

## **Speech Team Requirements and Registration 2020-2021**

As in many sports, Speech Team is an individual achievement and a group effort. Each member of the team is vital for every practice and for every tournament so that all of us can succeed this year. Therefore, a commitment from both students and parents or family is necessary off and on from September to December and hopefully through March too.

### **By joining the Speech Team, students agree to:**

- Select at least one speech category
- Find and/or write material in the chosen category (except Impromptu)
- Love your speech and want to share it creatively
- Meet all deadlines, especially preparing for tournament dates
- Participate in at least one tournament
- Practice, practice, practice! 20-30 minutes at least two days per week should be the goal. (Literally every day is the best. Consistency is key)

If in-person tournaments resume:

- Provide double-spaced, typed (14-point font size recommended) copies of speeches, mounted on black paper
- Make a copy for you and one for the Coordinator
- Provide a folder or plastic cover for your speech

### **Speech Team parents or families agree to:**

- Work with your child to help him/her choose a speech category.
- Help with speech selection, including brainstorming, researching, and writing assistance to develop sections that meet the criteria of the speech category.
- Help to balance school work, sports, and other activities with Speech Team practice and tournaments
- Help your child during practice time by listening, timing the speech and always encouraging them.
- Volunteering to judge at a tournament

If in-person tournaments resume:

- Bring snacks
- Bring water to share
- Help carpool with other Speech Team members

### **Meetings**

You have the option of attending a team Zoom meeting at the following times:

Choice #1: Mondays 3:15pm-4:15pm (first meeting 9/21)

Choice#2: Thursdays 3:15pm-4:15pm (first meeting 9/24)

Please attend the same meeting each week, unless you notify the coordinator in advance. Please email about any absences from practice as well. As this is a team effort, missing a meeting could affect what the team can accomplish.

### **Materials**

Each Speech Team member is responsible for providing the following items for every practice and/or tournament, especially in-person events:

- Speech Folder
- Script of speech selection or written speech (typed properly and mounted)
- Pencil
- Appropriate dress for speech being given
- PPE Face covering (in-person only)

### **Volunteering**

Each family of a Speech Team member is asked to volunteer to be a judge at one of the tournament dates. Training on being a judge will be provided. The tournament dates are:

Bishop Blanchet Middle School Speech Tournament (Virtual)	December 12, 2020
Seattle Prep Speech Tournament (TBA)	Early January
Archbishop Murphy (TBA)	March

### **Fees**

Each tournament has a fee per participant and an entry fee in some cases. Although the school helps to defer these costs, we ask families to contribute \$25 as well. If you have already paid, thank you so much! If not, please send a check to the office once you know that Speech Team is right for your family. If you need a scholarship, please contact Jennifer Roben at [jroben@stlukeshoreline.org](mailto:jroben@stlukeshoreline.org) to make arrangements.

### **Communication**

You will find the contact information for the Speech Team Coordinator below. You will receive an email with details about tournaments beforehand. If they return to in-person, you will be sent info on location, parking, and meeting locations for each tournament the week before they occur. Feel free to contact the Coordinator with any concerns or questions via email or telephone at St. Luke. Also, if an emergency arises during a tournament, please contact me via call or text at the number below.

You will be sent a Google Form to share your contact information and to make a family commitment to participating on our team.

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