



**DIOCESE OF OAKLAND  
SIXTEENTH ANNUAL  
YOUNG AUTHORS FAIRE**

**DATE: Saturday, April 26, 2008**

**LOCATION: Christ the King School  
Pleasant Hill**

**YOUNG AUTHORS FAIRE GUIDELINES 2008**

- All students in grades pre-K to 8 inclusive who are attending diocesan schools are eligible to submit individual entries.
- Students may submit work only via a teacher or school librarian. The teacher/librarian must initiate the process, disseminate information to students, and carry through the project.
- No more than three students may collaborate on any book other than a class book. If a book is a collaboration, each person's contribution must be clearly specified. (i.e. writing, illustration)
- Original manuscripts and illustrations must be done by students. If an adult assists with binding and/or typing, there must be a clear statement on the entry as to the type of assistance given.
- Books submitted must follow the accepted format of published books. (i.e. They must include title page, copyright information,

bound cover, pagination, etc.) The shape of the book, number of pages, type of binding, and the material in the book are up to the creativity of the author.

- **ALL BOOKS MUST BE BOUND. BOOKS NOT BOUND (i.e. STAPLED ESSAYS WITH CONSTRUCTION PAPER COVERS OR PAGES IN PLASTIC REPORT COVERS) WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**



## BOOK SUBMISSIONS: CATEGORIES

- **FICTION:** Any type of fictional short story or collection of short stories in any genre (mystery, science fiction, adventure, realistic fiction, etc.) authored by an individual may be submitted; the book may, as noted above, be written in collaboration with up to two other students.
- **AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL WRITING/FAMILY BIOGRAPHY:** Any memoir/story of an autobiographical nature authored by an individual may be submitted; personal biographical writing about a relative or friend is also included in this category.
- **POETRY:** Any poetry collection written by one to three students may be submitted.
- **BOOKS WITH A RELIGIOUS THEME:** Any book with a religious theme written by an individual may be submitted; the book may, as noted above, be written in collaboration with up to two other students.

- **CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOK/EASY READING BOOK:** Any book written by a sixth to eighth grader for enjoyment by a younger student may be submitted; this book may, as noted above, be written in collaboration with up to two other students.
- **SPECIAL GENRE BOOKS:** Non-fiction books written in a content area—Spanish, history, science, and the like—may be submitted; these books may be authored by one to three students. Examples of previously submitted books that exemplify this category include a very detailed ABC book about Thailand, an archaeology magazine, an ABC mythology book, and a book of European restaurant reviews. *Please note: Straight research reports do NOT qualify as special genre books.*
- **CLASS BOOKS:** Any book written by more than three students in any of the above categories may be submitted.



## BOOK SUBMISSIONS: LIMITATIONS

### PRE-KINDERGARTEN

- Two **class** books in any genre

### KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE

- One fiction book written by an **individual** student **per grade level**
- One autobiographical book/family biography written by an **individual** student **per grade level**
- One poetry book written by an **individual** student **per grade level**
- Two **class** books in any genre **per grade level**
- Two special genre books written by **individual** students **per grade level**
- One book with a religious theme written by an **individual** student **per grade level**

## ADDITIONAL SUBMISSIONS FOR SIXTH THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE

- Two children's picture/easy-reading books **per grade, sixth to eighth**; these are books written by an individual sixth to eighth grade student for a younger child; these books may, as noted above, be written in collaboration with up to two other students

**PLEASE NOTE:** This year there are **NO e-book categories.** As we as schools more fully integrate the recently published Diocesan Technology Standards, the individual e-book and class e-book categories will be refined and reinstated.



### TO SUBMIT ENTRIES

- A fee of \$75 per school is due on or before **March 3, 2008**. Checks should be payable to **Young Authors Faire** and sent to Diana DeJesus, All Saints Catholic School, 22870 Second Street, Hayward, CA 94541.
- Entry labels will be emailed to principals by March 14th. They are to filled out and attached to every book submitted.
- A Master List on which to catalogue **ALL** books submitted to the faire will also be emailed to principals. **It is imperative that this list is sent along with books submitted.** It is used to check books in when they arrive and to check them out when they are picked up.
- All books must be mailed or delivered to Christ the King School, 195 Brandon Road, CA 94523 between **8:00 a.m. Monday, April 7th and 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, 9th.** **BOOKS RECEIVED AFTER 4:00 ON APRIL 9th WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR JUDGING.**

## JUDGING

- Judging will take place at Christ the King School on **Friday, April 11th**.
- **The Young Authors Faire Committee is once again requesting that all schools submitting entries send one or two teachers or administrators to assist with the judging of the books.**
- Judges will be divided into grade levels or clusters (i.e. K/1) and will read **ALL books submitted in the particular grade level or cluster they choose.**



- Judges will be asked to read books from a grade level at which they do **NOT** teach.
- Student entries will be judged on content, organization, writing style, mechanics, and presentation.
- Because the judging of the books is a very time-consuming task, judging will start promptly at 8:30 a.m. This should allow judges to finish reading by the end of the school day.
- Breakfast, lunch, and snacks will be served to all judges.

**The Young Authors Faire Committee is grateful for each school's efforts to provide a judge on April 11th.**

## AWARDS AND AWARDS CEREMONY

- All prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the judges and will be based on the number of entries and the standard of work submitted.
- One first place and one second place award may be given in each category at each grade level. Honorable mentions may also be awarded.
- A grand prize **may** be awarded for the best book submitted at each grade level.
- Notification of winners will go out via email to principals by Wednesday, April 16th. All winners will also receive individual notification via mail.



- **An awards ceremony will be held at Christ the King School on Saturday, April 26th, at 1:00 p.m.** A local children's author will speak prior to the distribution of awards. [More details about the author will be forthcoming.] Sr. Barbara Bray, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, will distribute awards. Books will be on display at Christ the King School between 11:30 and 1:00 p.m. on the day of the ceremony.
- Book certificates will be awarded to students who earn grand, first, and second place honors and to those who earn honorable mentions.
- As in the past, a Scholastic book fair will be sponsored on the day of the awards ceremony. The Young Authors Faire receives a percentage of the total book sales. This percentage, coupled with a portion of the entry fees paid by schools, allows book certificates

to be awarded to students who earn top honors at the faire. The book fair will be open April 26th from 11:30 until 1:00 and for an hour following the conclusion of the awards ceremony.

- All students who win prizes are encouraged to attend the awards ceremony and to redeem their book certificates.
- A representative from each school must make arrangements to pick up all books submitted by his/her school either at the conclusion of the awards ceremony or within one week following it. **THE YOUNG AUTHORS FAIRE COORDINATING COMMITTEE WILL NOT PACK UP AND MAIL BOOKS BACK TO A SCHOOL. THEY CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR BOOKS NOT PICKED UP WITHIN A WEEK OF THE FAIRE.**
- The Master List will require each school to list the name of the person responsible for picking up the books submitted by the school. Books will be released only to the person specified on the school's Master List.
- **PLEASE INFORM PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND STUDENTS THAT THEY MAY NOT PICK UP INDIVIDUAL BOOKS ON THE DAY OF THE FAIRE.** This is the only way the Young Authors Faire Coordinating Committee can insure that all books are returned to their rightful owners.

