

Once again, we are bringing back everyone's favorite event this year... Storytelling!! We want to encourage everyone to try a new, fun event since this is our last event of the 2024-2025 season. We especially would love ALL of our seniors to try this one out as a fun way to culminate your time with us!! To encourage everyone, we are making the entry fee just \$7 for this event!!

Judging: Your judge pool is different for this event. Your judges will be elementary-aged students in D20 schools, as well as children of YOUR speech and debate coaches and teachers at DCC.

Rules/Info:

- The speaker will present a 4-8 minute picture book of their choice to a child-audience (between the ages of three and ten). The speaker's demeanor, expression, and choice of literature should be considered for its appropriateness for young children so that it may be understood and appreciated. The selection must be from a single published fictional or non-fictional volume of any genre. Material from more than one source is NOT allowed. The author's words as published in the literature **may not** be altered for this presentation with the exception that cutting is permitted, if absolutely necessary. Speakers must present character lines as intended by the author and/or illustrator.
- The presentation should BEGIN (no teasers) with an introduction that welcomes the child-audience to the video and story with the name of the story and/or pieces in the volume along with the author(s). The speaker should indicate their reason for choosing the literature (perhaps it's a childhood favorite, something sentimental, or a particular character that the speaker identifies with). Finally, they should invite the child-audience to listen for a particular moral or important life lesson. The introduction should not exceed one-minute.
- After reading the text, if time allows, the student is invited to share a parting message with their child-audience about the message/theme and say thank you/goodbye. Remember, your video will be viewed and monitored by children aged three to ten, along with their parents/teachers. Your tone and delivery should be reflective of this audience, but be careful not to speak down to the children or present the material in a way that is not age-appropriate.
- Be sure you provide a strong, distinguished voice that is easily recognizable for each character in the story. Remember, the narrator can be a character too!
- The speaker should read from the actual source and may appropriately and creatively refer to the physical cover and story illustrations throughout the performance; however, be sure they enhance the story experience and don't disrupt the flow. Speakers may sit or stand (or a combination) for the entirety of the presentation and should present with the proper proximity to the camera so the child-audience can see the illustrations (if so desired).
- No costumes or props (other than the book itself) may be used in the presentation.

To register for this event: Go to Speechwire and register for "Asynch Storytelling"

Videos are due at **5pm on Wednesday, January 22nd, 2025** on Speechwire. **Please make sure your video privacy settings are set so anyone (judges) can view your video.**

How to Submit:

1. Upload video to Youtube.com
2. Title the video as follows
 - a. Title by Author - Storytelling - Competitor Name
- 3. Please double-check that privacy settings are set so that anyone can view your video.**
4. Send the link to your video to your coach
 - a. Coaches it would be super helpful for you to test that anyone can view the video before submitting to speechwire!!!
5. Coaches will upload the video link into Speechwire under "Piece Registration". Please title the piece as follows
 - a. Student First Last Name [link]