

Welcome to Poetry Out Loud!

Congratulations for getting involved in this fun and challenging event!

The competition is on **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19**. It will be held 3rd period (lunch) in the IMC. Bring your friends! There will be refreshments. ☺

The winner of the Masterman high school competition will advance to the regional competition, which will be held at the School District of Philadelphia building in January 2019. Regional winners advance to state championships, whose winners go to nationals in May! National finalists and champions win large financial prizes. Check out poetryoutloud.org for more information.

If you have not chosen a poem to recite, you need to do so right away! **Go to poetryoutloud.org to find poems.** You must choose a poem from this website for the competition.

Study your poem intensively. Learn it well; internalize it; memorize it; experiment with how to recite it effectively; and practice, practice, practice!

Poetryoutloud.org has LOTS of resources to help you prepare. Watch videos of past winners, listen to advice from poets about reciting poetry, and more. Check it out!

At the competition, there will be three judges evaluating your performance, plus another person checking for accuracy. Look over the links below for info about the criteria and to get tips about how to prepare.

Your English teacher and I will be happy to help you as you prepare. Let us know if you have questions about how to interpret your poem, or if you want feedback on your recitation. My email address is avolin@philasd.org, or you can find me in room 306 before & after school.

I will hold at least one coaching session before the competition – stay tuned for the time & place.

Good luck and practice hard!!

Ms. Avelin

LINKS:

[Evaluation criteria & tips for contestants](#)

[Contest evaluation sheet](#)

[Accuracy score sheet](#)