

Our Lady of the Assumption School 50th Anniversary & Reunion

Essay Competition

Participants will write a research essay on *The History of Our Lady of Assumption School*. Contest open to Grade 11 and 12 students (during the 2009-2010 school year) of Jean Vanier High School, Collingwood Ontario. **A minimum of three entries must be received before the scholarship will be offered. Deadlines may be extended at the discretion of the Reunion Committee.**

Prize: \$1000

- Submission to Jean Vanier School Office by 4 p.m. **June 14, 2010** of *Intent to Write* form, *Intent to Write* form is Appendix 1.
- Completed 1 hard copy and 1 electronic copy and signed Interview consent forms submitted to Jean Vanier School Office by 4 p. m, **September 15, 2010**.
- Essays will be judged using the Scoring Guide in Appendix 2. Essays will be judged by blind review (i.e. no names will appear on the Judges' copies).
- Length : 1200-1500 words, double spaced, 12 font, Times New Roman .
- For the purposes of this essay competition, the following definitions will be used. Primary source is a information given by a source that has direct, personal experience (e.g. a past principal or a trustee, a personal journal). A Secondary source is information that builds on, cites or comments on a primary source
- Winners announced by September 30, 2010
- At least 2 primary sources to be used in this historical research. Interview consent forms to be signed and attached if individuals are interviewed. A sample is in Appendix 3.
- All essays become the exclusive property of the Our Lady of the Assumption School 50th Anniversary & Reunion Committee (Reunion Committee) to be used in activities related to this event.
- The Essay is intended to be historically accurate. The essay may be a chronological history of important events and the participation of families or persons in these events. Alternately the essay may be an indepth study into a person, family or event that was particularly significant to OLA.
- The Essay is also intended to convey emotional appeal for the topic. 2

Appendix A

Intent to Write Essay for OLA Reunion Essay Competition

**** Submit to Jean Vanier Office by June 14, 2010**

Name(Print)_____ Grade (as of Sept. 2009)_____

The intended topic/focus of the Essay will be_____

The primary sources I intend to consult are (at least two) _____

Note: Primary sources may include personal communication (interviews or email), school board minutes, personal memoirs, the blog at: <http://assumptionschool-newlowell.org/>

- ☐ I have read and I agree to the rules of the Essay Competition
- ☐ I have received a hard copy or (electronic copy) of the Essay Competition rules and appendices .

Signature

Date

Appendix 2

Essay Scoring Guide

Criteria	Level 1	Marks
Introduction /Thesis statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -grabs interest of reader -thesis statement clear & definitive -strong sense of purpose -outline of subtopics in proper order 	10
Quality of Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -historically accurate -primary and secondary sources used -at least 2 primary sources used -sources are cited in text 	15
Support of Ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -relevant and consistent connections made between subtopics -subtopics elaborated with vivid, descriptive sentences -consistently weaves commentary with detail -consistently fluent, coherent and unified writing -writer's style is evident 	25
Emotional Appeal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -draws reader to the material –compelling use of emotional statements -evidence of personal passion in the paper -writer's voice evident 	15
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -synthesis of body of paper -smooth and logical -concluding ideas leave an impact on reader 	10
MLA Format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -in text (parenthetical) citations correct format -reference list -uses 2+ types of sources -uses 4 sources 	10
Conventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -identifying information on cover page -no grammar, spelling, quotations, citations or paragraphing mistakes -variety of sentence structure -transitions smooth and varied 	15
Format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -pages numbered, Font 12 point, Times New Roman double spaced – margins : top 1.0”; sides 1.5” bottom 1.0” 	10

Note: All papers will be submitted to a blind review by a three member Research Essay Committee. Primary sources may include personal communication (interviews or email), school board minutes, personal memoirs, the blog at: <http://assumptionschool-newlowell.org/>

A Secondary source is information that builds on, cites or comments on a primary source .

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Appendix 3

Sample Consent Form

Obtain **signed** consent to use the words or personal papers contributed by a person.

Whether you quote directly, paraphrase or summarize the interviewee's words you must cite the person as a primary source.

Consent to Participate

Name (Print)_____

Date_____

My signature below indicates that:

- ☐ I have been informed of the purpose of the over the phone or face to face interview.
- ☐ I understand my participation completely voluntary.
- ☐ I understand that I may refuse to answer a question or can withdraw from the interview at any time.
- ☐ I understand that when my words or personal papers are quoted, summarized or paraphrased I will be cited as the source.

** Please provide the interviewee a copy of this signed consent

Interviewee Signature

Date

Interviewer Signature