

7th & 8th Grade Speech!

Greetings to 7 & 8 grade Speech Families!

We are excited for your interested in participating in Speech! Speech is a great way to develop public speaking skills, as well as a fun way to meet new people and have new experiences. I hope that you find speech to be challenging, but very rewarding! If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please feel free to contact Miss Beth (beth.steinleitner@dc.k12.mn.us)

Tournaments:

Tuesday, January 15th - Monticello
Thursday, January 17th - HLWW
Thursday, January 24th - Buffalo
Tuesday, January 29th - Home Meet
February 7th - Annandale** special style

Practice Schedule:

Mondays and Tuesdays from 3:15-5:15 pm starting Monday, December 3rd.

Coach:

Miss Beth & Varsity Speech Helpers

We will be making a few changes in our program that will enhance the Middle Schoolers speech experience. In previous years, Middle School students have joined the Varsity team. This year, we are excited to give our younger speechies the opportunity to learn the speech fundamentals before competing at the Varsity level. We want all students to have the opportunity to reach their full potential; therefore, if your speechie is interested in competing at the Varsity Level after their Middle School Tournament season has concluded, please talk to a coach about your decision.

New to Speech Camp November 26th & 27th!

3:15 - 5:00 pm

Meet in the Middle School Media Center

More Information on the Categories!

- ***Creative Expression:** *Write your own speech that can be humorous or dramatic*
- ***Discussion:** *A roundtable discussion over a particular topic*
- ***Duo:** *Two people perform a dramatic or humorous literary piece*
- ***Extemp. Reading:** *Read from a book of poetry or prose. Emphasis is on how well the piece is vocally expressed*
- ***Extemp. Speaking:** *Students will be asked to answer current event questions*
- ***Great Speeches:** *The speaker presents a great speech that has been written and given by a famous person, politician, etc. One's own analysis is added to the speech.*
- ***Humorous:** *A selection that amuses, gives enjoyment, creates laughter*
- ***Informative:** *Write your own speech that informs the audience about a particular topic (visual aids also needed)*
- ***Original Oratory:** *Write your own speech that is persuasive*
- ***Serious Prose:** *Deliver a selection from a novel, content is essentially serious*
- ***Serious Drama:** *Deliver a selection from a play, content is essentially serious*
- ***Serious Poetry:** *Deliver a longer length poem from a published author, again-serious*
- ***Storytelling:** *Retelling of stories (in the speaker's own words) from a collection of stories*