



# The Writing

# On

# The Wall

Volume 1

St. Patrick School

2006 - 2007

## Acknowledgments

I have chosen “Dare To Believe” as the poem for the back cover of this year’s anthology. It demonstrates the wonder and beauty of our world as well as the need for change if we want to save it. Many poets in this anthology have been inspired by nature and their writings attest to this. As adults, we need proof and reinforcement to accomplish change. A child needs only to believe.

This year marks a new era for our writers. We have transformed from a poetry group to a writing forum with the addition of short stories to our pages. Brit Griffin has volunteered to coach the young writers and has proven to be a great resource for our group. She makes writing “Fun” with many word games and challenges. The addition of stories heralds a new name, our new title is “The Writing On The Wall”. Within these pages you will see the world through our young writers’ eyes and feel their tears, thirst, laughter and aspirations.

The addition of cash prizes for first, second and third place finishes in both poetry and short story greatly sparked participation this year. A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Drury for providing these prizes.

Judging the writing is never an easy task. Sue Neilson accepted this challenge and did an outstanding job of selecting the winners. We thank her very much. I must add that the judging was blind in that Sue was given the poems and short stories with simply a grade level on each page and a number. These numbers corresponded to the student’s names where I alone knew each number’s identity.

Finally, I thank these students for the privilege of working with them this year. They have gained in offering their writings and I have gained by reading their words.

Brian Beaudry

## Acknowledgments

Over the winter, a committed group of kids met regularly during their lunch hour to write. They played word games, wrote descriptions and dialogue, and created stories together. The arts, whether it is literature or writing a drama, give us a means of expressing ourselves and telling our stories. These young people are already doing their bit to make the world a less bland and boring place. I am very glad to have spent time with them all.

And I salute Mr. Brian Beaudry whose love of the written word is inspiring. Both Brian and I are also lucky to be part of a school community that values and accommodates the arts. Albert Camus, the great existentialist philosopher, said that "The purpose of a writer is to keep civilization from destroying itself." So my thanks to the writers of St. Patrick for helping to save the world, one story at a time.

Brit Griffin

## Table Of Contents

1 & 2	Acknowledgments
3	Index
4	First Place Short Story (Loyola Angus)
6	Second Place Short Story (Ashley VanWetten)
8	Third Place Short Story (Daniel Pilon)
	Honourable Mention Short Story
9	First Place Poetry (Athena Williams)
10	Second Place Poetry (Chelsea Meilleur)
11	Third Place Poetry (Jason VanWetten)
12	Hailey , Dakota, Nathan
13 - 14	Ashley Vautour
16 - 17	Athena Williams
18	Breanna Quevillon
19	Brittany L"Hereux
20	Chelsea Leonard
21	Chelsea Meilleur
22	Daniel Pilon
23	Jacob Evans
24	Jason VanWetten
25	Julia Bigelow
26	Catilin Landry
27 - 28	Loyola Angus
29	Saphyre Peddie
30	Sarah Neimi
31	Taylor Leveille
32	Taylor Church

# First Place Short Story

## Loyola Angus

### The Deadly Poet

One day near the ocean there began a horrible storm. It went on for weeks.

Storm is a superhero with cool grey hair. She has the power to make storms and to calm them down. She was trying to stop the hurricane but it was too strong. She had to find a solution to the problem.

"Oh no," she heard someone cry.

Storm ran to the window. She saw a little girl tied to the pier, and a huge wave coming to shore.

Storm flew to the pier. She untied the little girl but by then the wave was too close. She grabbed the child and flew to the safe house.

When Storm got to the safe house she realized that someone must be making the hurricane otherwise she would be able to calm it down. She set out to find the villain. She looked all over, then finally found it.

She saw it, it was ugly, it was the deadypoet One-eyed Silverhand. The villain looked at her and smiled and said "I knew you would find me here right here at the pier."

She stepped aside and then saw the little girl from the pier. She was no longer crying and did not seem afraid.

"I would like you to meet my sidekick, Crystal Clear. She may be evil, but she's my dear."

Storm was shocked and appalled.

"That is why you wanted me to save you because you wanted access to the safe house! You wanted to steal the diamonds. And you One-eyed Silver hand controlled the weather because you want to control the world!"

**First Place Short Story**  
**Loyola Angus**

"You are smart, with quite a heart, but not any smarter than me," One-eyed Silver hand responded in an sinister voice.

"Get her with a cur!"

Four evil henchmen attacked Storm but she was still able to fight her way to victory. So the story ends with Storm putting One-eyed Silver hand and Crystal Clear into a special secure prison for arch villains.

**Second Place Short Story**  
**Ashley VanWetten**

**Yelhsa the Hero**

Once upon a time there was a hero named Yelhsa. Yelhsa lived in the Royal British Hotel.

One day she was walking in the halls and heard this really weird sound. Yelhsa was asking herself, "What is that noise that is so horrible?"

So Yelhsa kept walking and the noise got louder and louder. Then she finally got to the noise and it was a little girl crying. Yelhsa asked the little girl what was wrong?

"My mom left me here all alone and I got scared then someone came up to me and hurt me," said the girl.

"What did the person look like?"

"Well, she had long blonde hair and was really tall. My mom looks like her."

"Really? Well, I am going to go find her, okay?"

"But where will you bring me?"

"I will bring you to my house."

"Okay, but will I get hurt?"

"No, you will not get hurt. Just stay where I put you, okay?"

So Yelhsa went to find the villain. Guess who it turned out to be? It was her mom! Yelhsa couldn't believe it.

"Why did you hurt your little girl?" Yelhsa asked.

"I didn't like her. She was never a good girl."

"Well, I am going to have to bring you to jail."

## Second Place Short Story

Ashley VanWetten

"First you have to catch me!"

"Well I've got you. I'm putting you in jail."

"I can slip out...."

"No you can't because there aren't any bars, just a brick wall. It has a button on the outside to open it."

"Whatever."

"So Yelsha left her in jail and went back to her room and said to the little girl, "You can live with me. But what is your name?"

"My name is Hilary."

"Okay Hilary, go to sleep now."

"Okay." And she went to sleep.



## **Third Place Short Story**

### **Daniel Pilon**

#### **New York**

There once was a boy named Eric. One day Eric went to his parents and said, "Mom, Dad, can I go to New York with my friend and his parents?"

His parents said, "Well, we have to think about it."

"Okay". said Eric.

The next morning he woke up and went in the living room. His parents were waiting for him. All of his suitcases were packed and he said:

"What is going on?"

His parents said "Your friend's Mom just called and she explained to us what you were doing in New York."

Then Eric said "Thank you so much Mom and Dad."

They said "Your welcome Eric."

The next day Eric was all packed and his parents were driving to the airport to meet his friend and his mom. Before Eric and his parents knew it, Eric was up in the sky.

## **Honourable Mention Short Story**

### **Jason VanWetten**

#### **Achilles: The Beginning of a New Relationship**

There was a hero named Achilles. He had just finished fighting a giant so he started looking for a new quest and he accidentally bumped into a guy named Haydeseus.

They became good friends but it turns out Haydeseus was a shape-shifter that was normally a mythical dragon and he wanted to destroy the world.

Achilles found out and stabbed the dragon. The dragon did not die and it blew a fireball at Achilles. Achilles was invincible to all objects so he caught the flame ball and threw it back at the dragon and so the dragon burnt to death. Achilles walked away laughing.

## First Place Poetry

Athena Williams

### Consequences

Expectations all around  
Pushing me to the ground  
Tired of trying to be everyone's friend  
My patience for this has come to an end  
I will not fake a smile anymore  
Obedience has torn me to the core  
I speak my mind, and at times it's not nice  
But in being myself, I must pay this price  
I know that I'm changing, I really don't care  
For some things in life are just so unfair  
The walls are caving in, collapsing behind me  
And only my true friends will try to find me

**Second Place Poetry**  
**Chelsea Meilleur**

**Remembering Grand-dad**

Thinking of things we could have done  
Every time we would have had fun  
Making things like crafts and arts  
Every thing that comes from the heart  
Making Angels in the snow  
Bright and shiny, lights aglow  
Every decoration on the tree  
Remembering I lost you at the age of three  
In the morning we ate  
After sleeping in late  
Then went to the Christmas Concert

Grandpa I love you and wish to see you  
Remembering the things we used to do  
Now I'm left with just your memory  
And that makes me very sorry

**Third Place Poetry**  
**Jason VanWetten**

Winter's Night

The snow is soft  
And oh, so white  
The birds are gone  
No sound at night

Under the moon  
One starry night  
Snowflakes glistened  
What a sight

**Haley Abbernot**

**Mountain Goats**

They are eating  
On a mountain  
With lots of grass

**Dakota Neddo**

**Birds**

The sweet birds sing  
Branches are thin  
The birds are sweet

**Nathan McDonald**

**Dead Dogs**

There was a sleigh dog  
He worked way too hard  
So he died

## Ashley Vautour

### Eleven

Now that I'm eleven  
It's like being in heaven  
I'm one full year older  
With much taller shoulders  
I'll soon be a teen  
Now isn't that keen  
Until then I'm going  
To just keep on growing

### My Birthday (Acrostic)

M y birthday is coming up  
Y ears go by so quickly  
B irthdays are so cool  
I will be eleven  
R unning for gifts  
T enth was not very great  
H ow will my party go?  
D addy will be coming  
A re you coming too?  
Y ou are invited!!!!

### My Birthday

My name is Ashleigh  
It's my birthday real soon  
I think that my dad  
Will buy me the moon  
You know I'm just kidding  
The moon can't be done  
Instead he'll just buy me  
Everything under the sun

## Ashley Vautour

### **Pumpkin Pie**

Pieces of pie  
Under the tall trees  
Munch, munch, munch  
Kind people  
Indoors and out  
Nice families  
Pie is so good  
Inside the house  
Eat up

### **Soldiers**

Bombs falling to destroy  
Soldiers falling while others struggle  
Now we have freedom  
So bow your heads  
And pray in silence  
For the brave soldiers  
Who fought for our freedom in the world

## Athena Williams

### **Almost Shattered**

My pale breath is the only sound  
Once again I have fallen face first on the ground  
Why do I let myself take that risk  
Cause every time I do I end up like this  
I can't believe I let it in  
I can't believe I let love win  
I'm trying to black out the thoughts trying to push them away  
But they just want to stay  
The worst thing is I want them to  
Is Athena falling in love? This cant be true  
I'm telling my heart to stop its just not obeying  
I can't believe all the words I'm saying  
But I don't regret one beat at all  
Too bad soon I am going to fall  
So three cheers to love and what it has done to me  
And three cheers to a newborn catastrophe

### **Disguise**

Hello out there, can you see me  
Through your fake personality  
Changing to impress ..... how much more can I take?  
Your charm does work just not when it's fake  
This posing act has gone too far  
Can't you tell we like you the way that you are  
No matter the words you speak or what you wear  
We are true friends so we don't care  
Come on out of this disguise  
Because our real eyes realize your real lies.  
So stop this catastrophe please start being true  
Because all along we always just liked you.



## Athena Williams

### Good-bye

I wish things would be like before  
But I don't feel the same anymore  
I guess we went two different ways  
We were such good friends I don't know what to say  
I don't understand I cannot see  
What I did to make you hate me  
I guess we just grew out of each other?  
You went one way I went another?  
Four years down the drain  
All that's left is pure black pain  
But the stuff that you started the things that you said  
Rewind like a horror show playing in my head  
I was there for you, you were there for me, we kept each  
other's hopes high  
Always there for one when the other wanted to die  
But I guess people move on  
I still don't understand what I did wrong  
Yeas, I changed that's what people do  
And when I did it wasn't to hurt you  
I wish we were still close I wish you would still call  
Do you feel this too? Do you feel anything at all?  
I don't think things will ever be the same again  
But thank you for all the years you were my friend.

## Athena Williams

### **The Unpunished Murderer**

My hair is gone two weeks left to go  
Just remember my dear oh how I loved you so  
I'm starting to sweat, is it just me or is it dry?  
Look away oh please, I hate to see you cry  
I still have some more chances right?  
We can still try to fight?  
Please stop crying I'm starting to get scared  
Just remember all the happy times that we shared  
Where am I again all I see is white?  
Please someone tell me I'm going to be alright  
I don't want to leave yet this is so unplanned  
There is so much more I need to know I just don't understand  
Before I leave can I please just have one last answer?  
Why me mom? Why do I have cancer?

### **Misjudgments**

I bet your wondering why you came  
Because all my poems are the same  
About a little girl who is always sad?  
Well once again a judgment that's bad  
Because all my problems I try to hide  
But sometimes it isn't good to keep them inside  
So that's when I grab my paper and pen  
And write a poem once again  
To you they may be all the same but to me all a different story  
About some one who SHOULD feel sorry  
Yet decides to be happy  
So go on now continue that thought misjudge me some more  
Because I can't write a poem about rainbows and sunny days galore  
Just remember these poems are about a girl who is happy and  
rightfully spends her time  
But when she's depressed and needs to vent she will sit  
down and rhyme.

## Breanna Quevillon

### **Figure Skating**

Figure Skating  
The ice so smooth  
As you step onto the rink  
It's even better  
Than you would think  
Spins, jumps, and even more  
Sooner than you think, you're out the door  
Your parents cheering you  
They think you're great  
But when you are skating  
There's nothing you could hate

### **Friends**

I've had very many friends in the past  
But half of them didn't last  
I hope that you could be the one  
So we can get together and have some fun  
Everybody needs a friend  
Who has a helping hand to lend  
It's your choice to be my friend  
So we can be friends 'till the very end

### **Halloween Night**

Halloween Night  
Is such a scary fright  
With ghosts and goblins  
And old witch's cauldrons  
And all that candy  
Oh so very dandy  
All of those fools  
Dressed up as ghouls  
Saying trick or treat  
To the people they meet  
So have a good fright  
On Halloween Night

## **Brittany L'Heureux**

### **Lovely**

L is for rose and love  
O is for others  
V is for very nice  
E is for everyone  
L is for love  
Y is for you are lovely

### **Poppy**

Poppies poppies, are so sweet  
Over the far hills  
Poppy blow round and round  
Poppies, poppies are so pretty  
You are all so sleepy

## **Chelsea Leonard**

### **Fall Fair**

Yippee, yippee  
The fall fair is here  
Come and see  
The fun and cheer

The cobra, the spider  
The zipper and slide  
Hear the kids laughter  
Smiles they can't hide

Rides and games everywhere  
Some fast and some slow  
Up, up, and up  
Higher we go

Then Sunday comes  
And it's time to go  
See you all next year  
Hope you liked the show

### **Halloween**

Trick or treating  
Door to door  
Scary costumes  
Candy galore  
Jack-o-lantern  
Oh so bright  
What a scary  
Halloween night

## **Chelsea Meilleur**

### **Remember**

Remember all the soldiers that died  
Every boy and girl that cried  
Making every child sad  
Every parent gets mad  
Moments go by so fast  
Bring things from the past  
Every one wears red poppies and bows  
Remember lining up in rows

### **Friends**

Friends make you laugh  
Friends make you happy  
Friends make you mad  
Friends make you sad  
But they're always there

### **Sunshine' Sunshine**

Sunshine, sunshine shines so bright  
Sunshine, sunshine gives me light  
Sunshine, sunshine don't go away  
Sunshine, sunshine come back each day

## Daniel Pilon

### **Be Kind**

Be kind, be kind, wherever you go  
If you want everyone to know  
That you're nice and wonderful in every way  
It's nice to hear everyone say  
You're cool, awesome and most of all sweet  
And you can not be beat

### **Sad**

When people are mad  
They make me sad  
When I am sad  
I'm sometimes bad  
When I am bad  
I get into trouble  
And when I get in trouble  
I cry on the double

### **War**

Bullets flying everywhere it is just unfair  
If you look into the sky, war is in the air  
There are guns and there are suns  
When guns fire people run  
When there's fire  
All planes go higher  
War is done now there is closure

## Jacob Evans

### **Fishing Spot**

**F** is for the fish you catch  
**I** is for incredible  
**S** is for Shhh!!!! You'll scare the fish  
**H** is for Holy!!! I caught one  
**I** is for I am going to do it  
**N** is for nothing but silence  
**G** is for going home

### **Ghosts Eat Toast**

My little story takes place  
In a tropical villa  
I fell in love with a flavour  
It was burnt toast

Mini ghosts, ghosts, ghosts  
Oh they eat a lot of toast

Burnt flavour mixed with toast  
Put'em together and they  
Can't be beat  
Oh burnt toast  
What a treat  
But then the ghosts  
Found a recipe  
To put'em out of business  
Then the ghosts went to Club Fitness



## Jason VanWetten

### **Poppy**

Poppies blow and blow  
In Flanders's field  
Because of soldiers  
Who fought for us  
Now they watch over us  
And all we can do  
Is pray for them

### **Santa Claus**

Doorbells are ringing  
Carollers are singing  
Santa Claus is watching  
So don't be bad  
And don't be sad  
When you wake up  
You will see presents  
It'll be pleasant  
On Christmas Day!!

### **The Snow**

The wind blows so much,  
the snow so cold its like a blanket.  
The sun still shines so brightly.

# Julia Bigelow

## **Friends**

Friends are like potato chips  
You can't just have one  
They're someone you like to be around  
To have a lot of fun

Friends are someone everyone needs  
There is nothing to hide  
They don't like you for what you're wearing  
But who you are inside

## **My Dream**

As I walked to my bed  
I gently laid my sleepy head  
Then I slowly closed my eyes  
And fell asleep to my surprise  
I then began to have a dream  
Of jumping on clouds made of ice-cream  
I jumped and jumped and then fell through  
I was in the air, didn't know what to do  
As I hit the ground it started to rain  
Of chocolate chips and candy canes  
I then woke up and raised my head  
Still safe and sound in my bed

## Katilin Landry

### **My Dreams**

A shiver through the leaves  
A shiver through my knees  
As I came galloping  
Then slid to a stop  
I saw something black  
Then gave my horse slack  
As I came to a trot  
I just had to stop  
I turned around straight away  
As the flowers swayed  
While the birds sang  
I could hear a bang  
I saw the end of a horse's tail  
I rubbed my eyes to see that I failed  
My horse neighing as loud as she could  
I dropped off her back and we just stood  
Then out of the trees  
You wouldn't believe  
A herd of horses coming towards me  
So I hopped on my horse's back  
And we ran towards the shack  
But before we did  
We saw a kid  
So we turned away  
Towards the end of day  
Under the rainbow  
Into the snow  
It was only a dream  
A very special dream  
I hope it comes true  
I really, really do

## Loyola Angus

### **Beware Of The Elves**

Beware of the Elves  
who lurk in the trees  
who spy on those who walk on by.  
When you're sleeping  
they'll come on in  
and tie knots in your hair

Beware of the Elves  
and their magical Queen  
who turns laughter to pain  
love into sorrow  
and life to death  
beware of the Elfin Queen

Beware of the Elves  
they give you a fright  
All children must learn  
if you stray in the woods  
you may never return  
for they cast a spell that shall never be broken

### **Love**

Love is life  
Love at first sight  
To death do you part  
Forever sometimes but not always  
Sometimes forever but sometimes hearts break

### **Penguins**

Penguins squealing loud  
Gathered in a noisy crowd  
Sitting on their eggs

## Loyola Angus

### **Pirates**

Pirates are so cool  
But they're no fools  
They don't obey the rules  
That is why they're cool

### **On Halloween Night**

On Halloween night  
Kids running in fright  
From ghosts that boast  
And witches in flight  
And bats that bite  
On Halloween night

### **Poppies**

Poppies are pretty  
But sad in a way  
They remind me of the dawn  
And the end of the day  
When the soldier laid dying  
While they dug his bleak grave

### **War**

War is scary  
People kill, people die  
They die for their country  
And on Remembrance Day  
We remember those who died for us

## Saphyre Peddie

### **Dad**

For nine and a half years you didn't call  
Not on my birthday, not at all  
For nine and a half years I had no one to call dad  
Just to let you know that made me feel sad  
But now that I see you every once in a while  
On every second weekend you make me smile  
All of that stuff that we should have done  
We didn't do it, we've missed so much fun  
All because both parents got up on the wrong side of the bed  
You yelled at her and to the door I was led  
We said our good byes and I was a little sad  
But that's ok now, I have a new dad

### **Halloween Night**

After dark  
On Halloween  
Children in costume  
Not who they seem  
Vampires and goblins  
Princesses and ghosts  
Frightening each other  
Is what I like the most

## Sarah Neimi

### **Best Buddies**

Best friends for life  
Ewww!!! We say to boys  
Same things we like  
Talking about problems

Both me and you for life  
Undying faith in each other  
Determined never to fight  
Disgusted by boys  
I'll be there for you  
Every hour every day  
So close, we're like sisters

### **Grandma**

Grandma I miss you  
Respect and I love you  
Always there when I needed you  
Never let me down  
Died when I needed you the most  
My wish would be to bring you back to me  
And my family

### **Mrs Pinkney**

You gave me a  
Late slip every day  
It did not bother me  
In any way  
This is a message  
To say goodbye  
I will miss you  
As I sit here and cry

# Taylor Leveille

## **Peace Forever**

People dying every day  
Everyone scared  
All hope lost  
Cold-hearted leaders  
Earth in turmoil

For war to stop  
Open your hearts  
Reach for peace  
Everyday  
Victory over aggression  
Entering a new era  
Remembering the lost



## Taylor Church

### **Friendless**

I sit in my room  
Upset and afraid  
Why me, why now, why her?  
Through my tears I realize  
She's in a better place now  
With the dog that she loved  
But why suicide?  
She had a healthy life  
Now I know how she felt  
Losing something so dear  
I would never repeat her mistake  
No matter how much I would lose  
I love my life no matter what  
But now is a very sad time  
Not just for me  
But for many people  
Because she's gone, she's dead  
Well, she was dogless  
Now I am FRIENDLESS!!!!

### **Winter Laughter**

Flakes of winter  
Caress my face  
Soft and cold  
And white as lace  
The wind softly  
Whispers to me  
Of children playing  
And sliding with glee  
Listen carefully  
You will hear  
All the children's  
Joyful cheer



## Dare To Believe

I streak the sky on phantom wings  
To carve the clouds soft face  
I soar where eagles wouldn't dare  
To greet the darkest space  
How tranquil Earth looks from here  
Such peace I do perceive  
The magic of its gentle swirl  
Centuries does it weave  
What freedom this gift bestows  
Such majesty I view  
All colors of the spectrum's light  
This prolate does imbue  
If we could all be graced this view  
Then see the way it grieves  
I know we could heal its woes  
If we dared to believe

Brian Beaudry