



## SACRED HEART SCHOOL SPEECH TOURNAMENT

Sacred Heart School will hold a speech tournament. Each child in the school is expected to participate as a learning experience in Language. The aim of such a contest is to build a competency in the art of communications skills. By each child participating, the entire school is made richer because the child gives something of himself/herself.

### SELECTIONS FOR ALL STUDENTS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE TEACHER

<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATIONS</u>	<u>LENGTH</u>
Grades 1-2	Choice of any poem	8-10 lines
Grades 3-4	Narrative, Dramatic or Lyric Poem	10 lines (min.) 16 lines (max.)
Grades 5-6	Poems: Narrative, Dramatic or Lyric Declamations, Speeches, Dramatic Monologues	14 lines (min.) 4 minute (max.)
Grades 7-8	Poems: Narrative or Dramatic Declamations, Speeches, Dramatic Monologues	11/2 minute (min.) 4 minute (max.)

### CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

- 1. EXPRESSION:**
    - Does the student appear to understand the author's message and purpose?
    - Are the facial and vocal expressions appropriate for the selection?
    - General body movement during the selection is not allowed.
  - 2. MEMORY:**
    - Is the selection of the material suitable, yet Challenging for the student?
    - Was the speaker familiar enough with his Selection or was it somewhat choppy?
  - 3. POISE:**
    - Is there physical poise shown in posture and voice? Does the speaker have eye contact with the audience?
  - 4. ENUNCIATION:**
    - Did the student speak every word distinctly?
  - 5. PROJECTION:**
    - Is the interpreter's voice clear, resonant and pleasant? Was the presentation loud enough? Was there variety in volume?
- (Grades 1 through 4 only may use a microphone)