

**11th Annual
Eastside Catholic Invitational Speech Tournament - 2013**

Hosted by Eastside Catholic School
232 228th Avenue SE, Sammamish 98074
February 9, 2013

Dear Coach:

Enclosed you will find information on the eleventh annual Eastside Catholic Invitational Speech Tournament. We are offering seven events in Senior Division and eight events in Junior Division. Please be careful to read the conflict patterns and division requirements. The tournament allows large individual event entries which may force us to limit the number of schools attending, **so we recommend registering early**. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact me at the numbers listed below.

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I am delighted to announce that Eastside Catholic will award a \$1000 (each) scholarship to the top male and top female overall speakers in Senior Division this year. Runner-up male and female students will also be selected, should the winners choose not to accept.

Based on your feedback, we are pleased to continue our demonstration featuring members of the Eastside Catholic high school team. We are also changing the time limit in Junior Oratory to 5 minutes and will be altering our ballots in an effort to be consistent with the Seattle Prep and Blanchet tournaments. Finally, to increase student security, student names will no longer be visible to the public under the "Competitors" tab on forensicstournament.net.

Some important reminders: This is a non-smoking campus and food/drink (other than water) is not allowed outside the commons or judges' lounge. These items will be confiscated and persons with them will be asked to leave. Additionally, you've done very well keeping the campus clean the last few years – please continue your tradition of showing respect for the campus, as this allows us to continue hosting the tournament! Thank you.

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:

We are using ForensicsTournament.net to register, just as we did last year. To register, you'll need to do the following:

- 1) Register your school at ForensicsTournament.net.
- 2) Find our tournament: <http://forensicstournament.net/EastsideCatholic-MS-Speech/13>.

3) Click on the “Register” tab.

4) Click “Competitors” to enter competitors. You will need to add each competitor individually the first time, but this information (if you remember / save your log-in info) will be retained by the website from year to year.

5) Click on “Judges” to enter judges. Use the check-boxes to indicate which rounds the judge is available. Please note that a half-day judge counts as 0.5 judges toward your school’s requirement. Use the text-box for additional comments / information, but please keep text comments brief.

6) You’re all set! You can come back to this page at any time to see which other schools have entered, to modify your entry (including judges), to check for updates from the tournament, or to contact the tournament director.

LIMITATIONS:

Forty individual events slots per school. No maximum entry per individual event.

DIVISIONS:

There will be two levels for individual events. Junior division is for all contestants in the sixth and seventh grades. Senior division is open to sixth through eighth graders, though sixth graders are encouraged to register in junior division only.

Conflict Pattern for Individual Events:

Pattern A (morning)

Duo Interpretation

Dramatic Interpretation

Humorous Interpretation

Children’s Story Book

Pattern B (afternoon)

Impromptu

Expository

Original Oratory

Editorial Commentary

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TOURNAMENT MAY COLLAPSE DIVISIONS IF ENTRY NUMBERS ARE LOW

STUDENTS MAY NOT ENTER CONFLICTING EVENTS (ONLY ONE EACH PATTERN)

JUDGING:

Each COMPLETE Individual Events Judge covers 1-6 spots. Each event a speaker enters is considered a spot. Thus a speaker doing two events counts as 2 spots for judging. Thus four speakers doing two speeches each equal 8 spots and two judges. Please do not show up at the tournament without the required number of judges because it will force us to drop your contestants from competition. If you have 3 spots in Pattern A and 3 spots in Pattern B that = one judge. This is to give judges some rounds off. Judges need to understand that, even if they are parents, we cannot make dozens of special arrangements for rounds off. We'll try to give a judge a round off per pattern, but we need our judges to be available in order for us to run the tournament. The SINGLE most common reason that tournaments run late is that judges fail to pick up the ballots assigned to them or fail to return ballots in a timely fashion.

FEES:

There will be a \$15.00 school fee and each entry is \$8.00. **Each event again counts for one entry, thus a speaker doing two speeches costs \$16.00. A school with 6 entries would have a total fee of \$63.** Please note that there is a \$10 penalty for each uncovered entry. We don't want to charge this fee, so please cover your entries.

AWARDS:

We will award plaques to the top 10%+ of competitors in each event. Eastside Catholic will award a \$1000 (each) scholarship to the top male and top female overall speakers in Senior Division this year. Runner-up male and female students will also be selected, should the winners choose not to accept.

CONFLICTING EVENTS:

Students **CANNOT** enter conflicting events in speech.

DEADLINES:

Registration on Forensicstournament.net is due on or before TUESDAY, February 5th, by 4:00 P.M. Fees will be set at that time and registration will be "locked" from further editing. After that time, email all registration changes to jgans@eastsidecatholic.org. Drops will not be removed from registration fees if they are post-deadline.

DIRECTIONS:

From Interstate-90 (heading east) Take exit 15 (WA-900W/17th Ave NW toward Lake Sammamish State Park/Renton). Turn left at 17th Ave NW/Renton Issaquah Rd SE. Take the slight right on SE 56th Street. Take left onto East Lake Sammamish Parkway. Take right onto SE 43rd; go up hill and continue on road for about four miles past the Pine Lake shopping center. SE 43rd becomes 228th. Follow 228th past Skyline High School. Take right onto Crusader Way.

From 520 Take exit for Redmond Way/WA-202. Keep right at the fork; follow signs for WA-202 E/Fall City/North Bend and merge onto Redmond Way/ Take right on Sahalee Way NE; Sahalee Way becomes 228th. Follow for about two miles and take left on Crusader Way. **Eastside Catholic is located off of 228th Avenue and is set back about a 1/2 mile from the main road.**

EASTSIDE CATHOLIC ELEVENTH ANNUAL SPEECH INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 11th

IE Registration 7:45 - 8:15

Inside Library for coaches, students can go directly to the Commons

Welcome in Commons for everyone at 8:30. Coaches and judges should report to the library for ballots and review of rules right after welcome

Pattern A - Round I 9:00 - 10:00

Pattern A - Round II 10:00 - 11:00

Pattern A - Round III 11:00 - 12:00

Lunch Break 12:00 – 12:45 – Concessions for students; Catered for adults (pasta, with vegetarian options)

Pattern B - Round I 12:45-1:45

Pattern B - Round II 1:50 – 2:50

Pattern B - Round III 3:00 - 4:00

Demonstrations by the Eastside Catholic Speech & Debate team – 4:30

Awards 5:45 or earlier in the Commons

Students should wait outside the contest room until the judge arrives. Students should not be in the contest rooms alone without a judge.

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A concession stand will be open from 8:00 A.M. until awards for students and parents. Complimentary snacks will also be available for parents, coaches, and judges in the Library (the judges' lounge).