

Kentucky High School

SPEECH

LEAGUE

WEEKLY WORDS ON WEDNESDAYS



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## INTRODUCTION: IT'S STILL WEDNESDAY

While it's quite late, it's technically still Wednesday while I'm writing this (and hopefully when I send it). I apologize for the hour, but I just got home a few minutes ago from a five-hour dress rehearsal for the play I'm in (I'll invite you in the conclusion), and many of you have lived and still live that life and know what I'm talking about. Thankfully, it went far better than last night, and I'm happy to reach out to you with this week's KHSSL news.

## POINT 1: TOURNAMENT RESULTS AND GOOD LUCK!

We have three tournaments to share results from -- the high school Krider Invitational from two weekends ago (in Tennessee) plus the Dunbar and KESDA charity swing held online this weekend. Here are your team results:

### **Dunbar High School half of the Raise Every Voice Swing**

#### *Debate:*

- 1st: Henry Clay HS
- 2nd: Upper St. Clair HS (PA)
- 3rd: Dunbar HS
- 4th: SugarLandSpiderSmart (TX)
- 5th: Pittsburgh Central Catholic (PA)
- 6th: Trinity HS

#### *Speech:*

- 1st: Pittsburgh Central Catholic (PA)
- 2nd: Upper St. Clair HS (PA)
- 3rd: Marist School (GA)
- 4th: Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh (PA)
- 5th: Bowling Green HS
- 6th: Ryle HS

### **KESDA half of the Raise Every Voice Swing**

#### *Speech (no debate offered):*

- 1st Pittsburgh Central Catholic (PA)
- 2nd Dunbar HS
- 3rd Upper St. Clair (PA)
- 4th The Marist School (GA)
- 5th Aquina Academy of Pittsburgh (PA)

**Krider Invitational (Henry County Schools in Tennessee)**

*Speech:*

Collierville High School (TN) - 1st place

Brentwood High School (TN) - 2nd place

Murray High School - 3rd place

Calloway County High School - 4th place

**Good luck to all the KHSSL kiddos competing at [Calloway County HS](#) (JR Speech), [Highlands Middle](#) (JR Speech), and [LaRue County High](#) (SR Speech + Congress) this weekend! May the words be with you!**



**POINT 2: PENNSYLVANIA UNIVERSITY TO HOST KHSSL STATE DEBATE TOURNAMENT MARCH 24 & 25**

Many of you will recognize one or both of these smiling faces -- our fabulous 2021-2022 KHSSL Intern Branson Gillispie and the longtime Transy speech and debate coach Gary

Deaton. They are pleased as pickles to be hosting us in March for the State Debate Tournament! I had lunch with them today in their new student center, and it's going to be a beautiful HQ for state debate! Can't wait to debate!

I also can't wait to make the many terrible vampire and werewolf puns that I'm sure the campus will inspire at state debate awards. Public Forum De-BAT. Etc. Etc. Etc. Brace yourselves. 🧛🧛

## POINT 3: BDC CHANGES AND TOURNAMENT CALENDAR DRAFT 13 NOW POSTED

We're on Draft 13 now (now posted here): <https://www.khssl.org/tournament-calendar>

Bluegrass Debate Coalition (former) Director Katie Humphries has informed me that she is no longer working for the BDC or for UK Debate, and I have no further information about whether or not the BDC will continue offering classes, if there will be a replacement for her, etc. She also let me know that UK Debate has canceled the Debate tournament BDC was going to hold in December plus the SR Speech/Debate tournament they planned to hold in January.

Obviously, everyone would love to see tournament(s) added to the calendar, so please let me again offer help to anyone who'd like to host a tournament who has yet to sign up to do so, especially on these now-open dates (at least regionally open). Please reach out -- I'm happy to help you make money and also give our KHSSL kiddos chances to compete!

Additional changes to the calendar on Draft 13 include links to the Hebron/Bardstown swing (JR Speech) and the December Wilson Wyatt (Debate). My next tasks to do are to launch the Douglass tournament (SR Speech and Debate) plus the two Blyton Novice-only tournaments in December, so please watch for those to appear on your Tabroom boards soon. I'll also be organizing a December scrimmage for our new teams in Jefferson County; we hope to see them all out at regular tournaments 2nd semester (plus of course Regionals/State!).

## CONCLUSION: A LIST OF INFO

\* We had no entries to the KHSSL TikTok contest. 😞

\* There will be no WWW next week as I won't be working, but sometime in the next week we'll be launching our one-week social media blitz (ThankKHSSLgiving week, I'm calling it) where we celebrate the semester so far on Facebook and Twitter plus seek out more followers. Stay tuned at our social media sites (see links below and follow us -- and invite us to follow your teams on Twitter too!).

\* Ever wanted to see the KHSSL State Director perform HI in costume? Two wonderful actors (one of whom is a past star student of our Tennessee coach friend Suzanne Terry) and I play



# COACHING RESOURCE OF THE WEEK:

## Useful Websites for Extempers

To me, there are two websites that are the most useful for any Extemp.

### **1. Extemp Central.** <http://speechgeek.com/extemp/>

I am a bit biased here as Logan Scisco was my student at Danville and the first student of mine to advance to NSDA National Finals (3rd place US Extemp 2003) among many many other awards he won while in school. I have traveled the nation with him as my student and later as my assistant coach. He does an amazing job putting together new questions for practice each week, and he also has fun tracking extempers around the country in his national points race.

Logan has taught at several schools in Kentucky and also was the Extemp coach for WKU 4n6 for a time (his student won college nationals while he was coaching there). He now works for Beechwood High School and coaches there.

I strongly encourage you to use his site for practice questions for four reasons (this is coach advice):

- a. He writes excellent questions for practice each week that will force you to stay up to date on current topics.
- b. Many tournaments pull his questions to use at his contests, so you might pull one at a tournament you have spoken on before.
- c. He writes questions for many tournaments (KESDA, for example) and has been known to pull out his own questions to fill out a round.
- d. While I write the questions for KHSSL contests, I'm not above looking at his for inspiration if I'm on question 8 of 12 I need to write for International Economics or something and finding inspiration from his for the remaining four.

He also writes quizzes you can use with your students each week to help them keep up on the news, though I encourage you to make it more of a game than like schoolwork.

### **2. The Extempers' Bible** <https://extempers.org/>

This is a very similar site. Most KY folk know Logan's site better, but I've been

pleased with what I've seen of this site, and they seem to be working together  
with Logan for the good of all things (and people) Extemp.



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