

Pilgrim's Annual Short Story Competition
sponsored by The Christopher Isherwood Foundation
&
The Edwin Honig Poetry Award (NEW!)

High school students are encouraged to enter Pilgrim's Annual Short Story Competition, sponsored for the third year in a row by **The Christopher Isherwood Foundation**.

There is also a new award for poetry called **The Edwin Honig Poetry Award** (also privately sponsored). **Students from grades 6 -11** are eligible.

We are still waiting to hear the amount of this year's **Short Story** award. (Last year the amount was \$350. The winner of the competition received \$200, and two runners up, \$75 each.)

The winner of the **Poetry** Award will receive \$500 as a scholarship towards Pilgrim school fees.

- **Final deadline:** Students should e-mail their stories and poems to Pilgrim's creative writing teacher Ms. Innes by **April 16** at:

innes570@cs.com or
cinnnes@pilgrim-school.org

We encourage students to start writing now, since it often takes a while to revise stories and to make them the best they can be. The students' English teachers will be happy to advise students on their stories.

The stories and poems will be judged initially by at least four in-school judges for each contest.

The five best stories and the top ten poems will then be sent to a well-known fiction writer and to a well-known poet, as yet to be selected, who will choose the winner and the two runners up.

- **The announcement of the winners will be during the month of May 2012.**

The winning stories and poems will be published in the school's literary magazine, produced by Ms. Innes' creative writing class. **The publication date is May 22, 2012.**

Here are some guidelines. Please read carefully.

These guidelines will also be placed in an envelope on the ASB Board and on the board near the library.

—Students submit **no more than two stories.**

—**Stories** should be no more than **about 1,500 words.**

—**Poetry. No more than three pages of poems** in any style.

—All stories and poems must have a **cover sheet** that includes name, grade and story title.

—The student's name should **NOT** appear on any other page of the story or on the pages of poems.

—**All stories should:**

- Be typed, double-spaced, and in 12 point font
- Have numbered pages
- Have the title in the upper right hand corner of each page
- Be no more than 1,500 words

—**All poems should:**

- Be typed in 12 point font. Spacing is your choice
- Have numbered pages
- Have the title in the upper right hand corner of each page
- Fill no more than three pages

—Needless to say the stories and poems should **ALL** be the students' own work (with no help from parents or other individuals, please). Your English teachers may give general advice but will not otherwise be involved in the writing of the stories and poems.

—Stories should be **e-mailed** to Ms. Innes at cinnes@pilgrim-school.org or innes570@cs.com **by 5 p.m. on April 16.**