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POETRY
CONTEST
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THEMES BY GRADE

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FIRST PRIZE WINNERS

1 *Alanna Readell*

Rotella Magnet

2 *Taylor Campos*

Rotella Magnet

3 *Taylor Famiglietti*

Rotella Magnet

4 *Melody Kramarz*

Maloney Magnet

5 *Kimberly Anne Card*

St. Peter & Paul

6 *Raphael Pages*

St. Margaret

7 *Brian Wood*

Blessed Sacrament

8 *Sacha Roman*

Wallace Middle



BEACH DAY

I see the sunset.

As I lay on the sand.

I feel excited and warm.

Alanna Readel

Rotella Magnet 1



ALL IN THE PAST

Dinosaurs are extinct and gone

Maybe they are buried in my lawn.

Some dinosaurs were very small

But some dinosaurs were very tall.

Some dinosaurs have long necks,

Some don't even know their alphabet.

Some dinosaurs can run fast

But now that's all in the past.

Taylor Campos

Rotella Magnet 2



THE GREAT PARADE

Balloons are flying in the sky.
The pretty colors catch my eye.
The band is playing, oh, so well.
My mother says it sounds real swell.

Hear people cheering everywhere.
Confetti flying in the air.
I'm glad my daddy brought me here.
I'll ask if we can come next year.

The band is walking down the street.
The drummer is keeping a steady beat.
Don't drop your treat, please take your seat!
Just sit and hear them play so sweet.

Taylor Famiglietti
Rotella Magnet 3

Sea Monsters

Monsters, Monsters, Monsters of the sea.
Creepy, snarly, hiding and waiting to
pounce on me.

Your big bright eyes don't fool me!
Your dark green scales and
long, massive body is hard to see,
but I know where you are hiding.
You can count on me! UH OH!

SNAP!!!!!!

Hey who turned
out all
the
lights?



Melody Kramarz
Maloney Magnet 4



SPACE CREATURES

I looked out the window
And what did I see
A big ugly creature
Looking in at me

He had one eye
In the middle of his face
I could tell right away
That he was from outer space

His name is Larry
He is very hairy
But not really scary

He needed paper to make his ship fly
So I gave him all I had
Because he was a nice guy
Then he said good-bye and flew away
And that's why I don't have my homework today

Kimberly Anne Card
St. Peter & Paul 5

My Favorite Waterbury Site

So much
Interesting
Literature
Available to
Students

Books
Read
Over
Night
Sonnets
Or
Non fiction

Look for
Information
By the desk
Reading
At your fingertips
Reacquaint
Yourself



Raphael Pages
St. Margaret 6

HAVE YOU EVER SEEN...

Have you ever seen a library without any books,
or a fancy restaurant where nobody cooks?

Have you ever seen a star when the sun shines
bright, or a mouse beat-up a cat in a fist fight?

Have you ever seen the monster that lives under
your bed, or a huge bull run away from the color
red?

Have you ever seen a vampire with teeth sharp and
white, or a dragon's tail attached to a kite?

I have seen all these things, as odd as that may
seem. But only in bed, at night when I dream.



Brian Wood

Blessed Sacrament 7

My Hero Remains a Mystery

My hero...

I have no hero.

Nobody knows her.

She just died recently.

Her name...

I won't say.

My hero remains a mystery.

She is up in heaven.

She was and still is beautiful.

My hero was also so sweet.

I hear her in the wind.

She is always in my dreams.

She used to give me advice.

She also helped me with everything.

My hero remains a mystery.

She is still the light of day.

Her eyes are the sun and the moon.

The stars line her face.

She still has that beautiful smile.

I still cry that she is gone.

I look at the sea and feel her presence near.

I know that she is closer than ever.

Even though she is gone in reality, she will always be in my heart

Everyone asks me who my hero is. I never say who she is...My hero will

Always remain a mystery.



Sacha Roman

Wallace Middle 8

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HONORABLE MENTION

1 *Kayla Lombardi*

Rotella Magnet

2 *Julianna McGuire*

St. Mary

3 *Raymond Rabuska*

St. Peter & Paul

4 *Ryan Bannon*

Rotella Magnet / Wallace Middle

5 *Adam Neveski*

Blessed Sacrament

6 *Charles Svitlik*

Lighthouse Christian Academy

7 *John Delucia*

St. Mary

8 *Olivia McGrath*

St. Mary



A SPECIAL DAY

Taking a trip to New York.

I'm going to a show.

Two of my friends are

Coming with me.

We'll have lots of fun I know!

Kayla Lombardi

Rotella Magnet 1

DINOSAURS

Dinosaur, Dinosaur, I've never seen you.

But I know, there are many more

than two.

The mighty Brontosaurus, loves his
plants.

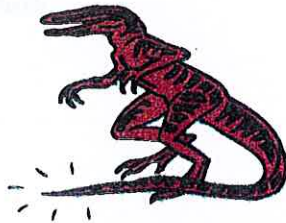
The peaceful Stegosaurus, looked
like he ate ants.

The Tyrannosaurus, was like a big
lizard.

He couldn't be stopped by even
a wizard.

Julianna McGuire

St Mary 2



THE BEST PARADE

I love the parade on the 4th of July,

We were in it last year, My brother and I.

There were clowns throwing candy and we
threw lots too.

The best part of all, was the red, white and
blue.

There were balloon floats, firemen and go-
carts too,

There also was a real chicken whose name was
Lucy Lou.

The parade is at our camp in the State of
Maine,

I can't wait till this year to see it again.



Raymond Rabuska

SS. Peter & Paul 3



THE SEA MONSTER

Beneath the icy sea I lay,
and wait and wait for the coming
day,
Soon I will reveal myself,
like a toy coming off a dusty
shelf.
I'll show the world I'm not a
fake,
A simple myth who lies at
the bottom of a lake,
I'll show them all the pure
good truth,
the story was true when
you were a youth.

Ryan Bannon

Rotella Magnet 4 / Wallace Middle

Space Creatures

I have an alien friend,
His name is Ted.
He has purple spikes,
On the top of his head.
I only see him,
During the night.
He is wearing ducky pajamas,
That make him quite a sight.
He keeps me company,
Until I get tired.
It takes awhile,
Because I'm always wired.
He tucks me in,
And says "Goodbye."
"Catch you later, Dude,
I gotta fly."



Adam Neveski
Blessed Sacrament 5

Holy Land's Cross

Rays of sunlight shine from above
Down in the valley – a sign of Your love

Thousands and thousands pass from my sight
Where hope is given from dawn until night

To one You are strength, for another peace
A reminder of Grace 'til our trials all cease

So what can we say is Your greatest deed?
But that You remain for all to see



Charles Svitlik

Lighthouse Christian Academy 6

HAVE YOU EVER SEEN...?

Have you ever seen a place with no rules?

There would be no clocks, schedules, or schools.

Nobody would have to follow directions,

Or serve any of their detentions.

You wouldn't have to worry about being too early or too late,
Or people getting mad because you didn't show for a planned date.

There would be no penalty for breaking the law,

You could go to the mall and take whatever you saw.

There would be no rules to follow for any sort of game,

You could play as you please without taking any blame.

You could park your care anywhere on the road,

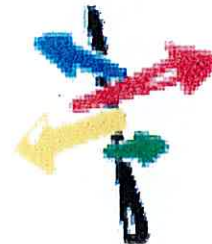
Without any worry over it being towed.

Driving would be tricky with no sign to stop or go,

Without speed limits, people drive too fast or slow.

Although living without rules sounds pretty great,

It might turn out to be something we would all hate.



John DeLucia

St. Mary 7

The hero in the midnight dusk
Silences danger with a thrust

HERO

Believes in the good of all mankind
Saves people in danger time after time

Throws himself in the way of danger
Only to protect his neighbor

He shines with pride throughout the land
Grasping success within his hands

Fights with might for the good of man
Fights to save all he can

Releases mighty energy
Coming up with a remedy

Stopping evil in its tracks
Like a football player completing a sack

Role model to children every day
In a reverent and awesome sort of way

Doing the right thing all of the time
Risking life and fighting crime

Always walks with a sense of pride
Knowing he is on the right side

Heroes look to their heart for decision
To help them take the right position

Within a hero remains no sense of vanity
Only a true love for humanity



Olivia McGrath

St. Mary 8

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