

ST. MARY'S COUNTY FAIR 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 in each division. Schools are encouraged but not required to select runners up in case the school's winner is unable to participate. Runners up and their speech title will be recognized during the contest.

Students may choose any topic considered interesting and 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:

Thursday Sept 16 - Monday September 20: Recommended dates for schools or organizations to choose students to represent them in the contest.

Tuesday September 21: Registration due for schools' speakers and, if selected, runners up.

Friday September 24: Speech Contest

1:30 Fair Auditorium open. Earliest time for students and volunteers to arrive.

1:45 PM Judges, Score Keepers, Helpers, and Speech Contestants due in the auditorium.

2:00 Singing of the National Anthem. Speech contest begins.

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