

The Forensics Shallot

Because we aren't quite as large, or as flavorful as the onion. Also, because we are about forensics.

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Students not following schedule and rules are ~~punished~~ praised.

Exempters Seeking entrance into the Tab Room were dealt with. With kind words and safe spaces. We swear.

By: An Interested Party

WILKES-BARRE, PA - Early last year, at the first ever Holy Redeemer Redeem Yourself Tournament, it seems the tournament staff entered the tab room in the wee hours of the twilight to find an extemper apparently attempting entry into the tab room.

"Upon finding the trespasser, we kindly asked them to stand still while we asked a few benign questions. It wasn't until he fled that there was even an issue." Last year's tournament director told us.



All that is left of the alleged trespasser

As no coach reported that any of their students were missing, we can only assume that the student

wasn't very talented or beloved. If anyone learns anything regarding a missing student that can be linked back the tabroom staff, we ask that you report your information late tonight, by yourself, and without anything that might be used to defend yourself.

"Forensics students enjoy Quotations."

By: Anonymous

WILKES-BARRE, PA -



"Those who think it cannot be done should not interrupt the ones doing it." -Chinese Proverb
"Speech should not just be the sharing of information, but the sharing of yourself" - Ralph Archibald

"When I get ready to talk to people, I spend two thirds thinking about what they want to hear, and one third thinking about what I want to say." - Abraham Lincoln



Tournament-wide treasure hunt to commence with the start of the opening ceremony.

By: A Cool Pirate.

Wilkes-Barre, PA - As the tournament commences, so will a scavenger hunt that all students and coaches are welcome to participate in. The first clue will be announced in the opening meeting, and from there, anyone is welcome to participate. Be warned: the prizes are nowhere near as cool as the treasure chest pictured above. No where near.

The goal is simple: participants are in search of the tournament director's beard.



(before/after photo of Jeff with and without beard)

Someone mentioned that Prose and Poetry are two different things. No one is convinced, investigation continues.

By: A skeptical party

Wilkes-Barre, PA - It has been brought to the attention of the authorities of the RCFL (Redeemer Catholic Forensics League) that Prose and Poetry are in fact two different interpretations of literature and should be considered such.

“Considering that both Prose and Poetry begin with the letter ‘P,’ we are not convinced these events are dissimilar enough to warrant a full investigation into the issue, but we have put a post-it about this inquiry on the corner of our work computer, so those concerned can be assured that it is getting the attention it deserves,” said a spokesperson for the league.

The complaints issued were centered around the argument that Prose and Poetry are different because one rhymes.

The spokesperson responded to that specifically, “We have people researching around the clock to find out about this rhyming thing. So far, our research has shown that poetry only sometimes rhymes, so the status quo of the prose/poetry combination needs to stand for now.”

*Editor’s Note: The Redeem Yourself tournament is running these as split events in order to further this research.

TYPES OF LANGUAGE

paragraph PROSE
• A basic paragraph shares an idea about a topic.
• Each paragraph will identify the idea, explain and provide evidence.
• Focuses on content and structure.

stanza POETRY
• A group of lines that share an idea.
• Stanzas are separated by an empty line.
• Stanzas in poetry are equal to paragraphs in prose.

Student Congress Needs Rules Overhaul, resolution passes.

By: Congresswoman Marks

WILKES-BARRE, PA - In an attempt to make forensics competition more closely resemble the real world, the U.S. Congress has passed a bill to make student congress more like their institution.



Those in Student Congress not only will not be required to offer evidence and logical proof to justify their conclusion, offering reasoning and evidence will be discouraged. Reliance on dubious sources, inclusion of inflammatory, emotionally-charged language and assertion of conclusions without proof will be required when introducing legislation or encouraging voting either for or against bills. Bonus points given for mindless name-calling.

Lincoln-Douglas debate to be replaced with something more civilized: Clinton-Trump Debate

By: Abraham Lincoln and Fredrick Douglas

WILKES-BARRE, PA

PHSSL has recently announced that Lincoln-Douglas debate will now be replaced by Clinton-Trump debate. Here are the essential rules:

A coin flip will determine which contestant can choose either “side” or “role.” If picking side, the debater can be AFF or NEG.

1. If choosing “Clinton,” the debater must wear an unfashionable pants suit, give arguments in such minute detail as to be difficult to follow and must deliver all speeches in a style that is devoid of all genuineness, energy or passion. Extra points given for delivering with a forced smile. Extra points given if the debater can avoid the word “email” for the entirety of the debate.

2. If choosing “Trump,” the debater must avoid any discernible organization and must use the words “huge, fantastic, and incredible” as often as possible. Extra points given if the debater can overtly deny something that he/she had actually said earlier in the debate. Extra points for addressing the judge directly and accusing him/her of bias. No physical contact allowed between “Trump” and anyone else in the room.



** The Holy Redeemer speech and debate team would like to note that none of the articles included in The Forensics Shallot are to be in any way taken seriously, or as any endorsement or denouncement of any political leaning or politician. We were merely trying to poke a little fun at forensics itself, as we enjoy doing so much over the course of the competition year.

****We thank all the coaches, competitors, parents, and friends, who took the time to be here today, and took the time to read our newsletter.