

2017 GRAD SPEECH TRY-OUTS

The Class of 2017 is offering students the opportunity to speak at one of the 2017 Graduation events. There are several different speeches during these events:

Senior Farewell Assembly

Reflection Speech (up to 2)

Senior Awards Night

Keynote Speech

Reflection Speech

Graduation

Welcome Speech

Introduction of Platform Guests

Reflection Speech

Keynote Speech

Introduction of Teacher of the Year

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If you would like to speak at one of the graduation events, please prepare a graduation speech, no longer than 3 minutes. If chosen, this is the speech you will present at graduation, after working on the speech with a coach. So please put time and effort into writing this speech. Please choose, and prepare a speech, from one of the two categories below:

1. The **Keynote** speech (3mins.) The speaker will deliver the main student speech during graduation or awards night. Your speech must be centered around one of the themes below:
 - a. “Humanity will change more in the next 20 years than in all of human history.” - Thomas Frey
 - b. “You must be the change you wish to see in the world.” – Mahatma Gandhi
 - c. “No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world.” - Robin Williams
 - a. The importance of Student Voice

2. The **Reflection** (3mins.) This speech pertains to memories that you and your fellow seniors experienced during your four years at River Hill. This speech may be delivered with a partner.

You may audition for only **one** category. The auditions will begin at **11:30 on Thursday, January 26, 2017**. You will present your speech in front of a panel of faculty and teachers. You will be evaluated on six categories:

- Introduction (5 points)
- Body (10 points)
- Conclusion (5 points)
- Incorporation of theme (5 points)
- Delivery (15 points)
- Overall Impact (15 points)

The order of auditions is first come; first serve. So sign up early. It is HIGHLY recommended you polish your writing and practice your speech before hand. **Enjoy this opportunity and remember: have fun with it!**

Please see Mr. DiFato in room 241 to sign up for an audition spot. Or email him. Auditions spots will be assigned in the order they are received.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. DiFato or by email at

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