

CULMINATION SPEECH REQUIREMENTS

It is the school custom to have two members of the culminating class present farewell speeches at culmination.

Culmination is, of course, an important occasion and, if you are selected to give a speech, you will want to do your best. The theme of this year's speech is "LIVE LIFE" (Based on our class song "I LIVED" by One Republic. It is a great honor to be a culmination speaker. Everyone is invited to try out for the two spots. Try-outs will be held on **Tuesday, April 26th at 3:00 P.M., in D-2** (Mrs. Cadle's Art room). **BE PROMPT.** Finalists will be contacted regarding run-offs.

Keep the following suggestions in mind:

1. You will be representing your entire class and you speak for all its members.
2. Be selective in your choice of materials. From all your experiences of the past three years, choose those that were truly significant to you and your class.
3. Sincerity is important. You must really believe what you are saying.
4. Use specific illustrations and examples. They are what Aristotle called "the lifeblood" of the speech, and they will help to hold the audience's attention in a difficult situation.
5. A little humor, carefully and gently used, helps to break down tensions and is usually welcomed by the audience.
6. The use of appropriate quotations and a bit of poetry or pertinent prose helps to make what you say memorable.
7. Limit your speech to 3-5 minutes.
8. The speech should be written entirely on your own. (No parental help, please)
9. BE CREATIVE!

The organization of such a speech is simple:

- (1) Talk about what has happened.
- (2) Talk about will happen.

Look backward to praise those who have contributed to the class during the past three years--- parents, teachers, and/or administrators. Mention significant group experiences, events, or highlights of your school career. Show the value of belonging to this class.

Next, turn to the future. Look with confidence to what lies ahead. Show how the past experiences will help you in the future. Try to end the speech on a high note. The conclusion is a good place for an apt quotation, a short illustration, or an appropriate bit of poetry.

Your speech should refer to the theme and its meaning to you and the class of 2014.
BE CREATIVE!

Please turn in the attached slip if you intend to try out along with a copy of your speech stapled to it.

NOTE: A **copy** of your speech that you will read (with expression) to the judges along with the intent form must be turned in to Mrs. Cadle in D-2 **before 3:00 P.M. Monday, April 25th** to qualify to try out. **There will be no exceptions.** What you turn in must be the speech that you read. Speech tryouts will be held in D-2 on Tuesday April 26th at 3:00 P.M. Selected faculty will judge the speeches. Be prepared to stay after school until 4:30 P.M., depending upon the number of candidates. If you have a conflict, and need to be scheduled for a specific time, please note it on the attached form. Please include the reason and a signature from your parent.

INTENT TO TRY OUT FOR CULMINATION SPEAKER

I plan to try out for culmination speaker on April 26th, beginning at 3:00 P.M. in D-2.

NAME _____

HUMANITIES TEACHER _____

PERIOD _____ ROOM NUMBER _____

1ST PERIOD TEACHER (A DAY) _____

ROOM NUMBER _____

NOTE: If your child has a prior commitment on the above date and needs to be scheduled as one of the first speakers, please explain below:

*****ATTACH YOUR SPEECH TO THIS INTENT FORM AND TURN IT IN BY Monday April 25th in room D-2, TO QUALIFY FOR TRY-OUTS. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.**