



Graduation Activities Speaker Guidelines

Any member of the Class of 2012 is invited to tryout to speak at one of the graduation activities. Please consider the following if you are interested in speaking at one of these events:

Content of the Audition Speech

- Your speech should be no more than 2-3 minutes
- The entire senior class should be able to relate to your speech; do not speak to a select group of people
- Think about what your audience wants to hear and what is important to them; you can reminisce about the past, look to the future, inject humor, etc.
- The committee is looking for a balance of speeches. Make yours unique!
- No matter which event you are selected for, your audience will be teachers, parents, grandparents, relatives and, of course, your fellow classmates.
- Be sensitive and aware of how your words could affect any of the groups that could be in attendance at these ceremonies.

The Audition Process

- Student speeches are due to Mrs. Derwart in the media center by 2:20 PM on Friday, February 27th. Please submit eight typed, double spaced copies. **DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME** on the speeches. Submissions are anonymous- you will be assigned a number by Mrs. Derwart when you deliver your speech copies.
- A committee of teachers, administrators and guidance counselors will read the speeches and select semi-finalists.
- Semi-finalists will perform their speeches for the faculty committee on Tuesday, March 13th in the choir room at 2:20 PM.

At the Auditions...

- You will be evaluated on the following: content, appropriateness of topic, and delivery (eye contact, voice, enunciation, rate of speaking, body language).

If You Get Selected...

- Students will be notified in mid March of the event and slot they have been selected for.
- You will have the opportunity to alter your speech to reflect the event and speaking position you hold.
- You will be expected to meet with Mrs. Livingston and/or the event coordinator to fine tune the delivery and content of your speech.
- You must submit a hard copy of your speech to the committee by the specified date to have the speech content and length approved.

Good Luck! We look forward to seeing you at the auditions!

