

FIRE PREVENTION ESSAY CONTEST (CITY-WIDE)

The City-Wide Essay Contest, co-sponsored by Saint Joseph's University, is open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade pupils in Philadelphia's public, private, parochial, and charter schools

Schools will be visited that are eligible for the contest. Local Fire Companies will be provided with contest rules forms that have their Station designation and phone number preprinted on the bottom of the form.

Requirements

The contest will begin on Monday, September 29, 2008.

Essays are required to be 250 words or less in length. They should be composed around a fire prevention theme, usually provided in the contest rules. Entries will be judged for fire safety thought and content, as well as neatness and originality.

Essays selected by each teacher should be picked up from schools by local Companies on Friday, October 31, 2008. Each Battalion will pick the three best essays.

Teachers of each 6th, 7th, and 8th grade classes will be requested to choose the best essay from their respective classes to submit. They should place them in an envelope with the school's name, grade, and classroom number on it, to be picked up by the local Fire Company at the close of the contest. Each essay should have the name, home address, home phone number, school, and grade of the pupil on the back.

Final judging will be completed by a panel of impartial judges from the fire/civilian population at Fire Headquarters. The winners will be announced in December, at the completion of the final judging.

Prizes are as follows

- The first place winner will receive a trophy, Certificate of Merit, and \$200.00 cash. The winning school will hold the perpetual trophy for one year, with the winner's name engraved.
- Second place is \$150.00 with a trophy and a Certificate of Merit.
- Third place is \$100.00 with a trophy and a Certificate of Merit.

Each of the thirty semi-finalists will receive a small gift and a Certificate of Merit, to be delivered by the local Fire Company to their respective schools.

Requirements

September 29 - November 24, 2008

September 29, 2008 - Contest begins

October 31, 2008 - Final date for submissions

November 3, 2008 - Pick up essays from schools

November 24, 2008 - Solicitation and Participation Form (three best essays) forwarded to F.P.D.

January, 2009 - Final judging