

SPEECH CONTEST

Joie Samuelson, Chair

Middle and High School students from St. Mary's County public, private, and home schools, grades 6 through 12, are eligible to enter the Speech Contest held Friday at 2 p.m. in the Fair Auditorium.

There are two divisions: Junior (grades 6, 7, and 8) and Senior (grades 9, 10, 11, and 12). Each public, private, and home-school group may be represented by one student, contests are encouraged to determine representatives. Depending on the number of entries, however, two students per division may be entered, so selecting runners up is encouraged.

Students may choose any topic considered appropriate to our family audience. Speeches are expected to be original and written by the contestant, although sponsors and advisors may offer suggestions. Each speech must be at least three but no more than five minutes. Speeches will be judged on content, organization, and delivery. First-, second-, and third-place awards are given for each division.

High School and adult volunteers for judging, score keeping, and helping coordinate the contest are most cordially invited. Please contact the Chair if you're interested or have questions.

Timeline:

Tuesday September 16: Registration due for schools' speakers and, if selected, runners up.

Friday September 19: Speech Contest

2:00 Speech contest begins.

Please contact Joie Samuelson with questions, suggestions, or to volunteer: ijsamuelson.ijs@gmail.com, 301-904-5747.