

# Tennessee High School Speech & Drama League

# COMMUNICATOR

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## DEADLINE FOR THSSDL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS: MARCH 6TH APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE ONLINE

### State Tournament Schedule for One Act and Interp. Theatre

To reduce uncertainty related to traveling to the State tournament, the following pre-arranged schedule is provided for One Act play and Interp. Theatre. Please use this schedule to assist you in determining your travel plans to the State Tournament. Remember One Act and Interp. Theatre competition is held on Friday, April 24. Please note that the judges will not be aware of the placing at Districts.

#### One Act Play Schedule

##### Examine the stage

8:20-8:40 District 2

8:40-9:00 District 3

9:00-9:20 District 4

##### Performances

9:30 District 2

10:20 District 3

11:10 District 4

12:00-1:00 Lunch

##### Examine the stage

12:00-12:20 District 1

12:20-12:40 District 5

##### Performances

1:00 District 1

1:50 District 5

Please do not unload for IT until your performance area is determined.

#### Interpreters' Theatre: Section A

1:30 District 3 (2nd place)

2:00 District 2 (2nd place)

2:30 District 4 (1st place)

3:00 District 1 (1st place)

3:30 District 5 (1st place)

#### Interpreters' Theatre: Section B

1:30 District 4 (2nd place)

2:00 District 1 (2nd place)

2:30 District 5 (2nd place)

3:00 District 3 (1st place)

3:30 District 2 (1st place)

Finals at 6:00 p.m.

### St. Cecilia Academy and Independence High Hosts 2009 State Tournament April 24-25

St. Cecilia Academy and Independence High School will be welcoming THSSDL to their campuses. This year's tournament is scheduled for April 24 & 25, 2009. Kari Smith, District III Director, and Cathie C. Stamps, District III Rep, are already planning an exciting time for this year's tournament. Make plans now to attend the state tournament in Nashville, Tennessee. New to this year's state tournament will be Impromptu Speaking, so encourage your students to participate. Remember, alternates will be allowed in One-Act play and Interp. Theatre, but they must be included on the Intent to Compete form. In this newsletter you will find important tournament information. Please take notice of changes related to rules, tournament fees, required documentation and due dates. All THSSDL forms can be found online at [www.tnhssdl.org](http://www.tnhssdl.org). I am looking forward to seeing each of you at the state tournament.

#### Hotel Information

These hotels are in the Cool Springs area between Independence and St. Cecilia. This is a great area for restaurants and shopping, too. If you would rather be closer to one school than the other call Kari Smith for hotel suggestions.

Please make your reservation by **March 23**, and make sure to mention Tennessee High School Speech and Drama League to guarantee the quoted rate. Some of these hotels are suites or they have couches that make beds, so you might be able to put more than 4 in a room.

#### Red Roof Inn 615-309-8860

8097 Moores Lane  
Price: \$55.99 a night  
15-20 minutes from each school.

#### Marriott Cool Springs 615-261-6100

700 Cool Springs Blvd.  
Price: \$109.00 a night  
15-20 minutes from each school.

#### Embassy Suites 615-515-5151

820 Crescent Centre Drive  
Price: \$148-159.00 a night  
15-20 minutes from each school.

#### Hampton Inn Cool Springs

615-771-7225  
7141 South Springs Drive  
Price: \$109.00 a night  
15-20 minutes from each school.

#### Days Inn Franklin 615-790-1140

3915 Carothers Pkwy  
Price: \$80.00 a night  
15-25 minutes from each school.

#### Ramada Inn and Suites 615-791-4004

6910 Hospitality Drive  
Price: \$95.95 a night  
15-25 minutes from each school.

#### Hyatt Place Cool Springs 615-771-8900

650 Bakers Bridge Ave.  
Price: \$109.00 a night  
15-25 minutes from each school.

#### Wingate Inn 615-277-8700

1738 Carothers Pkwy.  
Price: \$89-99.00 a night  
15-20 minutes from each school.

#### Country Inn and Suites 615-778-0321

7120 South Springs Dr.  
Price: \$109.00 a night  
15-25 minutes from each school.

### Directions to the Hotels:

Hotels are located off I-65 South near exits 67, 68 and 69 in the Franklin/Cool Springs area.

### Helpful information for more detailed directions to the schools:

Independence High School  
Tadd Himelrick (615) 472-4600  
1776 Declaration Way  
Thompsons Station, TN

St. Cecilia Academy  
Cathie C. Stamps (615) 289-4525  
4210 Harding Pike  
Nashville, TN

**Drop fees** are entry fees plus twice the entry fee for the event. Drop Fees occur after April 10, 2009. Drop fees on the first day of the tournament (April 24) are \$50 per drop in debate and \$25 per drop in Congress and IE.

Judging fees are \$50 per hired judge for IE (one judge covers six IE slots) and \$75 per uncovered debate team.

**Entry fees** will be \$8 per individual entry for IE, LD Debate and Congress; \$16 for Duo, Duet Acting, and Public Forum; \$25 for One-Act Play and Interp. Theatre. Fees are due at the official registration, please do not send with the "Intent to Compete" forms. Checks should be made out to the *Tennessee High School Speech and Drama League (THSSDL)*.

### Intent to Compete

Coaches! It is important to remember that it is the responsibility of each coach to officially enter qualified students in the State Championship Tournament. Also, the "Intent to Compete" forms must include your judges. Revised "Intent to Compete" forms can be found on [www.tnhssdl.org](http://www.tnhssdl.org).

The "Intent to Compete" form must be **received** by the Executive Director no later than Friday, April 10, 2009.

THSSDL Mailing Address:

Dr. Mike Gotcher  
APSU P.O. Box 4446  
Clarksville, TN 37044  
Phone # (931) 221-7364  
Fax # (931) 221-7265

The Intent to Compete form posted on the website can be filled out using Microsoft Word and submitted via

email to [gotcher@apsu.edu](mailto:gotcher@apsu.edu). If submitted via email, a hard copy must also be mailed to the above address.

Remember, it is your responsibility to guarantee delivery of your entries. Certified mail is the preferred choice because it provides you with a receipt.

### Tentative Tournament Schedule

#### Registration

On **Friday**, registration tables will be near the theatre at St. Cecilia Academy. Debate Registration: 1 p.m.-2 p.m. General Registration: 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Schools are encouraged to register on Friday.

On **Saturday**, Registration will be near the theatre at Independence HS. General Registration: 7 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. Opening Ceremony: 8:00 a.m. Competition Begins: 8:15 a.m.

#### Competition Times

##### Friday

*One-Act Play* competition will begin at 9:30 a.m. on April 24 with stage inspection for morning performances between 8:20 a.m. and 9:20 a.m., and afternoon performances between 12:00 a.m.- 12:40 p.m.

*Interpreters' Theatre* begins at 1:30 p.m. with finals at 6:00 p.m. The order of competition has been set and is included in the article on the front page of the newsletter.

*Debate* competition will begin at 3:00 p.m. Four rounds of debate will take place on Friday.

##### Saturday

All competitions will begin at 8:30 a.m. All competitors, coaches and judges are to meet in the theatre for the opening ceremony at 8:00 a.m.

*Technical Theatre Design: Set and Costume* competition will take place on Saturday as an Individual Event. The selected plays for Technical Theatre for 2009: *Dream Girls*, *The Tempest*, and *Diary of Anne Frank*.

### Performance Spaces for One-Act and Interpreter's' Theatre

*Interpreters' Theatre* prelims will be held in theatre spaces, which meet THSSDL specifications on size. Prelims will begin at 1:30 p.m. on April 24. Finals will be held in the auditorium at 6:00 p.m.

*One-Act Play* competition will be held in the auditorium. The stage has a nice loading area for the productions. The cross from stage right to stage left will occur behind an upstage curtain.

### Debate at the State Tournament

Debate at the State Tournament will be LD Debate and Public Forum Debate. For LD Debate, the NFL January-February topic will be used. Resolved: The United States ought to submit to the jurisdiction of an international court designed to prosecute crimes against humanity. The time format is 6:3:7:3:4:6:3. Prep time is three minutes.

LD Debate will be divided (if possible based on the number of teams) into Novice and Varsity Divisions. "Novice" refers to students who are in their first year of debate.

For **Public Forum Debate**, the topic will be the April topic and will be determined in early March, found on the NFL website (<http://www.nflonline.org/Main/CurrentTopics>). Five preliminary rounds will be held with appropriate elimination rounds.

### Importantly

Schools must bring qualified debate judges for LD and appropriate judges for Public Forum Debate in order to compete. For Public Forum Debate, schools must bring IE judges willing to judge on **Friday and Saturday morning** for Public Forum Debate. Public Forum judges will be needed on Friday. Schools must bring one judge for every two teams. (LD or Public Forum). Debate judges should be separated from IE judges or Student Congress judges. Be sure to enter debaters and list judges on the "Intent to Compete" form.

## Call for Krider and Hall of Fame Nominations

District Directors, make plans to place names in nomination for the Krider Award and for the **Hall of Fame** at the Board of Directors meeting during the State Tournament. Nominations can be made by any THSSDL member; however, nominations must be made at the District tournaments. Nomination forms can be found on [www.tnhssdl.org](http://www.tnhssdl.org). Forms must be completed and 15 copies submitted to the Executive Director by **April 10, 2009**.

The Hall of Fame was created in an effort to reward outstanding teachers of the dramatic and forensic arts. Selection of Hall of Fame members are based on these elements: ten or more years of service in the state of Tennessee, integrity, outstanding service above and beyond the call of duty, willingness to help colleagues, commitment to speech and dramatic arts education and dedication to caring for the individual student and his/her future. Mark Collins, Mike Gotcher & Suzanne Terry were inducted into the Hall of Fame in August 2008.

The **Krider Award** honors educators who promote excellence in the study, preparation and/or performance of speech and dramatic arts not exclusive to competitive activities. Some of the qualifications for the award include strong commitment to speech and dramatic arts education, ability to inspire creativity and willingness to help colleagues and THSSDL members. The 2008 Krider Award winner was PollyAnna Parker from Northeast High School.

### Krider Award Winners

Billy Pullen (1987)  
 Jane Eldridge (1988)  
 Laura McCammon (1989)  
 Gloria Robinson (1990)  
 Blanche Tosh (1991)  
 Harriet Medlin (1992)  
 Carlene Ford (1993)  
 Lee Ellen Beach (1994)  
 Glenda Sullivan (1995)  
 Linda Wilson (1996)  
 Kathy Ligon (1997)  
 David Bernheim (1998)  
 Mickey Hutson (1999)  
 Suzanne Terry (2000)  
 Sandra Davis (2001)  
 Lynne Colvin (2002)  
 Bonnie Barker (2003)  
 Cathie C. Stamps (2004)  
 Leslie Capozzoli (2005)  
 Randy Sullivan (2006)  
 Saralyn Archibald (2007)  
 PollyAnna Parker (2008)

### T-Shirt Contest and Orders

Showcase your high school! Bring a T-shirt or sweatshirt that represents your forensics team or drama program. Shirts will be displayed during the tournament. The best shirts will receive cash prizes.



**T-Shirt Order:** T-shirts will be available at the State Tournament, but ALL orders must be placed by April 10, 2009 with Mickey Hutson. To reach Mickey, call

901-853-3310 or fax 901-853-3313. Order forms can be found at [www.tnhssdl.org](http://www.tnhssdl.org) under the *forms* link.

### Preliminary State Tourney Committee Assignments

One Act Chairpersons -  
     Suzanne Terry & Steve Stamps  
 Interp. Theatre Prelims - Julie Watson &  
     Joanna Franzke  
 Interp. Theatre Finals - Jennifer Alexander  
 Extemp Topics - Lee Ellen Beach &  
     Harriet Medlin  
 Extemp Draw/Personnel -  
 LD Debate - Charles Oakes &  
     Danielle Traynor  
 Public Forum Debate - Lee Ellen Beach  
 Congress - Glenda Sullivan  
 TV Packets - Amy Jackson  
 TV Draw -  
 Friday Registration - (1-4) Mickey Hutson,  
     Ryan Hubbard & Cheryl Ward  
 Saturday Registration - (6:45-8:00)  
     Leslie Capozzoli &  
     Paulette Regan

Judges - Suzanne Terry, Mickey Hutson,  
     Courtney Spears & Lisa Biery  
 Timekeepers - Kari Smith &  
     Tadd Himelrick  
 Group Events Judges - Kari Smith &  
     Cathie Stamps  
 T-Shirts - Mickey Hutson  
 Ballot Table - Joanna Franzke &  
     Lisa Biery  
 Hospitality- District III  
 T-shirt Judges- Paulette Regan &  
     Leslie Capozzoli  
 \*Tournament Contact:  
     Kari Smith at Ravenwood H.S.  
     (615) 472-4800 &  
     Cathie C. Stamps at  
     St. Cecilia Academy  
     (615) 298-4525

### Hall of Fame Members

\*Ruby Krider (1991)  
 \*Nancy Pridemore (1991)  
 \*Freda Kenner (1991)  
     Anne White (1991)  
 \*Betsy Mashburn (1992)  
 \*Robert Woodland (1992)  
     Gene Crain (1992)  
     Roberta Daws (1992)  
     Hazel Gann (1993)  
     Blanche Tosh (1993)  
 \*Dockie Shipp Weems (1994)  
 \*Jane Eldridge (1994)  
 Howard Henderson (1995)  
 Florence Roach (1995)  
 Frank Bluestein (1996)  
     Sally Welch (1996)  
 Barbara Corley (1998)  
 Debbie Nelson (1998)  
 \*Doug Tidwell (1999)  
 Doris Buchanan (1999)  
 \*Tully Daniel (1999)  
     Billy Tate (2000)  
     Guy Stanley (2000)  
     Harriet Medlin (2000)  
     Linda Wilson (2001)  
     Kathryne Pugh (2001)  
 Aldameda Landiss (2001)  
 Lee Ellen Beach (2002)  
     Lola Barkow (2002)  
 Glenda Sullivan (2004)  
     Paulette Regan (2004)  
     Sandra Davis (2005)  
 Katherine Ligon (2006)  
 Bonnie Barker (2007)  
 Mickey Hutson (2007)  
 \*Mark Collins (2008)  
 Mike Gotcher (2008)  
 Suzanne Terry (2008)  
 \*deceased

## Student Congress Information for 2009 State Tournament

Anyone planning to enter Congress must be listed on the "Intent to Compete" form. Each school is required to submit two (2) pieces of legislation with numbered lines and which follows NFL guidelines. The legislation must be submitted as either a word document or pdf file and emailed to [gotcher@apsu.edu](mailto:gotcher@apsu.edu) by April 10, 2009. The legislation will be posted on the website to assist in the preparation for State competition. Participants must also bring 30 copies of the legislation to the tournament.

There is a \$25 drop fee for Congress on April 24 & 25.

Email legislation to [gotcher@apsu.edu](mailto:gotcher@apsu.edu)

## Important Manual Changes

- The manual has been updated and is posted on [www.tnhssdl.org](http://www.tnhssdl.org).
- A revised Intent to Compete form will be placed on the website making it easier to register for the State Tournament.
- You will need to consult the manual for changes related to Interp. Theatre.

## Documentation Issues

Due to the increased number of challenges concerning authenticity of materials, contestants in ALL Interpretative and Acting events must bring the original source or sources of their presentation to the tournament (this includes Interp. Theatre and One-Act play).

Students and coaches should be prepared to present the documentation at District or State tournaments if requested by tournament officials. Failure to present the requested materials could result in immediate disqualification. All material presented in acting and interpretive events must be published and of recognized literary merit and not the original work of the student.

Also, remember that students are not allowed to use the same cutting in different events at competitions. This decision by the Board of Directors means that a student cannot use a cutting in Dramatic one year and use the same cutting in Duo the next year (or subsequent years).

## Extemp Topics for State Tournament

Each school that enters Extempers in the State Tournament must send in at least 5 domestic, 5 foreign and 5 economic topics from periodicals of the current academic year for the State Tournament no later than April 10, 2009. If topics are not received by the due date, Extempers from that school are subject to disqualification. Send them to:

Lee Ellen Beach  
1237 Rossvie Rd.  
Clarksville, TN 37043  
or fax to RVHS  
(931) 503-3419

## District Reports Due

In order to update and maintain the THSSDL files and website, I need district reports as soon as possible. Once I receive the reports, I can make changes in the Directory and update the website. Please have district members check the names, addresses, and phone numbers to be included in the Directory. Also, be sure to include email addresses and fax numbers.

I appreciate your time and attention to this important matter.

Send your reports to:  
Dr. Mike Gotcher  
Austin Peay State University  
P.O. Box 4446  
Clarksville, TN 37044  
(931) 221-7364