

January 20, 2020

7th ANNUAL RENAUD PRIZE

Teachers who participate in AVLPL this year will receive prizes to award to their students. Details of the Armand and Madeleine Renaud Prize will be included in the February 7 email.

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce the theme of the 2020 Minnesota statewide *A Vous la Parole* French speaking contest. The theme of this year's contest is, "*Le tronc de l'arbre est immuable ...*" The 2020 contest will be held on **Thursday, April 23, 2020**, in **Coffman Union** on the campus of the **University of Minnesota**, from **9 AM to 1:30 PM**. *A Vous la Parole* is sponsored annually by the Minnesota Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of French (AATF) and is open to students of French in grades 7 through 12 accompanied by their teachers and/or representatives. **Participating teachers must be members of the AATF.**

The purpose of this initial email is to give you some basic information as well as the timeline for this year's contest. Teachers who express interest in participating will receive additional information next month. Especially if you are new to the contest, you may wish to begin by reading the attached document entitled "**AVLPL FAQ 2020.**" The **2020 categories sheet** is also attached.

The **cost per student and per category is \$8.** (Students may enter several categories, but they must pay the \$8 fee for each category entered. Each member of a group pays the \$8 fee as well.) **T-shirts** with the official logo on them will be sold **in advance.** They will cost **\$12 each** and will be available for pick-up the morning of the contest. More precise information will go out to teachers in next month's email.

Student performances will be scheduled starting at 9 AM and ending around 12:45 PM. You will have an opportunity to make special requests regarding scheduling. Clare Hagen, the former contest coordinator, will continue to be in charge of scheduling and awards. She will do her best to accommodate your requests.

To receive next month's email, **you must let me know your intention to participate by Monday, February 3.** You can simply send an email to avouslaparole@hotmail.com to indicate your intent to participate and your AATF status (i.e., 2020 member).

Here is a synopsis of the process to keep handy to make sure you are meeting all deadlines:

on or before Monday, February 3, 2020 – you send an email to Annie regarding your initial interest in participating; also please indicate your AATF status (i.e., I am a 2020 member of the AATF) <https://frenchteachers.org/hq/membership.htm>

Friday, February 7, 2020 (approximately) – information regarding registering will be emailed ONLY to interested parties

on or before Friday, March 20, 2020 – finalized electronic entries and t-shirt orders are due (you provide us all student names in a spreadsheet, including specific categories entered – no more than four entries per category – and details of t-shirt order); payment for entries and t-shirt orders is due

March 25-29, 2020 – Annie and Clare will be on Spring Break but may be available to reply to emails

Friday, April 3, 2020 (approximately) – master schedule, master judging sheets, maps, student expectations, and last-minute instructions will be mailed and emailed

Thursday, April 23, 2020 – competition day; t-shirts will be ready for pick-up on-site; judging results will be taken home or arranged for pick-up in Lakeville

I look forward to your participation and to the success of the 2020 *A Vous la Parole*.

Sincerely,



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PS Not a member of the AATF?
Please join today!
<https://frenchteachers.org/hq/membership.htm>



The 2020 AVLPL t-shirt is iris (blue), and it is 100% cotton. Sizes S to 3XL. The price per shirt is \$12. Consider selling them for \$15 each if you would like to keep the difference for your program. (This shirt is bound to become a collector's item! Have your students look up the source of the quote and consider what happened last April ...)