



**IMPROVE PUBLIC SPEAKING SKILLS  
COMPETE AGAINST OTHER SCHOOLS  
HAVE FUN BEING PART OF A TEAM!**

**Speech Team will be meeting every Thursday from 3:00-4:00 in the library.**  
Speech is open to any STM student in grades 6th, 7th, or 8th.

Meetings are spent writing speeches, practicing for competition, and giving teammates feedback for improvement. Areas of competition are: dramatic interpretation, humorous interpretation, duo interpretation, oratory, expository, editorial comment, storybook, and impromptu. Students may use speeches from previous school tournaments for competition, but cannot use a competition speech for the school tournament, or reuse competition speeches from previous years.

There is no cost to join Speech Team, however, students must pay the entry fees for each tournament. Fees for each tournament vary, usually \$5-10 per event. School fees will also be divided up amongst participants. The school entry fee will also be divided amongst participants, usually \$5-\$8 per competition. Families must also provide their own transportation to tournaments. We typically compete at Archbishop Murphy, Bishop Blanchet, and Seattle Prep high schools.

Parents, earn volunteer hours by judging at a tournament. We are required to have a certain number of judges per events at tournament. If we do not get the required numbers, we can not compete, so it is critical we have parents volunteer. Judging also gives parents insight on how their own child's speeches will be scored.

Miss Watters is under the assumption tournaments will be in-person this year, but information about specific tournaments will be given as we receive them.

Coaches: Miss Tessa Watters (Librarian) and  
Mr. Jay Laush (Parish Volunteer and former alumni parent)



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