

The Eighth Grade Speech

As an eighth-grade student at Hammond, you are required to deliver a speech to the faculty members and students of the Middle School during an assembly period. **The schedule for the 2010-2011 speeches is on the next page.**

You will prepare and deliver a speech on a topic of your choosing. Some suggestions include:

- Role Models/Heroes
Discuss the importance of role models/heroes. What makes one? Who has been one in your life and why?
- Current Events/Issues
- Life Changing Experiences
- Values, Important Character Traits, Morals, Honor Code, Peer Pressure
- Sacrifice
What does it mean to sacrifice something for someone else? Explain when you or someone else has encountered sacrifice in your own life.
- Value of Education
Discuss the importance of receiving a good education.
- Technology in our Lives
Address how technology has affected our lives for better or worse.
- Life Lessons (through books/movies)
Explain something valuable that you have learned by reading a particular book or watching a certain movie.

Below are **guidelines** that you will follow:

- Make sure that both the content and language of your speech are appropriate. Humor is certainly welcome-but not inappropriate humor. **In addition, you must deliver the exact speech that was approved (see below), without last minute additions or ad-libs. Students not abiding by this guideline will be removed from the podium immediately.**
- **NO LATER THAN ONE WEEK BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY AT WHICH YOU ARE SCHEDULED TO DELIVER THE SPEECH, GIVE A TYPED DRAFT OF IT TO Mrs. Riley AND TO Mrs. Lowry. If both find the speech appropriate, they will sign it.**
- Speak for a minimum of two minutes, a maximum of five.
- Speak clearly and confidently, presenting your thoughts that you have organized well. Although memorizing the speech is not required, strong eye contact with the entire audience is needed. Make sure to look up often.
- **Prior to your scheduled day to speak, you must schedule a time with Mr. Shepherd to practice with the microphone in the theatre. This is usually scheduled on Thursdays during PE/Study Hall at 2:30pm.**

8th GRADE SPEECHES

2010 – 2011

<u>DATE</u>	<u>STUDENTS</u>
9/13	Alex Wessinger, Jodan Pennington, Clara Castles
9/20	Megan Ballew, Blaire Epting, Isabelle Mikell
9/27	Margaret Banes Borden, Sean Futch, Brooks Babson
10/4	Will Minter, Kiki Wong, Christopher Marshall
10/11	Sara Stuart, Mac Littlejohn, Caroline Phelps, Ayan Dasgupta
10/18	<i>Fall Break – School Holiday</i>
10/25	<i>QTR 1 Honors & Distinguished Lists Assembly</i>
11/1	Franklyn Owen, India Narciso, Richard Wells, Emma Ehreth
11/8	Katharyn Taylor, Donovan Ward, Robert Burnside, Margaret Anne Tighe
11/15	Hamilton Rhinehart, Awa Franklin, Henry Long
11/22	Edward Corrigan, Rebekah Doar, Wells Mealing, Caroline Schraibman
11/29	Quinn Newman, Charles-Dylan Mactutus, Anna Lewis, Cantey Heath
12/6	<i>5th/6th Arts Showcase during Assembly</i>
12/13	Cody Sims, Maddy Wassermann, Zander Giles, Tandrea Sostand
1/3	<i>School Resumes</i>

1/10 *QTR 2 Honors & Distinguished Lists Assembly*

1/17 *School Holiday*

1/24 **Claire Harvin, Bailey DeLoache, Zach Polans, Abigail Reddic**

1/31 **Samuel Miller, Lang Phillips, Annie Williams**

2/7 **William Lowry, Frances Sadler, Matthew Laney, Nick Garrett**

2/14 *Winter Break – School Holiday*

2/21 **Sydney Dimmery, Jacob Burger, Amelia Culbreath**

2/28 **Julia Wolff, Ray Castles, Anna Dail Longaker, Jack Adams**

3/7 **Sam Gamble, Rachel Metts, Knox McCutchen, Landon Sawyer**

3/14 *8th Grade Trip*

3/21 *Spring Break – School Holiday*

3/28 *QTR 3 Honors & Distinguished Lists Assembly*

4/4 **Katie Caskey, Patrick McLean, Bailey Beasley**

4/11 **Joey McCorkle, Olivia McDonald, Kelvin Obioha**

4/18 **Amanda Hollis, Gantt Castles, Elizabeth Haas**

4/25 *Easter Break – School Holiday*

5/2 **Jamie Lanham, Julia Prince, Bristow Richards**

5/9 **Davis Velilla, Abigail Thomas, Prem Chockalingam**

5/16 *5th/6th Arts Showcase during Assembly*

5/23 *Middle School Awards Assembly*