

Northshore Christian Academy

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Dear Parents,

During November conferences, the speech meet selection notebooks were displayed outside the classroom door and you had the opportunity to select a speech for your 1st-5th grade student. Copies of the speeches are being sent home in Thursday Folders on November 29th.

We are committed to training **every** student to build confidence, poise and public speaking skills. Not all students will be selected to perform at the final Speech Meet event. However, **every** student will learn and grow in their public speaking skills.

We believe that this program builds **all** of our students to be confident orators. The impact of speech meet participation is proven by our NCA graduates who demonstrate public speaking confidence in high school and college.

At NCA, training our children with top quality communication skills is crucial and it involves a number of components. Here are some other components of our communication program:

- Strong Language Arts program that emphasizes spelling, vocabulary, and grammar with an emphasis on understanding the mechanics of English.
 - Phonics emphasis throughout every grade level.
 - Spelling program learning Latin root words in many grades.
 - Grammar program that builds upon the fundamentals.
 - Reading and writing program with a 90 minute per day commitment.
 - Reading and writing grade level standards and benchmarks.
 - Reading and writing differentiated instruction at every level.
- Public Speaking Program.
 - Weekly Bible memorization is important in strengthening memory
 - 1st-8th grade participate in the annual Speech Meet
 - Stage experience through our Christmas and spring concerts
 - Classes lead music, plays or chapel skits during chapel
 - 220 students participate in band or praise team
 - Drama class and leadership electives
 - Our Spanish program emphasizes practical, conversational Spanish
- Writing Program
 - 6 + 1 Writing Program
 - Creative writing class
 - Required writer's workshop for all 8th graders.
 - Writing standards adopted for each grade level

We are proud of all of our students! God is working to develop skills in them that will last a lifetime.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristen Kreutner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kristen Kreutner, 3-5 Grade Principal

SPEECH MEET 2018-2019

Information for *Skyview* (3-5th Grade) Students

TIMELINE:

November 19-21	Parents/students sign up for speech at parent/teacher conferences
November 29	Selection sent home in Thursday folders
December	Bible memory work suspended as determined by grade level Principal
January 11	Students should have at least half of their selections memorized.
January 14-18	Students practice and have mini lessons at school to improve presentations.
January 18	A mock run-off is held in students' classroom - feedback sent home by teacher in Thursday folder.
January 22	Classroom run-offs (9:00 AM).
January 29	ROUND II, Grade level run-offs for 3 rd , 4 th and 5 th grades.
February 5	Practice, 10:45am-12:00pm, Auditorium, 3-5 th grade finalists.
February 5	SPEECH MEET for Grades 3-5 finalists @ 6:30pm in the Auditorium.
March 15	ACSI speech meet at Grace Academy in Marysville for selected 5 th grade finalists.

Starting in December, Bible memory verses will not be part of homework. In place of Bible verse memorization, students should memorize their speeches as part of their homework. The length of time for this shall be determined by the grade level team along with their Principal.

WE NEED JUDGES!

The Classroom Speech Meet Run Offs are scheduled for Tuesday, January 22nd at 9am! We need your help! Would you consider being a judge for us? Please check your calendars and email Trisha Galindo. tgalindo@northshorechristian.org if you are available to judge.

Details

Date: January 22nd

8:45am Report to Academy office before proceeding to your designated judging location.

8:45am-10:15am-in Classroom Judging-you will be provided instructions and complete details ahead of time on the criteria for judging the speech meet.

CLASSROOM RUN-OFF INFORMATION (**Parents May Not Attend**)

JANUARY 22 (TUESDAY)

3rd, 4th & 5th Grade

Students will be chosen at the classroom run-offs to compete at a special grade level run-off on Jan. 29. From each grade level, 2 scripture and 2 poetry finalists will be selected, resulting in 20-3rd grade finalists, 16-4th grade finalists, and 16-5th grade finalists.

Note to 5th Grade: The highest 4 scores in the Poetry, Patriotic Oration and Scripture categories from 5th grade will be invited to the ACSI speech meet at Grace Academy in Marysville.

ROUND II – Grades 3-5 in Auditorium (January 29, 2019 Tuesday)

The following finalists will be chosen during Round II to proceed to the Speech Meet finals on Tuesday, February 5th, 2019.

- From **3rd Grade**: 5 poetry and 5 scripture finalists (10 total)
- From **4th Grade**: 4 poetry and 4 scripture finalists (8 total)
- From **5th Grade**: 4 poetry/patriotic oration and 4 scripture finalists (8 total)

***Round II Run-offs will be closed to the public.**

PRACTICE: (Auditorium)

Tuesday, February 5th (3rd-5th grade)

NCA SPEECH MEET: Tuesday, February 5th (3rd-5th Grade) 6:30 PM

All contestants should arrive at 6:10pm and meet in the Shore Room. (Near Academy Office)