



**Totino-Grace**  
High School

**Speech Team**

**WHAT IS SPEECH?**

Speech is a competitive activity that fosters learning the art of public speaking, but this activity encompasses so much more than just speaking. It involves analysis, performance, research, writing, leadership, creativity, listening, and more. Although competitive, this activity is also about personal growth and achievement. Each team member chooses or creates one speech piece to perform and perfect throughout the season. There are 13 categories in which students may compete:

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| 1. Creative Expression     | 8. Informative Speaking |
| 2. Discussion              | 9. Original Oratory     |
| 3. Duo Interpretation      | 10. Serious Drama       |
| 4. Extemporaneous Reading  | 11. Serious Poetry      |
| 5. Extemporaneous Speaking | 12. Serious Prose       |
| 6. Great Speeches          | 13. Storytelling        |
| 7. Humorous Interpretation |                         |

Practice begins in December. We schedule 6 Meets on Saturdays from late January through Mid-March. Team members are expected to attend at least 4 Meets. Schedule of Meets will be posted in December.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

Tuesday, November 15: Information meeting after school 2:30-3:00 in room 307 (Ms. Hoss).

**PRACTICES:** Begin in December. Meet with your coach for at least one hour of total practice per week.

**TEAM MEETINGS:** Thursdays from 2:15-3:00 pm in room 307. During Team meetings we work on team building and individual speech practice.

**CAPTAINS' PRACTICES:** There will be opportunities throughout the season to sign up for practices with the team captains. These practices are extra opportunities to perfect your speech.

**SPEECH TEAM EXPECTATIONS:** All Speech Team members are expected to meet with their personal coach, attend weekly team meetings beginning in December, and to complete in at least four of the Saturday tournaments.

**SPEECH COACHES:** Laura Hoss  
Nora Flom