

Announcing Walt Whitman High School's **1st Annual Writing Contest**, sponsored jointly by the English Department, the literary arts magazine *The Eidolon*, and The Writer's Center.

We invite Walt Whitman High School students in grades 9-12 to submit original short stories, poems, and personal essays to Mrs. Glass in Room 298 by Friday, March 6th.

GUIDELINES:

- **Each submission should**
 - be typed and double-spaced
 - use 10-point or 12-point Times New Roman or similar font
 - have one-inch margins
 - be printed on both sides of paper (use two columns if possible for your poem to save space)
 - be numbered on all pages
 - be paper clipped, not stapled
 - include a title on the first page (no cover page)
 - not have your name on the work itself
 - be attached to a completed entry form - your name appears on this form only
- **Entries may not be e-mailed but must be turned in directly to Mrs. Glass in Room 298 on or before the deadline of Friday, March 6th.**
- **You may enter submissions in more than one category, but only one submission per category.**

CATEGORIES:

- **Short Story**
- **Poetry**
- **Personal Essay (Memoir)**

All work submitted should meet guidelines for student publications in Montgomery County Public Schools.

A committee of Whitman staff and students will judge all entries anonymously in preliminary judging at the school level. Writers from The Writer's Center, a non-profit organization that started in 1976 and promotes the literary arts in the DC area, will judge entries selected to advance to the next level. All winners will be invited to read their work at a reception to be hosted in their honor at The Writer's Center in Bethesda on Tuesday, April 21st at 6:00 pm.

All entries submitted for this contest will automatically be considered for *The Eidolon*, Whitman's literary arts magazine.

Three prizes will be awarded in each category: first place, second place, and honorable mention.

- **First Place:** Publication in *The Eidolon*, a free workshop at the Writer's Center, and a certificate
- **Second Place:** Publication in *The Eidolon*, and a certificate
- **Honorable Mention:** Publication in *The Eidolon* and a certificate

For more information, please contact Mrs. Emily Glass at Emily_F_Glass@mcpsmd.org or via e-mail at wwhseidolon@gmail.com

Entry Form—Walt Whitman High School 1st Annual Writing Contest

Name:

Grade:

Home Phone Number:

Cell Phone Number:

E-mail Address (**neatly written, please!**):

English Teacher:

Category—Please circle one: Poetry Short Story Personal Essay

Title of Work:

Number of Words:

*Students may enter a maximum of one submission per category. A separate entry form should accompany each submission.

I verify that the attached submission is my own work, not AI-generated, and that the work has not previously been published. I give permission for my work to be published in Whitman's literary magazine. I understand that I may enter only one entry in any one category.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

I certify that the attached work is my child's own work, and I give permission for the work to be published in Whitman's literary magazine if the work is selected as a finalist.

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____