

REV. CORNELIUS CAMPBELL JR. ORATORICAL CONTEST

SPONSORED BY THE ST. JAMES FOUNDATION

NOVEMBER 7TH & 15TH

DIVISION 1 - 5TH - 7TH GRADE

DIVISION 2 - 8TH - 12TH GRADE



Contest Theme

Beyond the Books:

The Other Things I Gain From School



Cornelius Campbell Oratorical Contest

This program consists of two parts: 1) a set of workshops on grooming and presentation and 2) the Oratorical Contest.

Purpose

This contest has a twofold purpose. First, it gives students an opportunity to train and gain public speaking experience. Second, this contest challenges students to think critically about the value of school attendance.

How to Enter

Registration begins October 1st and concludes on November 1st. Register through the St. James Presbyterian Church Website, www.stjamesji.org.

Eligibility

The contest is open to students in 5th grade and above.

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General Rules

1. Each participant should submit a 5–7-minute speech by October 31st.
2. The contests are open to all boys and girls.
3. Each contestant shall prepare his or her own speech. However, the contestant may receive advice in the preparation of the speech and may make minor changes or improvements in the speech at any time.
4. Students may recite or read their piece; however, eye contact is a category upon which they will be judged.
5. All contestants must speak on the official topic.
6. All contestants must state the official topic before beginning their speech in order for the timekeeper to record the exact time of the speech. Timing will stop when the contestant finishes.
7. Props, special costumes, or clothing may be used to enhance the presentation; however, the time must still be adhered to.
8. Participants must be present for workshops and the contest.

Prizes

1st Place - \$150

2nd Place - \$100

3rd Place - \$75



Judging and Timing

1. The judges and timekeepers cannot be identified at the time of the contest or by advance publicity, but only after the last oration has been presented.
2. Judges and timekeeper must use the official score sheets furnished in this planning guide.
3. During the contest the judges and timekeeper shall each be in different locations within the room.
4. Each judge must render a final decision on all contestants without consultation with other judges or any other person. Each judge and timekeeper must sign his/her official score sheet.
5. The result of a judge's decision must be kept confidential. No one shall attempt to discuss a contestant's score with the judge.
6. After the judges have totaled their scores for each contestant, deducted penalty points and ranked each contestant, the judges shall sign their score sheets and give them to the Contest Chairperson. Each judge's score and rank for each contestant shall then be entered and tabulated for each contestant on the Official Oratorical Contest Report Form. From this form, the contest winner will be determined.

Scoring of Contest

Scoring will conform to the following scoring schedule.

- Poise: (Appearance, Personality) 20 points
- Content of Speech: (Subject Adherence, Theme, Logic, Content, Color) 35 points
- Delivery & Presentation: (Voice, Volume, Pronunciation, Gestures, Eye Contact, Sincerity & Emphasis) 35 points
- Overall Effectiveness: (Appeal, Impression, Attitude, Effect) 10 points

Penalties

1. Self-identification: 1-5 points
2. Time penalties: 1 point for each 15 seconds over or under the official limits
3. Failure to announce topic: 3 points
4. Failure to complete speech: disqualification
5. Failure to identify non-original material: disqualification