Speech Events

Declamation

-Present a prewritten speech to the judge.

-Only open to 9th and 10th graders.

-Time limit: 10 minutes

-Memorization: yes

Dramatic

-Present a piece in a dramatic way.

-Time limit: 10 minutes

-Memorization: yes

Duo Interpretation

-Two contestants compete together presenting a piece, usually a play.

-Time limit: 10 minutes

-Memorization: yes

Extemporaneous

-Contestant receives a topic in the form of a question 30 minutes before speech is to be presented. Must write speech on that topic.

-Time limit: 7 minutes

-Memorization: yes

Oral Interpretation:

-Two pieces- one prose and one poetry- are read to the judge.

-Time limit: 10 minutes

-Memorization: no

Original Oratory

-Contestant writes and presents speech.

-Time limit: 10 minutes

-Memorization: yes

Children’s Literature

-Contestant reads a children’s story as if to a young audience.

-Time limit: 10 minutes

-Memorization: no

Impromptu

-Contestant responds to a prompt given upon entering the room.

-Time limit: 7 minutes

-Memorization: no

Congress

- Participants write and submit bills and resolutions to be considered

- Participants research the legislation to be discussed

- Participants give a speech in favor or opposition to the legislation

Speech and Congress Dates

Speech and Debate: Congress:

#1- October 4 @ Catonsville High #1- September 23 @ Catholic High

#2- October 18 @ Wilde Lake High #2- October 22 @ Towson High

#3- November 15 @ Arundel High #3 & #4- November 15 @ Arundel

#4- December 20 @ Notre Dame Prep #5-December 10 @ Loch Raven High

#5- January 10 @ TBA #6 & #7- January 10 @ TBA

#6- February 7 @ Western Tech #8- February 3 @ Catholic High

Snow- February 28 @ Western Tech

Finals- March 21 @ TBA Finals- March 18 @ Loyola Blakefield

Practice, Picking Your Piece, and Other

Picking your Piece

-Always get approval for your piece or topic

-All speech pieces must be published with a ISBN

-Ask for suggestions or help if you need it.

Practice

-First come, first served.

-Every Wednesday in Trailer 1

-If no-one shows up by 2:35 pm, I probably will leave.

Other

-If you’re unsure, you can visit the first tournament and see what other students think.

-I cannot provide rides. Transportation is up to you.

-Keep in mind that this looks good on transcripts and can

garner scholarships, but it takes a lot of practice which means

time.

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