



*People of God;
People for Others*

January 8, 2025

Dear Senior Students,

Every senior student is invited to prepare and deliver a speech to be considered for valedictorian and salutatorian at graduation in June. Any student who would like to be considered must submit their speech in hard copy form to my office by **Friday, February 7, 2025**.

After the speeches have been received, students whose speeches are selected will be assigned a date and time to present their speeches to the school administration in the auditorium during the week of February 24. Those selected for an audition should commit their speech to memory. Students may bring a copy of their speeches with them for reference, but please understand that consistent reading from your paper will detract from your overall score.

Requirements

Your speech should:

- express the culture and values of Bishop Shanahan High School
- be a positive presentation and be reasonably formal
- reflect your Catholic education and Christian values
- reflect the Bishop Shanahan motto and guiding principle
- celebrate the rich history of Bishop Shanahan providing Catholic Education in Chester County for over 60 years
- be general and not specific. No one teacher or administrator is to be singled out, since every teacher and administrator did their best to help you achieve your goals. No incident that would embarrass any teacher, administrator, or other student is to be referred to in your speech.

All speeches must:

- be double-spaced, single-sided, and paper-clipped in the upper left hand corner
- be between 2 and 3 minutes long, do not go over 3 minutes and 15 seconds
- have your name and I.D. number in the upper right hand corner of each page

Thank you for your effort and interest in this worthwhile pursuit. If you have any questions, please feel free to stop by my office.

Sincerely,

Sister Marianne Lallone, IHM

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