Senior Speech 2015-2016

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[*Speech is power: speech is to persuade, to convert, to compel*](http://thinkexist.com/quotation/speech_is_power-speech_is_to_persuade-to_convert/167730.html)*.*

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Syllabus

Ha-hmmm… check, one, two…thp, thp, thp… is this thing on? Welcome, ladies and gentlemen, to speech class! [Pause for ~~loud cheering~~ awkward silence.] You have, no doubt, heard of fates worse than death. Well, for many people, there is one that stands above all others: public speaking. So, I am sure most of you are looking forward to this class as much as, say, a root canal, or the next great movie. You probably think the state of Indiana merely likes to torture seniors before they graduate by making them endure something most people dread more than death itself before allowing them to graduate. Well, you may be partly right about the torture, but learning to communicate well and speak with poise is among the most beneficial skills with which you can leave high school. Now, I know you are thinking *I’m not going to be a public speaker, or a comedian, or a politician, so why do I have to take speech?* Okay, you better make sure you are seated (which you should be anyway!) because I’ve got some difficult news for you. Regardless of which career path you choose, you will have to interact with people. In fact, to even get a job you will have to go through an interview and, irrespective of how knowledgeable and well-qualified you are for the position, you must be able to convince the interviewer(s) that you are the best candidate. Any guesses as to how you might do that? That’s right. Unless you possess superhuman telepathic abilities, you will have to use speech. So, open your mind, clear your throat, and get ready to overcome your fears and become a better orator.

**Course Description**

Senior Speech is a yearlong course but the first semester aims at introducing students to the basic concepts of communication. It aims to make students not only better communicators, but better rhetoricians; people capable of using sound and ethical rhetoric and of analyzing other forms of communication for subtle usage of logos, ethos and pathos.

The second semester deals with dramatic production speeches that include monologues, poetic readings, or other works of art.

**Instructional Materials**

*Sound Speech, BJU Press*

*Performing Literature, BJU Press*

**Speeches**

-There will be 9 speeches this semester that will help you hone the skills of speaking in public in varying settings.

-There will be around 7 speeches second semester including any FABA pieces.

-Each student will lead a small game for Spirit Week Pep Rallies.

-The class will be in charge of skits for the Elementary Camp Outtahere Funtime

**Class Expectations**

The class will be challenging, but if you follow these basic expectations, you WILL succeed:

1.  Be respectful at all times (towards me, other faculty, and your classmates).

2.  Be on time and prepared

3.  Be responsible for all material discussed. If you are absent you are responsible to obtain that information and notes for what you missed.

4.  Be on task and use study/homework time to work exclusively on your assignment.

5.  Be honest with your work on all assignments, projects, tests, and quizzes whether graded or not.  If you are found to have cheated, you will receive a zero for that grade, and you will be referred for disciplinary action.

6.  Absolutely **NO CELL PHONES**, food, drinks (other than water).

7.  All Indiana Christian Academy rules apply.

**Grading Policy**

**Participation 10%**

**Quizzes, Assignments, Outlines 20%**

**Tests 20%**

**Speeches 50%**

**Late Assignments**

Late Assignments will be penalized **25% the next day.** Past that day they will be considered a ZERO. In cases of planned absences, missed assignments are due **the day you return.**

**SCHOOLOGY CODE:** 9SMZK-S5QS9

 -Turn in Speech Outlines or written assignments by messaging it to me on Schoology.

 -Put assignment name in subject line.

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