

FIRST ANNUAL MISSION COLLEGE PREP **Invitational Speech Tournament**

For: SLO County 6-7-8th Graders

What: Speech Competition in these Categories:

- Dramatic Interpretation
- Impromptu
- Original Prose & Poetry
- Persuasive Speaking

Where: Mission College Prep High School

When: Saturday, April 13, 2019

Why:

- Have Fun
- Compete
- Learn New Skills
- Make New Friends
- Develop Confidence and Self-Esteem and...
- Stamp out GLOSSOPHOBIA!

HOW: Consider – and Sign Up Soon!

MORE INFORMATION TO COME...

Questions? Contact: Gina Pierucci at gpierucci@missionprep.org

Hope to See You There!



MISSION PREP JUNIOR HIGH SPEECH CONTEST

SPEECH CATEGORIES

DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION

Speakers will deliver a memorized 2-5 min selection of a published poem, play, work of prose or speech that may be humorous or dramatic in nature. Necessary background material is acceptable to be given briefly in the introduction. Judges will take into consideration the difficulty of the material. Note cards may be referenced, but excessive or continual referral will be noted. Students' scores will be lowered for presentations under or over the time limit. The speech selection including author, title, act, chapter must be submitted with initial application to ensure that students with the same selection are not competing in the same room contest. Speakers must remain standing at all times, and no singing, dancing, props or costumes are allowed.

IMPROMPTU

Speakers will randomly select from the Room Moderator a card with 3 impromptu topics: quotation, general topic of interest, or single word abstract. They will have 3 min to prepare their speeches. Pencils and note cards will be provided. Main ideas should be outlined on one 3x5 card, which may be used for reference during the 1-3 min speech. Time remaining will be indicated by the Room Moderator. Students' scores will be lowered for presentations under or over the time limit. Speakers must remain standing at all times, and no singing, dancing, props, or costumes are allowed.

ORIGINAL PROSE AND POETRY

Speakers will present a 2-5 min original speech of prose or poetry. The objective is to demonstrate literary creativity and vitality. The material may be comprised of a story, essay, or poem. **The material must be the student's own work.** The speech should be memorized. Note cards may be referenced but excessive use will be noted. Topics must be submitted with the application. Students' scores will be lowered for presentations under or over the time limit. Speakers must remain standing at all times, and no singing, dancing, props, or costumes are allowed.

PERSUASIVE SPEAKING

Speakers will present a 2-5 min original serious or humorous speech on any topic of interest. The subject may be timely, important or controversial. The objective is to inform, convince, and persuade the audience. The speech should be memorized. Note cards may be referenced, but excessive use will be noted. Topics must be submitted with the application. It will be noted if students do not stay within the time limitations. Speakers must remain standing at all times, and no singing, dancing, props, or costumes are allowed.

*****NOTE:** *First and foremost: There is no expectation for perfection in this competition, as it is an initial public speaking experience and first competition for most participants. Best effort, thoughtful intention, and mostly a fun experience of growth are the goals. The expectation is that students step up, participate and do their best. That is what is hoped for. More info to come...*

Questions?

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