-8188)
- March 2 DISTRICT TOURNAMENT DEADLINE**
 All District Tournaments must be completed by March 2 in order for competitors to qualify for the State Tournament.
- March 14 REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED FOR THE STATE TOURNAMENT**
 Coaches are to register all qualifiers/participants on the Joy of Tournaments website by March 14 (www.joyoftournaments.com)
 Contact: Codie Nevil Sauers (nevil@susqu.edu or 570-372-4300)
- March 27** Executive Board Meeting ~ Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove**
- March 28 & 29** STATE TOURNAMENT**
 Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove
 Contact: Codie Nevil Sauers (nevil@susqu.edu or 570-372-4300)
****The Tournament date has changed (on 12.6.13) from what was originally selected****
- April 26 Spartan Invitational**
 Southern Lehigh HS, Center Valley
 Tournament is open to all schools
 Contact: David Long (longdr@hotmail.com)

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: The Executive Board of the Pennsylvania High School Speech League will meet on March 27, 2014. These individuals are YOUR elected representatives and want to present and address your ideas and needs in handling the business of PHSST'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 PHSST State Office know.

TOPICS

February Public Forum Debate Topic

Resolved: The Supreme Court rightly decided that Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act violated the Constitution.

January Public Forum Debate Topic

Resolved: Development assistance should be prioritized over military aid in the Sahel region of Africa.

2013-2014 Policy Debate Topic

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

January-February 2014 L-D Topic

Resolved: Developing countries should prioritize environmental protection over resource extraction when the two are in conflict.

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2014-2015 National High School Debate Topic

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its non-military exploration and/or development of the Earth's oceans.

DISTRICT LIST 2013-2014 Printed as of: January 17, 2014

<p>District 1 Cathedral Preparatory School Fairview High School Harbor Creek Senior High Jamestown Area High School Lakeview High School McDowell High School Mercer Area High School Mercyhurst Preparatory</p>	<p>Hugh P. Ringer Mercer Area High School c/o 368 Sanbern Dr. Mercer, PA 16137</p> <p>Bob Hall Fairview High School 7460 McCay Rd. Fairview, PA 16415-2401</p>
<p>District 2 Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic High School Deer Lakes High School Fox Chapel Area High School North Allegheny High School Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School Pine-Richland High School Sewickley Academy Shady Side Academy Vincentian Academy</p>	<p>Jeff Byko Pine-Richland High 700 Warrendale Rd. Gibsonia, PA 15044</p>
<p>District 3 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 Central Catholic High School Upper Saint Clair High School West Allegheny High School</p>	<p>Alice Ursin Bethel Park High School 309 Church Rd. Bethel Park, PA 15102</p>
<p>District 4 Belle Vernon Area High School Greater Latrobe High School Greensburg Salem High School McKeesport Area High School The Kiski School Trinity High School Uniontown High School</p>	<p>Mary Ann Berty Trinity High School 231 Park Ave. Washington, PA 15301</p>
<p>District 5 Berlin Brothersvalley High School Bishop McCort High School Central Cambria High School Conemaugh Township Area High School Forest Hills High School North Star High School Richland Senior High School Rockwood High School Shade 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 West Shore Christian Academy Camp Hill High 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 Dallastown Area High School Delone Catholic High School Gettysburg Area 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 Crestwood High School E L Meyers High School Elk Lake High School Holy Cross High School Holy Redeemer High School Notre Dame High School Pocono Mountain East High School Pocono Mountain West High School Scranton Preparatory School Southern Lehigh High School Wallenpaupack 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 Athens High School Bloomsburg Area High School Danville High School Mid-West High School Montgomery Area Jr/Sr High School Sayre Area High School Selinsgrove Area High School Shikellamy High School South Williamsport Jr/Sr High School Towanda Area High School</p>	<p>Ellen Boyer Shikellamy High School 600 Walnut St. Sunbury, PA 17801</p>
<p>District 10 Conestoga High School Downingtown Stem Academy Friends Central School Harriton High School Haverford High School Interboro High School Sun Valley High School The Haverford School</p>	<p>Bonnie Perry Harriton High School c/o 130 Anton Rd. Wynnewood, PA 19096</p>

<p>District 11 Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School Julia Reynolds Masterman Laboratory & Demonstration School La Salle College High School Olney Charter High School Upper Dublin 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 Franklin Towne Charter HS George Washington High School Harry S. Truman High School Nazareth Academy High School Pennsbury High School William Tennent High School</p>	<p>Bernie Miller William Tennent High School 333 Centennial Rd. Warminster, PA 18974</p>
<p>District 14 Altoona Area High School Bellwood-Antis High School Bishop Carroll Catholic 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>Dick Bower Bellwood-Antis School District 400 Martin Street Bellwood, PA 16617</p> <p>Holly Smith Penn Cambria High School 401 Linden Ave. Cresson, PA 16630</p>
<p>District 15 Garnet Valley High School Henderson High School Malvern Preparatory School Strath Haven High School The Hill School</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>

2013-2014 INSURANCE FORMS RECEIVED

Insurance Forms from the following schools have been received by the State Office and accurately reflect Susquehanna University AND Selinsgrove School District as Additional Insured's.

Belle Vernon Area High School	Rockwood High School
Bellwood-Antis High School	Saint Joseph's Preparatory
Bethel Park High School	Sayre Area High School
Bishop Carroll Catholic High School	Selinsgrove Area High School
Bishop Guilfoyle	Shady Side Academy
Cambria Heights High School	Shikellamy High School
Camp Hill High School	South Western High School
Carlisle High School	South Williamsport Jr/Sr High School
Cedar Cliff High School	Southern Lehigh High School
Central York High School	Strath Haven High School
Conemaugh Valley High School	The Hill School
Conestoga High School	Towanda Area High School
Coughlin High School	Uniontown High School
Cumberland Valley High School	Upper Saint Clair High School
Danville High School	Westmont Hilltop High School
Deer Lakes High School	
E L Meyers High School	
Fairview High School	
Ferndale Area High School	
Franklin Towne Charter HS	
Gettysburg Area High School	
Greater Latrobe High School	
Harry S. Truman High School	
Holy Cross High School	
Holy Redeemer High School	
Interboro High School	
Knoch High School	
La Salle College High School	
Lake-Lehman Jr/Sr High School	
Lakeview Christian Academy	
Lakeview High School	
Malvern Preparatory School	
McDowell High School	
Mechanicsburg Area High School	
Mercer Area High School	
Midd-West High School	
North Allegheny High School	
North Star High School	
Panther Valley High School	
Penn Cambria High School	
Pocono Mountain East High School	
Pocono Mountain West High School	
Red Land High School	

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 6 & 7, 2013, were as follows:

First Place:	Shikellamy High School
Second Place:	Towanda High School
Third Place:	Athens High School
State Finalist:	Carlisle High School
State Finalist:	West Allegheny High School
State Finalist:	North Allegheny High School

ALL STATE CAST

<u>Name</u>	<u>Play</u>	<u>High School</u>
Sydney Hill	<i>Do Not Go Gentle</i>	Athens High School
Erica Buckley	<i>The Glass Menagerie</i>	Carlisle High School
William Hunter	<i>The Glass Menagerie</i>	Carlisle High School
Cameron Davis	<i>High School Musi-pocalypse</i>	North Allegheny High School
Christa Beveridge	<i>Rabbit Hole</i>	Shikellamy High School
Shelby Snyder	<i>Rabbit Hole</i>	Shikellamy High School
Caroline Vana	<i>These Shining Lives</i>	Towanda High School
Blakely Watkins	<i>These Shining Lives</i>	Towanda 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, KATHRYN HANES and DANIEL GOODWIN 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. JOYCE HENDRICKS, Former Director of Musical Productions, Retired Educator, Selinsgrove Area High School, and President of The Valley Players Community Theater Organization; 2. KEN KOPF, Retired Professor of Communications/Information Systems; 3. MARY REINHARD, Adjunct Faculty and Student Teacher Supervisor at Susquehanna University, former drama club director and forensic coach, former actor and director 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 Zoe McNichols, Abington Heights High School
Zack Peercy, Abington Heights High School
Abby Mapps, Abington Heights High School
Nick Kremp, Abington Heights High School
Christa Beveridge, Shikellamy High School
Shelby Snyder, Shikellamy High School
Rachel Dundorf, Carlisle 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

2013

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

(In alphabetical order)

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

NFHS EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING TOPICS

November 2013

Domestic

Easier Topics

1. Which political party is most harmed by the dispute over the government shut down?
2. Are problems with the implementation of Obamacare short term?
3. Is Sarah Palin still an important figure in American politics?
4. Will Janet Yellen be good for the Federal Reserve?
5. Should the United States keep its troops in Afghanistan beyond 2014?
6. Should members of the Tea Party form a third political party?
7. Can America's welfare system be simplified?
8. Who is best positioned to succeed Rick Perry as governor of Texas?
9. How much will the new New York mayor depart from the legacy of Michael Bloomberg?
10. Is prescription drug abuse a bigger problem than drugs like cocaine and heroin?
11. Should American educators be worried about level or declining SAT scores?
12. Should schools be responsible for policing student social media accounts?
13. Should the United States ease its sanctions against Iran?

More Difficult Topics

1. Will later retirements by aging workers help or hurt the American economy?
2. Are Ted Cruz's political fortunes improving after his involvement in the federal budget battle?
3. Should the Supreme Court invalidate limits on large individual political campaign contributions?
4. Have there been any really lasting negative effects of the Edward Snowden security leaks?
5. In light of continued budgetary pressures, should the United States cut back on its aid to foreign governments?
6. Do recent U.S. strikes on targets in Libya and Somalia show American military strength or weakness?
7. Will social or economic issues dominate Republican primary contests in 2014 and 2016?
8. Are this year's cost of living adjustments for Social Security insufficient to meet the needs of the nation's elderly?
9. Has the hope for a resurgence in nuclear power in the United States died-out?
10. How will recent statements by Pope Francis impact the standing of the Catholic Church in the United States?
11. Does the recent shooting at the Washington, DC Naval Yard suggest that security at military facilities is not sufficient?
12. How has the government shutdown impacted the U.S. military?

International

Easier Topics

1. Will renewed dialog between the U.S. and Iran lead to a settlement over Iran's nuclear program?
2. Can the United Nations trust Syria's cooperation on its chemical weapons dismantlement deal?
3. Is Kim Jong Un better or worse for the people of North Korea than his father?
4. Is al-Qaeda making a resurgence in Iraq?
5. Should the Ukraine provide a pardon for Yulia Tymoshenko, as European diplomats are urging?
6. Is the Eurozone making a recovery?
7. Is Libya's new government becoming unstable?
8. Is Ed Miliband moving Britain's Labour Party too far to the left?
9. Is the National Front entering France's political mainstream?
10. Should Germany's Greens form a coalition with Angela Merkel's Christian Democrats?
11. Has India's Congress Party undermined its own future electoral prospects?
12. Is Afghanistan equipped to mount free and fair elections?
13. Was fraud committed on Malaysia's most recent elections?

More Difficult Topics

1. Will China's new Aged Care Law improve the well-being of China's elderly?
2. Is the Chinese government legitimately threatened by separatist movements in its autonomous provinces?
3. Is widespread praise for Malala Yousafzai justified?
4. Will the terrorist attack on a Nairobi shopping mall lead to a renewed international effort to eliminate the threat from al Shabaab?
5. Has the dispute over Syria strengthened or weakened U.S. relations with Russia?
6. Is the Spanish government taking the right steps to restore its economy?
7. What steps does the government of Myanmar need to take to achieve peace with separatist Muslim groups?
8. What should the Australian government do to improve relations with neighboring Pacific nations?
9. Has Nursultan Nazerbayev's long presidency in Kazakhstan helped or hurt the nation's rise?
10. Will the expansion of regional free trade agreements to include Taiwan speed the pace toward reunification with China?
11. Should Nicaragua pursue the construction of a canal linking the Atlantic and Pacific?
12. Can Nicolas Maduro reform Venezuela while still staying true to the revolutionary principles of Hugo Chavez?

December 2013

Domestic

Easier Topics

1. Will problems with the rollout of Obamacare strengthen forces looking to repeal the controversial law?
2. Does Chris Christie represent the core of the Republican Party's membership?
3. Will fires in Tesla electric cars pose a significant setback to the electric car industry?
4. Should Kathleen Sebelius resign as Secretary of Health and Human Services?
5. Should U.S. courts stop NSA surveillance of electronic communications?
6. Is Scott Walker a realistic contender for the 2016 presidential race?
7. Have budget sequester rules been good for the federal government's fiscal discipline?
8. What will be the effect of cuts to the federal food stamp program?
9. Should Congress act to increase the quality of preschool education in the United States?
10. Can consumers expect a continuation of lower gasoline prices?
11. Should the Supreme Court rule that bans on affirmative action are illegal?
12. What kinds of changes will Bill de Blasio bring to New York City?
13. Does the United States imprison too many non-violent criminals?

More Difficult Topics

1. Can disgraced former Presidential candidate, John Edwards, rehabilitate his image?
2. Will family disputes over gay marriage hurt Liz Cheney's bid for Senate in Wyoming?
3. Can hydrogen powered vehicles gain a foothold in the U.S. auto market?
4. Will Twitter's decision to take its stock public help the company grow?
5. Should the federal government regulate Bitcoin?
6. What should the Obama administration do to patch-up relations with its allies in the wake of the NSA eavesdropping scandals?
7. What can members of Congress do to increase the institution's favorability rating with the public?
8. Will U.S. State Department efforts to combat the global trafficking of ivory succeed?
9. What can President Obama do to heal the growing rift between the United States and Israel?
10. Will efforts by Google and Microsoft to combat the spread of online child pornography prove successful?
11. Do George Zimmerman's continued legal problems cast doubt on the justice of his acquittal in the Trevon Martin shooting case?
12. Is the United States losing its competitive edge in wooing international students to study here?

International

Easier Topics

1. Can the Mayor of Toronto resurrect his political career?
2. Has the government of the Philippines mounted an effective response to the recent typhoon disaster?
3. Should the Afghan government seek a negotiated settlement with the Taliban?
4. Should Great Britain invest in high-speed rail?
5. Do recent elections demonstrate that Kosovo is becoming a more stable nation?
6. Will proposed economic reforms in China spur economic growth there?
7. Is China's vigilance against Uighur opposition justified or excessive?
8. Is the Congress Party in danger of losing control of India's government?
9. Have Cambodia's Khmer Rouge war crimes trials been worth it?
10. Should Nicaragua adopt its proposed constitutional reforms?
11. Is Argentina's president in danger of an early departure from office?
12. Is a trade agreement between Canada and the EU good for both parties?
13. Can meaningful peace talks for Syria be organized?

More Difficult Topics

1. How will the bombing of Iran's embassy in Lebanon affect the country's controversial role in Lebanese and Syrian affairs?
2. Will U.S. efforts to train Libyan soldiers result in increased stability in that country?
3. Will the leadership of Greece's current governing coalition be short-lived?
4. Will overtures by Turkey's government to improve relations with its neighbors succeed in reducing tensions on its border?
5. Has the UN achieved a satisfactory solution to the border dispute between Thailand and Cambodia?
6. What steps can the government of Sri Lanka take to bring about reconciliation with the Tamil people?
7. How likely is it that the two Koreas will be able to strengthen cross-border cooperation in the near-term?
8. Can Burma sustain a cessation of hostilities between the government and Kachin rebels?
9. What steps can be taken to improve the availability of health care in Africa?
10. Can Jordan's King avoid the kind of revolutionary turmoil that has faced other leaders in the region?
11. What will be the consequence of trials of Muslim Brotherhood leaders in Egypt?
12. Should the United States provide more weapons to Iraq's government?

January 2014

January's topics are not able to be published at this time, per NFHS request.
They will be available after January 31, 2014.

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. Islam and the West
2. US Immigration
3. Washington's Dealmakers & Dealbreakers
4. Obamacare
5. Energy around the Globe
6. The Arts

Extemporaneous Speaking Topics

1. Cyber Security
2. US Infrastructure
3. Africa
4. Veteran Affairs
5. 2014 Midterm elections
6. Pacific Rim

PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE – Prepared Rounds for 2013-2014 District and State Competition

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(Please do not use this topic at other tournaments)

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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. _____

STATE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Susquehanna University
Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania

March 28 & 29, 2014

TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS PHONE

FRIDAY (8:00 AM to 3:00 PM)

Campus Dial: 2811 Off Campus Dial: 372-2811

SATURDAY (7:45 AM to 5:00 PM)

On Campus Dial: 2812 Off Campus Dial: 372-2812

STATE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, March 27, 2014

1:00 p.m. Executive Board Meeting, Meeting Room #2, followed by a work session.
DEGENSTEIN CAMPUS CENTER

FRIDAY, March 28, 2014

9:00 – 12 NOON Registration. All **Cross-X Debate** teams must be registered by
12:00 Noon. Otherwise Round I will be forfeited.
WEBER CHAPEL AUDITORIUM, FOYER

9:00 - 2:00 p.m. Registration. All non-Cross-X Debate competitors.
WEBER CHAPEL AUDITORIUM, FOYER

1:00 p.m. Meeting for all Cross-X debaters, coaches and judges.
WEBER CHAPEL AUDITORIUM.

1:00 p.m. Cross-X Debate Tab Room opened. Apfelbaum Hall 306

1:45 p.m. Cross-X Debate Round I.

2:00 p.m. **ALL SCHOOLS MUST COMPLETE REGISTRATION**
EVEN THOUGH FEES HAVE BEEN PAID!

2:15 p.m. Tab Room Tournament Committee Meeting
Weber Chapel – Right hallway

2:45 p.m. General meeting for all Student Congress, L-D Debate, Parliamentary Debate,
individual events, contestants, coaches, judges and **HIRED JUDGES**.
Hall of Fame Presentation. WEBER CHAPEL AUDITORIUM.

3:15 p.m. Cross -X Debate Round II.

3:30-ON p.m. Early dinner/snack break. Benny's Bistro will be open during these
hours. There will be food available for purchase at Selinsgrove High School
and the Selinsgrove Elementary School.

3:30 p.m. Contestants and judges for Persuasive Speaking. Duo Interpretation, Prose,
Poetry and Impromptu board buses in front of WEBER CHAPEL AUDITORIUM TO
GO TO SELINGSGROVE HIGH SCHOOL (SHS).

3:30 p.m.	L-D Debate & Parliamentary Debate board buses in front of WEBER CHAPEL AUDITORIUM TO TRAVEL TO THE SELINGROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (SES). <u>PLEASE DO NOT TAKE PRIVATE CARS OR BUSES TO THE ELEMENTARY OR HIGH SCHOOL.</u> EVERYONE IS ASKED TO USE THE SHUTTLE SERVICE.	
3:45 p.m.	Persuasive Speaking, Duo Interpretation, Prose, Poetry and Impromptu contestants report to the SHS CAFETERIA. LD contestants report to the SES LIBRARY.	
3:45 p.m.	Meeting for Commentary and Extemporaneous Speaking contestants for Round I Speaking position. WEBER CHAPEL – Right Hallway	
4:00 p.m.	Meeting for all Persuasive Speaking, Duo Interpretation, Prose, Poetry and Impromptu judges, SHS CAFETERIA Meeting for all LD judges SES Parliamentary Debate judges Meeting SES Persuasive Speaking, Duo Interpretation, Prose, Poetry and Impromptu contestants at SHS report to the Cafeteria LD contestants at SES report to the Library Meeting for Radio Announcing contestants and judges. WEBER CHAPEL AUDITORIUM.	
4:00-5:00 p.m.	Student Congress: HOUSE Opening Session and Committee Meetings. <u>Commonwealth House</u> — SEIBERT HALL, ISAACS AUDITORIUM. <u>State House</u> — SEIBERT HALL, ROOM 108 <u>Keystone House</u> – Garrett Sports Complex, Apple Rm	
4:15 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>
4:30 p.m.	Public Forum Debate Student Congress: Senate (CCMA, Stretansky Hall)	Round I Session I
4:45 p.m.	Radio Announcing - All Sections Parliamentary Debate –Prepared Topic Round L-D Debate Extemporaneous Speaking Commentary Impromptu Speaking Informative Speaking Persuasive Speaking Dramatic Interpretation Humorous Interpretation Oral Interpretation of Prose Oral Interpretation of Poetry Duo Interpretation	Round I Round I Round I Round I Round I Round I Round I Round I Round I Round I Round I Round I
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	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 Parliamentary Debate Prepared Topic Round	Round II Round II Round II Round II Round II Round II Round II Round II Round II Round II Round II
7:00 p.m.	Public Forum Debate	Round III
7:15 p.m.	L-D Debate	Round III
7:30 p.m.	Radio Announcing – All Sections	Round II
8:00 p.m.	Cross-X Debate Parliamentary Debate Impromptu Topic Released	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
8:30 p.m.	L-D Debate Public Forum Debate Student Congress: Senate (CCMA, Stretansky Hall)	Round IV Round IV Session II

8:30 p.m.	Parliamentary Debate Impromptu Topic	Round III
9:30-11:45 p.m.	Buffet. EVERT DINING HALL, CAMPUS CENTER. When available, pairings for Saturday morning will be posted MULTI MEDIA . There will be postings on the first floor of APFELBAUM HALL, on the Internet, Phillips Motel, Hampton Inn, Days Inn and Country Cupboard Inn in Lewisburg.	

SATURDAY, March 29, 2014

7:45 a.m.	<i>Announce pairings and judges for</i> Cross-X Debate APFELBAUM HALL LOBBY Parliamentary Debate Impromptu Topic Released	Quarter finals
8:00 a.m.	Cross-X Debate Student Congress: Senate (CCMA, Stretansky Hall)	Quarter finals Session II cont.
8:15 a.m.	Parliamentary Debate Impromptu <i>Announce pairings and judges for</i> LD Debate Public Forum Debate APFELBAUM HALL LOBBY <i>Posting of contestants and judges for</i> Extemporaneous Speaking Commentary Impromptu Speaking Dramatic Interpretation Duo Interpretation Oral Interpretation of Poetry Oral Interpretation of Prose Humorous Interpretation Informative Speaking Persuasive Speaking	Round IV Quarter finals Quarter finals Semi-finals Semi-finals Semi-finals Semi-finals Semi-finals Semi-finals Semi-finals Semi-finals Semi-finals
8:15 a.m.	Extemp. Speaking FISHER SCIENCE, FAYLOR LECTURE HALL Commentary FISHER SCIENCE, FAYLOR LECTURE HALL Impromptu Speaking BOGAR HALL, ROOM 102	<u>Prep</u> <u>Prep</u> <u>Prep</u>
8:30 a.m.	Radio Announcing – All Sections L-D Debate Public Forum Debate Impromptu Speaking	Quarter-finals Quarter-finals Quarter-finals Semi-finals
8:30 a.m.	Dramatic Interpretation Duo Interpretation Oral Interpretation of Poetry Oral Interpretation of Prose Humorous Interpretation Informative Speaking Persuasive Speaking	Semi-finals Semi-finals Semi-finals Semi-finals Semi-finals Semi-finals Semi-finals
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	
9:30 a.m.	Parliamentary Debate	Quarter Final topics released
9:45 a.m.	<i>Announce pairings and judges for</i> Cross-X Debate	Semi-finals
10:00 a.m.	Cross-X Debate Parliamentary Debate	Semi-finals Quarter Final Round
10:15 a.m.	<i>Announce pairings and judges for</i> 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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10:30 a.m.	L-D Debate Public Forum Debate Impromptu Speaking Informative Speaking Humorous Interpretation Dramatic Interpretation Oral Interpretation of Prose Oral Interpretation of Poetry Duo Interpretation Persuasive Speaking	Semi-finals Semi-finals Final round Final round Final round Final round Final round Final round Final round Final round
10:45 a.m.	Extemporaneous Speaking Commentary	Final round Final round
11:00 a.m.	<i>Radio Announcing</i> Parliamentary Debate	Semi-finals Semi-Finals topic released

11:15 a.m.	<i>Announce pairings and judges for</i> L-D Debate Public Forum Debate APFELBAUM HALL LOBBY	Final round Final round
11:30 a.m.	L-D Debate Public Forum Debate Parliamentary Debate	Final round Final round Semi-Final round
11:45 a.m.	<i>Announce pairings and judges for</i> Cross-X Debate	Final round
12:00 NOON	Cross-X Debate Student Congress: Senate (CCMA, Stretansky Hall)	Final round Super Session
12:30 p.m.	Student Congress: HOUSE. Super session SEIBERT HALL, ISAACS AUDITORIUM	
12:30 p.m.	Parliamentary Debate	Final round topic released
1:00 p.m.	Radio Announcing Parliamentary Debate	Final round 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 28, 2014

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 29, 2014

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
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Student LoungeCAMPUS CENTER, MELLON LOUNGE
L-D/Cross X Debate PostingsAPFELBAUM HALL LOBBY
IE Posting Area.....APFELBAUM HALL LOBBY
Awards Ceremonies WEBER CHAPEL AUDITORIUM

assignments may be subject to change

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: This house believes that important decisions about children’s health should be made by medical professionals and not by their parents.

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 believes that there should be a greater US military presence in East Asia.
 2. RESOLVED: This house will allow prisoners to choose death over a life sentence.
 3. RESOLVED: This house believes that social movements in democratic countries should drive social change through the courts rather than the legislature.
 4. RESOLVED: This house believes that Pennsylvania should abandon the Keystone exams as a graduation requirement from high school.
 5. RESOLVED: This house believes that the US government should retaliate against Chinese cyber-attacks.
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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 2014 State Tournament, and which may be used at the District Tournaments and at other invitational topics, are:

1. RESOLVED: This house believes that there should be a greater US military presence in East Asia.
2. RESOLVED: This house will allow prisoners to choose death over a life sentence.
3. RESOLVED: This house believes that social movements in democratic countries should drive social change through the courts rather than the legislature.
4. RESOLVED: This house believes that Pennsylvania should abandon the Keystone exams as a graduation requirement from high school.
5. RESOLVED: This house believes that the US government should retaliate against Chinese cyber-attacks.
6. RESOLVED: This house believes that in the instance of terrorism it is morally correct to sacrifice the rights of law abiding citizens to further public safety.

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

- 2013 CHRISTINE METCALFE, Mechanicsburg High School, Mechanicsburg
2013 JOHN V. ROCHE, Nazareth Academy High School, Philadelphia
2012 TIM WAXENFELTER, Quigley Catholic High School, Baden
2011 KEITH BROSIUS, 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
2013-2014 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.