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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