Speech Team Requirements and Registration
2022-2023

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)

For in-person tournaments:
- 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 student 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 at home and tournaments
- Help your student schedule practice times at home
- Help your student during practice time by listening, timing the speech, and always encouraging them
- **Volunteering to judge at a tournament (We MUST have 1 judge for every 5 students!)**

For in-person tournaments, we also ask that those who can:
- Bring snacks
- Bring water to share
- Help carpool with other Speech Team members

Meetings
You need to agree to come regularly to Speech Team meetings after school on **Thursdays 3:15pm-4:15pm.** Our first meeting is 9/28.

Please email the coordinator about any absences from practice. 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 tournaments 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 tournaments traditionally are:

Archbishop Murphy (In-Person @ Murphy)   October 29, 2022
Bishop Blanchet Middle School Speech Tournament (TBA)   Mid December
Seattle Prep Speech Tournament (TBA)   Early January

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 use the fee slip to pay or 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 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 are 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.

Speech Team Coordinator:
Jennifer Fargo   St. Luke School: 206-542-1133 x117
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