



## The Rotary Club of Ancaster AM Spelling Bee

The Rotary Club of Ancaster AM sincerely appreciates your school's participation in the Spelling Bee which will be held on Saturday, May 9th, 2026 at Ancaster High School. In order to make it a day of enjoyment for all of the contestants, their teachers, and parents it would be appreciated if you could pass on the following details about the organization of the Spelling Bee to all of the contestants and their teachers.

The following prizes will be awarded to **the top three students** in each category:

First Prize	\$300
Second Prize	\$200
Third Prize	\$100

*A draw will be held for a \$50 Indigo Gift Certificate after each event for all contestants and children in attendance at the Spelling Bee. The student must be in attendance at the time of the draw to win the Gift Certificate. We will also be drawing for a \$100 Indigo gift certificate for the teachers in attendance at the Spelling Bee!*

***Schools that register their students directly in the Spelling Bee will be eligible to win The Rotary Club of Ancaster Am Literacy Bursary of \$1,000 to be drawn at the end of the Spelling Bee. To be eligible for the Bursary a teacher from the school must register the students for the Spelling Bee by contacting Kathryn Smith at [kathryns@mbspc.ca](mailto:kathryns@mbspc.ca) directly.***

All of the Spelling Bee rules, practice spelling lists, and additional information is available for viewing and download by visiting the Rotary Club of Ancaster AM's website at [www.ancasterrotaryam.org](http://www.ancasterrotaryam.org) and clicking on the Spelling Bee link on the left hand side of the page.

Each elementary school in Hamilton Wentworth District School boards and Home Schools are invited to enter three students in each category. (Grades 4-6 and Grades 7-8.) **Please note that the Spelling Bee registration will be on a first to register basis and will be limited to the first 50 students in each category. You may pre-register your students anytime by contacting Kathryn Smith at [kathryns@mbspc.ca](mailto:kathryns@mbspc.ca) .**

**Please complete the attached form for the students that are being entered from your school and return to us no later than Monday, April 27, 2026.**

The Spelling Bee will be held at the Auditorium at Ancaster High School. The competition for Grades 4 through 6 will begin at 9:00 am and students are asked to report to the registration desk by 8:45 am. The competition for Grades 7&8 will commence at 1:00 pm and students are asked to report to the registration desk by 12:45pm. The Spelling Bee will be conducted based upon a set of rules which will be posted and will be available for download at the Spelling Bee Site Page which is at the Rotary Club of Ancaster AM website at [www.ancasterrotaryam.org](http://www.ancasterrotaryam.org) or [www.ancasterrotary.ca/spellingbee](http://www.ancasterrotary.ca/spellingbee) .

Refreshments and snacks will be supplied as well as pizza for contestants after the competition for each of the two grade categories. Once again, thank you for your support of this very important community event !

Any questions or concerns can be directed by email to Kathryn Smith, Chair of the Spelling Bee committee at [kathryns@mbspc.ca](mailto:kathryns@mbspc.ca).



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**May 9, 2026**

**2026 Student Profile and Registration Form**

**Please send completed form to Kathryn Smith ( fax 905 333 4742 or e-mail [kathryns@mbspc.ca](mailto:kathryns@mbspc.ca))**

Please complete in capital letters

**NAME**

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First name

Middle Initials

Last Name

**NAME OF SCHOOL**

\_\_\_\_\_

**School Grade** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS OF STUDENT**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Street**

\_\_\_\_\_, Ontario \_\_\_\_\_

**City**

**Postal Code**

**Home Telephone Number** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail address** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Representative** \_\_\_\_\_



**The Rotary Club of Ancaster AM 2025 Spelling Bee Consent and Release Form**

**Please send completed form to Kathryn Smith ( fax 905 333 4742 or e-mail [kathryns@mbspc.ca](mailto:kathryns@mbspc.ca))**

Your child has been selected as a competitor in the 2026 Rotary Club of Ancaster Spelling Bee to be held on Saturday, May 9th, 2026 at Ancaster High School. This Spelling Bee is a spelling competition that may be covered by the news media, and who may ask to photograph or videotape this competition and interview competitors taking part.

In addition, in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act the Rotary Club of Ancaster AM requires consent and release to use a competitor's full name or photograph/video on its Spelling Bee Website accessible to the general public.

Finally, the Rotary Club of Ancaster AM requires consent to use a competitor's full name or photograph for inclusion in publication of the event that may include interview comments, photographs, names of winners and also the names and schools of all contestants. These details may be forwarded to sponsors of the event and may be accessible to the general public.

**1. Participation in the 2026 Rotary Club of Ancaster AM Spelling Bee**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes**, as the parent or guardian of the student named below, I am aware that news media as well as the Rotary Club of Ancaster AM organizers, may photograph or videotape this competition and interview competitors taking part in the Spelling Bee and I give my consent and release to allow him/her to participate in the 2026 Rotary Club of Ancaster AM Spelling Bee.

**2. Publication on Rotary Club of Ancaster AM's Spelling Bee Website and/or Sponsor Package**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes**, as the parent or guardian of the student named below, I am aware that my child's name and/or photo may appear on the Rotary Club of Ancaster AM's Spelling Bee website

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student's Name ( Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Grade : \_\_\_\_\_

Student's School \_\_\_\_\_