

Sacred Heart
SPEECH
TEAM
HANDBOOK



2011

Welcome to Sacred Heart Speech Team 2011-2012

You are part of a program that is growing steadily. You have the opportunity to help maintain a quality program that will be looked upon by other schools with admiration. The only way this program will become strong is with students who are dedicated to its success. I am pleased that you have decided to be a part of the team, and I am looking forward to working with you. "Paint the Walls!"

Mrs. Bahner

SPEECH TEAM MEMBERSHIP OBLIGATIONS

Membership Status

1. A speech team member is considered a member upon competing in his/her first contest.
2. A member must compete in a minimum of two speech contests AND work at our invitational contest to remain a member and participate in the team photo for the yearbook.
3. Members must remain academically eligible in order to compete.

Procedures

1. Members should sign up for no more than three events, select material, and prepare selections for the contests. You may use the same piece for a single event throughout the season.
2. Members are expected to take responsibility for finding out the dates of upcoming contests and signing up before the entry deadline.
3. Members must practice each event with the coaches, or other experienced team officer or member with coach approval, a minimum of three times before the first contest. After the first contest, the member must practice at least once with the coach or the coach's designee before each contest, unless specified otherwise by the coach. One of these required practices may be a performance for a class in school or for a parent. A signed note from the teacher or parent attesting to the performance must be submitted to the coach. You need to plan to rehearse on your own as well.
4. If a member signs up for a contest but cancels prior to six days before the contest date, no penalty will apply. If the contest is less than six days away, the contestant must find someone to replace him/her. If no replacement can be found, the contestant will forfeit 5 individual points and pay whatever entry fees apply for his/her events. If a cancellation is made less than one week prior, the student's parent must contact the coach to cancel the events.
5. If a member is sick the night before or the day of a contest, he/she must contact the coach before the team leaves for the contest in order to avoid a penalty. If no contact is made, the contestant will forfeit 10 individual points and pay whatever entry fees apply for his/her events. The member may also forfeit his/her opportunity to attend the next contest at the discretion of the coach.
6. If a member leaves a contest early, he/she must be picked up only by a parent or legal guardian. That parent or guardian must sign the student out with the coach before leaving. No student may drive to or from a contest, with the exception of contests held within our city limits.
7. Each member must provide a medical release authorizing the coach to seek medical treatment in case of an emergency.
8. The rules for invitational tournaments may vary from place to place. It is the competitor's responsibility to make sure he/she is aware of the rules and prepared to abide by those rules. Always check the rules provided by the tournament manager.
9. Students must wear proper apparel. Judges expect your appearance to be professional and modest (no jeans, no low necklines, no overly-short skirts, ties not required but button-up or polo shirts are good). Keep in mind that your speaking event may require movement that makes some forms of clothing impractical.

Sportsmanship

1. Members must display a positive attitude at all contests and behave respectfully to all judges, coaches, and other competitors.
 2. Members should support one another by consoling upon a loss or cheering for a victory, no matter the personal outcome of a particular contest.
 3. Once a member has started participating in an event at a particular contest, he/she is required to finish that contest in each event in which he/she is entered.
 4. Members must display good citizenship at all times. Any activity resulting in the destruction of property or any violation of school or MSHSAA rules will result in expulsion from the team. Members entered in improve must make sure that the content of their presentation is school-appropriate.
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The emergency medical release will also serve as your acceptance of these rules.

**Contact numbers: Mrs. Bahner cell (660) 281-3771.
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A NOTE TO PARENTS: This program cannot exist without the support of our members' families. Your student has been asked to provide you with the tournament calendar. Make sure your student informs you of departure and return times for each contest. We also will call upon parents for help with transportation to events, judging at contests, and helping at the contest hosted by SHHS. Thank you – in advance – for all you do to make this important activity available for our students.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATE

This form is to be completed prior to the first interscholastic speech contest. It contains vital information in case of illness or injury. This card will accompany this participant to all contests. It will be put in the school's central file during the off season.

STUDENT'S APPLICATION AND PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name Birthdate SSN

Address City, State, Zip Code

This application to represent my school in interscholastic speech events is entirely voluntary on my part and is made with the understanding that I have studied the Speech Team Handbook and understand the eligibility standards that I must meet to represent my school. I agree to abide by all rules established by the team, the coach, the invitational contest schools, and the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA). I also understand that if I do not meet the citizenship standards set by the school, or if I am ejected from an interscholastic contest because of an unsportsmanlike act, it could result in my not being allowed to participate in the next contest or suspension from the team either temporarily or permanently. I have completed and/or verified that part of this certificate which requires me to list all medical conditions that are known to me which may affect my performance in so representing my school, and I verify that it is correct and complete.

Student signature Date

PARENT PERMISSION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR TREATMENT

If your son/daughter has any particular health problems or allergies, please describe:

Date of last tetanus shot: _____

Name of Insurance Company: _____

Policy Number: _____

Name of Policy Holder: _____

Names of family to contact in an emergency:

Parent/Guardian Full Name Home or cell phone Work phone

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Please include the name and phone numbers of persons to contact should you not be at either of the above numbers:

Name/Relationship to Student Home or cell phone Work phone

I (We) hereby give my (our) consent for the above student to represent his/her school in interscholastic speech and drama, including his/her being transported by private vehicle driven by the school activity sponsor(s) or other adult. We also give our consent for him/her to accompany the team on trips and will not hold the school responsible in case of accident or injury whether it be enroute to or from another school or during practice or an interscholastic contest, and we hereby agree to hold the school district of which this school is a part, its employees, agents, representatives, coaches, and volunteers harmless from any and all liability, actions, causes of actions, debts, claims, or demands of every kind and nature whatsoever which may arise by or in connection with participation by my child/ward in any activities related to the interscholastic program of his/her school.

If I (we) cannot be reached in the event of an emergency, I (we) also give consent for the school to obtain through a physician or hospital of its choice, such medial care as is reasonably necessary for the welfare of the student, if he/she is injured in the course of this activity.

I (we) further state that I (we) have completed that part of the certificate which requires me (us) to list all known medical conditions or allergies, or additional conditions that are known to me (us), which may affect this student's performance or treatment, and I (we) certify that it is correct and complete.

This permission and authorization is valid for the period of August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2009.

Parent/Guardian signature(s) Date

Mailing Address City State Zip Code

2011-2012 SPEECH & STUFF* DATES

10/08/11 (Saturday):	CAPPIES Training
10/15/11 (Saturday):	Smith-Cotton (Debate on Friday)
10/22/11:	
10/29/11:	
11/04/11 (Friday):	Stover
11/12/11 (Saturday):	Clinton
11/21/11 (Monday):	Conference Fall at SFCC
11/26/11:	
12/03/11 (Saturday):	Cole Camp
12/10/11 (Saturday):	Sacred Heart
12/17/11 (Saturday):	Harrisonville
01/07/12 (Saturday):	Lexington
01/14/12 (Saturday):	Windsor
01/21/12 (Saturday):	Warrensburg (Debate on Friday)
01/25/12 (Wednesday):	Conference Spring at SFCC
01/28/12 (Saturday):	Salisbury
02/04/12:	
02/11/12 (Saturday):	Crest Ridge
02/18/12:	
02/25/12:	
03/03/12 (Saturday):	District at SFCC (probably)
03/23-24/12 (Fri./Sat.):	SHHS Spring Musical (TBA)
04/21/12 (Saturday):	STATE at MU Columbia (probably)

*Cappies show dates to be added later