



**STAND UP
AND
SAY SOMETHING**

Dear Students and Parents,

It is that time of year again where students must **stand up and say something!**

Our annual Oratorical Competition "**Stand Up and Say Something**" is an opportunity for students to challenge themselves to work outside their comfort zone and develop confidence, public speaking skills, and to inspire fellow students.

All students from grades 1-8 will participate in this event, writing and delivering their speech in class. Teachers will introduce the speech writing process, offer feedback and encourage students to challenge themselves to think creatively. Practicing and some speech writing will be done at home for homework. Students in Junior Kindergarten and Senior Kindergarten are invited to write a speech and to deliver the speech in class if they choose. It is not required for Kindergarten students.

This year's topic is: "DIFFERENT"

	TIME LIMITS FOR SPEECHES	In-Class Presentation Date
Lower School (grades 1-3)	1-2 minutes but not exceeding 2 minutes	Grade 1 - April 9 Grade 2 - April 9 Grade 3 - April 10
Middle School (grades 4-6)	3-5 minutes but not exceeding 5 minutes	Grade 4- April 10 Grade 5 - April 11 Grade 6 - April 11
Senior School (grades 7 & 8)	3-5 minutes but not exceeding 5 minutes	Grade 7 - April 12 Grade 8 - April 12

Winners will be announced April 13 during Opening Assembly.

Speeches will be heard in the morning during a language class and students will be marked on: poise, content of speech, delivery and presentation and overall effectiveness. Marks will be deducted for: Time penalties and failure to announce the official topic at the beginning of the speech and failure to announce fellow students, teachers and judges.

Parents, family and friends are invited to attend **the Oratorical Finals April 25, 2018 @ 9:30 a.m.** Two semi – finalists will be chosen from each grade to attend the finals and will be judged by guest judges from the community.

We look forward to another exciting year of speeches, good luck to you all!

Regards,

Mrs. MacKinnon, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Patterson

A few good pointers on delivering a great speech:

- Only use legal sized cue cards
- Do not write your whole speech on the card, just the main points
- Your speech should have an introduction, a body and a conclusion
- Practice, practice, practice, especially in a mirror or have someone video tape you (you might see yourself in a whole different light!)
- No props allowed