

St. Margaret of Scotland Bellarmine Speech Team

Audition Announcement

Dear students and parents,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! I am pleased to announce auditions for the SMOS Speech Team! For those of you who do not know me, I am Jenn Ohs and I am delighted to serve as the speech team coach and coordinator for the SMOS team, which I have done since 2019. In 2021, I was also appointed to the Bellarmine Speech League's Board.

Professionally, I am an associate professor in the Department of Communication at Saint Louis University. My area of specialization is in Interpersonal and Health Communication. However, as an undergraduate, I studied oral interpretation, rhetorical criticism, and completed coursework in middle and secondary education before turning my attention to health communication research. In high school, I competed on the debate team and was a national qualifier in congressional forensics. I participated on the speech team during middle school, high school, and college. I have seen the value of participating on the speech team for myself, as well as for my two oldest daughters who are graduates of SMOS.

Below are the times and dates for practices and tournaments. The dates are scheduled far enough in advance that if a student is offered a place on the speech team and commits to taking the spot, the student is **required to attend all speech tournaments**. Sporting events, family activities, and other opportunities often arise on dates that conflict with a tournament, but by accepting a spot on the team, a student is obliged to participate all tournaments.

Auditions

September 11 (M)
3:00pm - 4:30pm
Purcell Hall

Practices

Mondays after school until 4:30pm in Purcell Hall.

Tournament Dates

November 11, 2023 (Sa) - 9:30am - 3pm
February 10, 2024 (Sa) - 9:30am - 3pm
March 23, 2024 (Sa) - 9:30am - 3pm
TBA May 2024 - Final Meet (must qualify)

If interested in auditioning, students need to complete the Google Form circulated in the Thursday Newsletter with a parent/guardian by **Thursday, September 7**. If you have questions regarding the Speech Team, please be encouraged to e-mail me at jeohs630@gmail.com, or text/call me at (314) 660-2327. I am look forward to working with the team this year!

My best,
Jenn Ohs