



# St. Patrick School

*"Educating hearts and minds"*



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## Public Speaking 2016

**Welcome to St. Patrick Schools Annual Public Speaking Festival!**

**Public speaking has become a tradition at St. Pat's, because we, the staff, strongly believe in the value and benefits of being able to speak confidently in public. It is also one of the important links we have to our Royal Canadian Legion.**

**That is why, each year ALL of our students from grade 1 to grade 8 are encouraged to write and present a story or speech in French or English in front of their classmates. For some, this is a dreaded task while others thrive on the challenge and competition associated with this contest. Public speaking is a confidence-building opportunity but not an easy one.**

**I am very proud of our students, and thankful to our teachers and parents for taking this task seriously and for spending many hours at school and at home to prepare for this event.**

**Let me begin by introducing tonight's panel of judges. We are thrilled to have such a diverse group of judges who use speaking and writing in their daily lives.**

**Our first judge is Mrs. Daphne Brumwell**

Mrs. Brumwell is the Superintendent of Education with the Northeastern Catholic District School Board. Mrs. Brumwell needs to use writing and speaking each day in her job. She was born and raised in Cochrane Ontario and spent some time working and teaching in Moosonee. She currently lives in Timmins with her husband and 2 daughters – Ella and Paige. In her spare time, she likes reading, travelling and knitting.

Let us welcome Mrs. Brumwell

**Our second judge is Father Herve Sauve**

Father Sauve has been the parish priest at St. Patrick Church for the past \_\_\_\_\_ years. He is also the parish priest of Notre Dame de Victories, the nursing home, the seniors home at 55 Cedar, and for 3 of the best schools in town – Cite des Jeanes, Jacques Cartier and of course St. Pat's School. When he is not busy (ha ha ha) he likes to read and travel. Father Sauve needs to be ready to speak at a moment's notice and also prepare speeches to say at Mass and funerals.

Let us welcome our favourite priest – Father Sauve

**Our third judge is Gregory Rosser**

You may recognize Gregory's voice as he is a news anchor and afternoon host of 100.9 FM The Moose – our local radio station. Gregory knows how important it is to be able to speak well in his daily life. He was born and raised in Bermuda. He went to Mohawk College for journalism and spent some time interning with Rogers Sportsnet both hosting OHL games rink side and with the OJHL as

**a commentator and play by play host. In his spare time, he is currently writing a graphic novel, likes to play videogames and has been trying to become a northerner by snowmobiling and snowboarding as often as he can.**

**Welcome to St. Pat's Mr. Rosser**

**Students have been chosen to represent their classes in their respective divisions. That is Primary Division which are Grades 1-3, Junior Division - Grades 4, 5 & 6 and the Intermediate Division representing the Grade 7 & 8 students.**

**Each student has been randomly selected in order to determine the speaking order within their divisions. They will be called according to the number which they have chosen.**

**Our public speakers had the opportunity to practice their speeches for their peers in the gym earlier today and I know that they are very anxious to present to you this evening.**

**There are a couple of housekeeping items that I would like to mention. Please turn cell phones and pagers to the silent mode or OFF altogether and to limit interruptions for our speakers.**

**There will be no photographs permitted during the actual speeches. If you would like to document this exciting competition please wait until the student finishes their speech, or at the end of the competition.**

**Microphones are not permitted during the contest, so keeping chair movement to a minimum is essential so that all contestants can be heard.**

**Finally, if you need to leave the room for any reason, please do so between speeches or at a break. Do not enter or leave the room**

**during a speech. Washrooms and a drinking fountain are located outside the gym.**

**So, if the judges are ready, we will begin with our Primary Division.**

**Speaker #1**

**Speaker #2**

**Speaker #3**

**Speaker #4**

**Speaker # 5**

**Mr. Casonato and Mr. Dube have graciously accepted to tabulate the scores from the judges this evening as they are our official scrutineers.**

**We are ready to move into the Junior Division and will begin with**

**Speaker #1**

**Speaker #2**

**Speaker #3**

**Speaker #4**

**Speaker #5**

**Speaker # 6**

**A big thank you to Mrs. Piche, Mrs. Casonato, Mrs. Nadon who are our official time keepers for the evening**

**And now for our Intermediate Division speakers**

**Speaker #1**

**Speaker #2**

**Speaker #3**

**Speaker #4**

**Speaker #5**

**Speaker # 6**

**Tonight, we will begin by presenting a Certificate of Participation and a “winit” sticker to all speakers. Would the participants please come forward as your name is called.**

**We will also be awarding 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards to the speakers in each division.**

**The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners in each division will move on to the Legion competition which will be held on Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup> at the Legion Hall at 7pm. In the event that a participant cannot attend, the third place winner will be asked to substitute. Therefore, it is important for all third place winners to continue practising their speech until then.**

**As we wait for the scrutineers tabulate the scores, I would like to call the judges to the front to offer them a small gift as a token of our appreciation.**

**The results are in:**

**I would ask Mrs. Brumwell to come forward to present the medals to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Primary Division winners.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place**

**I would ask Father Sauve to come forward to present the medals and trophies to the Junior Division winners.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place**

**I would ask Mr. Rosser to come forward to present the medals and trophies to the Intermediate Division winners.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place**

**In closing, I would like to thank Mr. Casonato & Mr. Dube for accepting to be this evening's scrutineers. I would also like to thank**

**Mrs. Piche and Mrs. Casonato, Mrs. Nadon for being our official timer.**

**-other teachers:**

**Thank you to the judges. And finally, thanks to all of you for your attendance this evening.**

**I would ask the winners to remain for a few minutes to have their photographs taken.**

**Please check the lost & found on your way out**

**Thank you and good evening**