

**St. Edmund Preparatory High School Writing Contest 2009-2010 Entry Form**

**Please print.**

**Name of Student** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Home Telephone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Telephone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher's Name** (one teacher) \_\_\_\_\_

**Title of Work** \_\_\_\_\_

I promise that this is completely my original writing and that I have not copied any part of this from anything I have read or have heard.

**Student's signature** \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this I agree to:

- Give my child permission to enter in the St. Edmund Prep High School Writing Contest.
- Give the St. Edmund Prep organizers permission to photograph my child and use these photographs in press releases.
- Give St. Edmund Prep permission to release my child's name, if chosen as a winner, in press releases.
- Give St. Edmund Prep permission to publish and distribute my child's work, if chosen, in St. Edmund Prep High School publications.

**Parent's signature (must be signed by parent or guardian)** \_\_\_\_\_

Send your submissions, postmarked by Thursday, December 3, 2009, with attached entry form to:

Ms. Joan Kowkabany  
Writing Contest 2009-2010  
St. Edmund Preparatory High School  
2474 Ocean Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11229

Winning student will receive notification by April of 2010.

October 1, 2009



**SEPH Writing Contest**



Dear Eighth Grade Students,













Congratulations! You are invited to enter the St. Edmund Preparatory High School Writing Contest. The contest requires you to write an essay about someone who has influenced your life. Last year's winner, Beatrice Genco from Visitation Academy, wrote a wonderful essay about a family friend, Julia Masi, who volunteers at various places including New York Cares, Children of the City, Span and Magic Hospital. Ms. Masi taught Beatrice the importance of helping others and how one person can make a difference. Mrs. Genco, Ms. Masi and Beatrice attended an event at the Prep where they were recognized for their contributions. Once again, congratulations to all including Beatrice's eighth grade teacher Mrs. Occhiogrosso. To read the entire essay, log on to [www.stedmundprep.org](http://www.stedmundprep.org) and click on writing contest winner.

Entering is easy and prizes will be awarded. Submission guidelines and rules are below. To obtain an entry form and/or read more about the contest either ask your teacher or go to [www.stedmundprep.org](http://www.stedmundprep.org). I look forward to reading your essays. Good luck to all!

Sincerely,

Ms. Joan Kowkabany  
Contest Coordinator

### **Contest guidelines and rules:**

-  The contest is open to students who are currently in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
-  Write an essay based on the topic described above.
-  Your essay must be at least 250 words but no more than 400.
-  Complete an entry form, including your signature and your parent's signature, and staple it to your essay.
-  ***Your name, address, etc. should not appear on your essay. Only your Title should appear on the first page of your work.***
-  Type your essay in a double-spaced, 12-point font, on one side of white 8 ½ x 11inch paper with left and right margins.
-  All pages, after the first page, must be numbered.
-  All submissions must be postmarked by Thursday, December 3, 2009.
-  Only one entry is accepted per student.
-  Entries must be the original work of the student.
-  To be considered, all submissions must include a completed entry form.
-  Essays will **not** be returned.

### **Judging:**

Judging will be based on:

Ideas/Content  
Organization  
Creativity  
Style and Mechanics  
Clarity  
Appropriateness

St. Edmund Prep High School and its judges have the right to disqualify any entry not submitted in accordance with the guidelines.

### **Prizes**

The author of the best essay will be awarded a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond and \$1,000 off his/her first year tuition if he/she decides to attend and is accepted to St. Edmund Preparatory High School in the Fall of 2010.

The teacher, of the winning student whose name appears on the entry form, will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate to Staples.