**Speech 2020-2021**

**Yearn to Learn**

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**Grade Level:** 8th – 12th Grade worth One High School Credit

**Day/Time of Class:** 1.5 hours long

**Total Cost one semester class**: $155 includes book; first quarter $80 to cover book rental; second quarter $75.

**Class Size:** 6 to 12

**Calendar (no mid-year registration):**

1st Quarter: August 25-October 6 (no class held on 10/13, project workday)

2nd Quarter: October 20-December 8

Virtual option will be made available if library closes.

**Class Description**

Speech:  the use of oral communication to express one’s thoughts, emotions, and beliefs through sounds and gestures.

This class has been developed to teach and improve speaking skills for the high school student, grades 9-12.  Assignments are designed to teach students to express opinions in a gentle, yet convincing manner, supporting their opinions with acts, details, and examples.

The course will work to achieve success in:

* seeking the student's potential as a communicator.
* conquering the fear of public speaking.
* learning how to write an effective speech.
* organizing a speech for maximum impact.
* understanding how to persuade an audience.
* delivering a message effectively to an audience.
* learning what makes great speakers great.

Complementary and fun opportunities to speak will be interspersed throughout the semester.  These will include, but not be limited to events used during National Forensic League competitions, such as Original Oratory, Dramatic/Humorous/Duo Interpretation, Poetry or Prose Reading, and Storytelling.

**Grades:** Determined from a combination of homework completion, class participation, rubric graded speeches, and an end of semester speech.

Textbook is available for rent from instructor with cost included in tuition fee. We use:  *Ready to Give an Answer For the Hope That is Within Them;* Reish Family; Training for Triumph Family Services.

**Teacher Information**

Dawn Parr

Education: Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice – Indiana University

Masters of Public Affairs – IUPUI

Professional: Indianapolis Police Department Personnel Manager

Educator: Fifteen years teaching in a co-op setting (Language Arts, Speech, Civics)

Personal: I am married to a local attorney, Randy Parr. Together, we home educated our three now adult sons. In my free time, I enjoy reading, traveling, gardening, and learning photography. I view learning as a life-long passion.