



**STAND UP
AND
SAY SOMETHING**

Dear Students and Parents,

It is that time of year again where students must stand up and say something! Our annual Oratorical Competition **“Stand Up and Say Something”** is an opportunity for students to challenge themselves to work outside their comfort zone and develop confidence, public speaking skills, and to inspire fellow students.

Students from grades 1-8 will participate in this event, writing and delivering their speech in class. Student speech topics must be submitted to homeroom teachers by March 25, 2019. Practicing speech delivery and some speech writing will be done at home for homework. Students in Junior and Senior Kindergarten have the option to participate in speeches within the classroom setting, but it is not required.

This year’s topic is *OPEN*

| Grades | Time Limits for Speeches | In-Class Presentation Date |
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| Primary School (grades 1-3) | 1-2 minutes but not exceeding 2 minutes | Grade 1 - April 8 Grade 2 – April 8 Grade 3 – April 9 |
| Middle School (grades 4-6) | 3-5 minutes but not exceeding 5 minutes | Grade 4- April 9 Grade 5 – April 11 Grade 6 – April 11 |
| Senior School (grades 7 & 8) | 3-5 minutes but not exceeding 5 minutes | Grade 7 – April 12 Grade 8 – April 12 |
| Winners will be announced April 15 during Opening Assembly | | |

Speeches will be viewed during language class by a team of administrative judges and students will be assessed on poise, content of speech, delivery and overall effectiveness and organization. Points will be deducted for time penalties, failure to announce the official topic at the beginning of the speech and failure to address fellow students, teachers and judges. *Two semifinalists* will be selected from each grade to attend the Oratorical Finals and will be assessed by a panel of Guest Judges from the school community. Please see the attached rubric for more information.

Parents, family and friends are invited to attend the **Oratorical Finals on April 24, 2019 @ 9:30AM** in the GAA Gymnasium. We look forward to engaging speech presentations and wish all students best of luck!

Regards,

Mrs. Patterson & Mrs. MacKinnon



Where we can make a difference

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Assessment Rubric

Students from Grades 1-8 will participate in this annual event. Students will be marked by a panel of judges on poise, content of speech, delivery and presentation, overall effectiveness. Time penalties and failure to announce the official topic at the beginning of the speech, failure to address fellow students, teachers and judges will result in marks being deducted.

| Categories | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
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| 1. Did the speaker introduce his/her fellow students, teachers and judges? | | | | |
| 2. Did the speaker introduce the topic effectively? | | | | |
| 3. Is the speech well organized, unified, coherent? | | | | |
| 4. Is the delivery effective and polished? | | | | |
| 5. Is the volume and pace of the speaker's voice appropriate? | | | | |
| 6. Are you really caught up in the story? | | | | |
| 7. Is there appropriate use of cue cards? | | | | |
| 8. Overall effectiveness of speech | | | | |

A few good pointers on effective speech delivery:

- ***Only use legal sized cue cards***
- ***Do not write your entire speech on the cue card, just the main points***
- ***Your speech should have an introduction, a body and a conclusion***
- ***Practice, practice, practice, especially in a mirror or have someone record you (you might see yourself in a different light!)***
- ***Props are not permitted***