



Dr. Norah Browne Speak Off 2017

Please distribute this handout to students with hearing loss and their parent/guardian, and encourage students to participate and attend.

“May is Better Hearing and Speech Month” and we are pleased to invite Hard of Hearing Students in the English School District (Avalon East & Avalon West) to our Speak Off **exclusively** for students with hearing loss.

The **Dr. Norah Browne Speak Off** is hosted by the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association – Newfoundland and Labrador (CHHA - NL) and is open to hard of hearing, late-deafened or oral deaf students from **grades 5 to 12**. The Speak Off will be held at **7:00pm on Thursday, May 25th, 2017** at the Newfoundland & Labrador Housing & Homelessness Network (77 Charter Avenue, St. John’s, NL) and will include three award categories.

The categories are as follows:

- Category 1** Grades 5 & 6
- Category 2** Grades 7 to 9
- Category 3** Grades 10 to 12

Each speaker will have 2 - 4 minutes to speak on a topic they have chosen. Speakers will be judged on their content, knowledge of topic, and presentation of speech. There will be a panel of judges to choose the winner, and the winner of each category will receive a plaque, as well as an enhanced cash prize. Each participant will receive a medal and a \$25.00 Avalon Mall gift card.

Further information and details are attached to this letter. If you have questions, please feel free to contact us at (709) 753-3224 or aparsons@chha-nl.ca.

Last year’s event was a huge success, and we hope to make the 2017 Dr. Norah Browne Speak Off for hard of hearing students even better.

Sincerely,

CHHA-NL Staff & Board



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Hard of Hearing
Association
NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR

Dr. Norah Browne Speak Off for Hard of Hearing Students
Important Information for Teachers/Itinerant Teachers,
Parents/Guardians and Students

Hard of Hearing, late deafened and oral deaf students from grades 5 to 12 in the English School District (Avalon East & Avalon West) may compete at the 2017 Dr. Norah Browne Speak Off.

Each student is welcome to invite family, friends, and teachers / itinerant teacher to see them compete.

Participating students are **required** to submit the following information by the Speak Off registration deadline of **Monday, May 1st, 2017.**

1. Student name(s), school, itinerant teacher (if applicable), title of speech, and grade category.
2. An electronic copy of the student's speech (Microsoft Word, PDF or plain text document) – document can be e-mailed to Amy Parsons at aparsons@chha-nl.ca. If you have difficulty sending the document, you may call Amy directly at (709) 753-3224, extension 227.
3. A signed copy of the parent/guardian permission form (attached). This document can be faxed to CHHA - NL at (709) 753-5640.

Why is it important to have an electronic copy of the speech?

This event will feature “real-time captioning” where words are typed onto the screen by a live transcriber as the students speak. This service is **essential** to create a hearing accessible environment for both hard of hearing student participants and the audience. The captioning provider requires copies of the speeches in advance. Your cooperation will help us to provide quality captioning and a hearing accessible environment for all.

Refreshments will be served following the event.



Dr. Norah Browne Speak Off 2017
Parent/Guardian Permission form

I, _____ (please print name) give permission for
_____ (please print student's name) to participate in the 2017 Dr. Norah
Browne Speak Off hosted by the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association – Newfoundland and
Labrador (CHHA - NL) on Thursday, May 25th, 2017.

I give permission to publish my child's name, photo, and speech.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please provide the following information:

Name of Speech: _____

Student Contact Information:

Student's Full Name: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Grade: _____ Name of School: _____

Itinerant Teacher (if applicable): _____