



## **Public Speaking**

### **Teacher: Mr. Fahey**

#### **What is this course all about??**

Do you cringe every time a teacher asks you to present in front of the class? How about reading out loud in front of others? Ever wanted to improve your communication and presentation skills? Or maybe just wanted to gain some confidence in your speaking? Then look no further than Public Speaking!

**Public Speaking** is a course designed to improve speaking and presentation skills. Students will be given a safe space, free of judgement, to practice multiple styles of speaking and presentation. By enrolling in this class, you will have already shown a great level of confidence and initiative to improve your communication abilities. While Public Speaking can be frightening, this is a fun and informative course full of skills that you will be able to apply to your high school career and beyond!

#### **What can I expect from Public Speaking?**

Public Speaking will help students learn how to research speech topics, establish a thesis with supporting evidence, create speech outlines, overcome public speaking anxieties, present speeches, use visual aides, and make clear constructive critiques for themselves and their peers. Students will create and present various styles of public speeches, focusing on rehearsal, expression, engagement, memorization techniques and more. The goal for each student is to learn the process of speaking, from forming of topics to final presentation, and to gain the confidence and skill set to create and deliver coherent, engaging speeches.

#### **Scheduling & Credits**

**Public Speaking is an every-other-day elective course for 2.5 credits. Depending on the year, Public Speaking may be a part of a Freshman based seminar known as Freshmen Communications.**