

Speech Masters: Young Saints Project

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On November 1, the eighth grade class will present "Speech Masters: Young Saints." This event provides an opportunity for our students to present a speech in front of their fellow students.

In honor of All Saints Day, the students will research the life and spirituality of a Saint or Blessed who died as a youth (8 to 25 years old), and write a report in the first person about their Saint. Finally, they will present the report orally on November 1, dressed as their Saint. Since the report will be written and presented in first person, boys must pick a male Saint and girls must pick a female Saint.

Please note the dates and guidelines below:

1. Students must let me know which Saint they are going to be for Speech Masters by **Monday, October 3.**
2. RESEARCH: Students will need at least three sources for their report. At least one of these sources must be a BOOK (not an article, not an internet encyclopedia, etc.) about their Saint. If the students are choosing a martyr and/or are unable to find a specific book about their Saint, they may use a book which contains information about all the martyrs in a canonized group or a book with information about various Saints. Students must show me the book they are reading by **Friday, October 7.** The book should be completed by **Friday, October 14.** Students are expected to take notes on index cards while reading.
3. **Friday, October 21:** A rough draft of the report is due. The minimum length of the report is: two full pages if typed (double-space, Times New Roman font, size 12), no heading or three full pages if handwritten. The report must be in the student's own words and written in first person.
4. **Monday, October 24:** Rough drafts will be returned to the students for revising.
5. **Friday, October 28:** Final draft of the report is due. The final draft must be typed and submitted in a folder. There must be a cover page which includes the Saint's name, student's name and ID#, grade, teacher's name and date.
6. **Friday, October 28 (OR SOONER!!!):** Begin memorizing the report for Speech Masters.
7. **Monday, November 1:** Speech Masters Day! Students are to come to school dressed up as their Saint for Speech Masters.

Specific scheduling details will be announced as the presentation day draws closer. Thank you for your support. God bless you!

In Christ,

Sister Marie-Aimée, OCD

Please initial to show that you have reviewed this information thoroughly. You will be able to keep this sheet for future reference. Student: _____ Parent: _____