

Christian Heritage Classical School

2018 Speech Meet

October 29 – November 2

Grades 5-7

We are pleased to announce our annual Grammar/Logic School Speech Meet at Christian Heritage Classical School which will be held **Monday, October 29, through Friday, November 2.**

One of the goals of CHCS is to graduate students who write and speak well. The annual Speech Meet is one of many tools we use to prepare them for this goal and, ultimately, the senior year thesis presentation. Every child in grades one through seven is required to recite a selection in a formal speech meet setting. This opportunity makes use of classical educational pedagogy where students are challenged to develop the skills of memorization, public speaking, and social grace.

Recitations should be prepared primarily outside of school; however, teachers will provide suggestions and some limited rehearsal during the school day in the coming weeks.

Selections:

The Speech Meet selections are available on the CHCS website and can be found under the Parents/CHCS Resources tab. Please help your child with the following:

1. Choose the desired category: Bible memorization, poetry, patriotic oration, dramatic Bible prose, and literary prose.
2. Pick one selection from the chosen category.
3. Record the choice on the attached selection form and return by **September 17.** Download and print **two** copies of the selection (by page number) so that you can keep one at home and can give one to the teacher along with the selection form.

4. Please work with your student on memorizing the selection. He/she must be ready for the Speech Meet which will be held at the school the week of **October 29**.

Literary Prose

This category is designed to include classical passages or essays from great authors like Lewis, Tolkien, Dickens, Twain, and more. We have provided several passages from which you may choose, but you may also select a passage from your favorite classic. The guidelines are:

5th grade 8 lines minimum

6th grade 10 lines minimum

7th grade 15 lines minimum

If you are choosing your own passage, selections must be approved by your student's teacher by **September 17**.

Guidelines for Students and Parents:

Before the students say their pieces, they should state the title and author's name. For the Bible category, students should state the reference and translation and then recite the verses. All presentations must be memorized.

Students may not present a selection they have performed in a previous Speech Meet or a selection they have previously learned (or are currently learning) in class. Dress code for the day will follow the uniform policy.

Deadlines:

Information about Speech Meet is sent home.

Submit selection form and one copy to teacher.

Selection must be memorized.

September 10

September 17

October 15