



Hector McIntosh
Public Speaking Competition
Appendix "A"

- Each school may select **two representatives per category** to compete in the semi-finals. Schools will be notified **April 22, 2020** if an additional representative can compete.

NOTE: Each category has been assigned a **speech style** for this year's competition. The style will alternate between "After Dinner" and "Persuasive" from year to year to give students experience in presenting speeches with different purposes. **A description of the styles is included below.**

- The judges will select **three** students per category to proceed to finals, without ranking the finalists. The speech styles for the finals will be the same as for the semi-finals.
- The **Semi-Final Competition** will be held at **two locations on April 27th**: Queen of Angels for Categories 1 & 2; the Theatre at VIU Cowichan Campus for Categories 3 & 4. Times are subject to change depending upon the numbers of participants.

Category	Grades	Speech Style	Semi-Finals Date	Time	Location
1	1-6	<i>After Dinner</i>	April 27 Monday	5:30 PM	Queen of Angels School
2	7 & 8	<i>Persuasive</i>	April 27 Monday	7:30 PM	Queen of Angels School
3	9 & 10	<i>After Dinner</i>	April 27 Monday	5:30 PM	Theatre, VIU Cowichan
4	11 & 12	<i>Persuasive</i>	April 27 Monday	7:30 PM	Theatre, VIU Cowichan

**Finals: Fellowship Hall of the Christian Reformed Church, 930 Trunk Rd, Duncan, BC
Monday, May 11, 2020**

Competition: 7:00 p.m. (Participants must be in place by 6:45 p.m.)

Please note:

- Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from the competitions.
- The above schedule is subject to change depending on the number of students participating. Notifications will be sent by email and/or phone to teachers, students, and school.

AFTER-DINNER SPEECH DETAILS

- An after-dinner speech is given after a formal dinner to an audience who has a common interest or share some aspect(s) of identity, employment or character (e.g. the lefthanded society or the dental association). This category includes the kind of speech given at a convention, e.g. by the Chairman or sales manager of a firm or specialised group, reviewing the practices, policies or employees of that firm or group.
- The speaker must address an imaginary audience of his/her own choosing. He/she must deliver some new and relevant insights to them in a way designed to inform and entertain.
- An after-dinner speech must not be just a stand-up comedy routine.
- Although not necessarily human, both speaker and audience must be credibly capable of communication through speech: i.e. they may be vampires or aliens, for example, but they may not be animals. The only exception to this rule is that the speaker and/or audience may be animals if they are derived from books, films or plays/musicals in which they already have the power of speech e. g. characters from ‘Animal Farm’.

Category	Score
Quality of theme and ideas	/40
Quality of entertainment and delivery	/40
Adherence to format	/10
Organization and structure of speech	/10
Total	/100

PERSUASIVE SPEECH DETAILS

- This speech is designed to persuade and must be on a serious topic, although this does not mean that humour and wit might not be useful at points in the speech.
- A problem/solution approach must be taken, *i.e.* speakers must identify a problem (it need not be an earth-shattering one) and propose, or at least examine, one or more solutions to it.
- There must be a persuasive element to the speech, although this may take a number of forms. For example, the persuasive aspect might be in convincing the audience that a problem does in fact exist, or in convincing them of the causes of the problem, or that the speaker’s proposed solution will solve the problem.

Category	Score
Identification of problem & effectiveness of solution	/30
Knowledge of topic & use of evidence	/30
Clarity of thought & structure of speech	/20
Delivery & persuasiveness	/20
Total	/100