



Organized and sponsored by local Catholic schools, Young Authors' Conference offers an exciting opportunity for families of students in kindergarten through sixth grade. Students and their parents can listen to a well-known children's author speak about her work, then enjoy some entertainment. In small group sessions, students share their own writing with other area Catholic school children while parents attend a presentation on encouraging young writers.

At the end of the conference, each student will receive a small memento and certificate recognizing participation in the conference.

Please note that this is not a competition.

Saturday, March 24, 2018

8:15am – 11:40am

11:45am book signing

St. Joseph High School

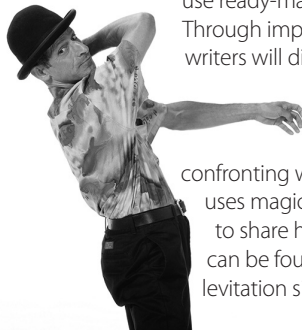
Guest Author
Louise Borden

Inspired by a grandmother who loved history, Louise Borden grew up fascinated by the stories of people's relationships to historical events. After studying history at Denison University, Borden worked as a teacher and became co-owner of a bookstore in her hometown of Cincinnati. When her children started school, Borden wrote her first book, *Caps, Hats, Socks, and Mittens: A Book About the Four Seasons*. Her parenting and teaching experience, as well as her love of history, influences many of her books. Learn more at LouiseBorden.com



Entertainment
**Writing Outside of the Box
or Why a Frog's Favorite Cereal is Toadal**

Storyteller/author Bob Kann leads a fast-paced session as he shows students how to tap their "subconscious" creativity and use ready-made structures to create stories. Through improvisational storytelling, young writers will discover new abilities to identify subjects for stories, acquire skills for creatively developing stories, and learn strategies for confronting writer's block. Join the fun as Bob uses magic, juggling, and punishing puns to share his joy of language. Bob usually can be found reading his favorite book on levitation since he simply can't put it down!



Parent Presenter

Fostering a Love of Reading & Writing

Parent Presenter Pam Brown taught fourth grade, fifth grade, and middle school Social Studies and Religion after graduating from the University of Notre Dame and earning her Masters in Education from Providence College. In the fall semester she taught Children's Literature at Holy Cross College. She currently works with first and second grade CCD children who are preparing for their sacraments. Pam loves to read with her three children, ages 5, 7 and 9.

**Young Authors' Conference 2018
Registration Form**

Registration deadline is **Friday, February 16.**
Sorry! We absolutely cannot accept late registrations.

Family name _____

Child _____ Grade _____

Child _____ Grade _____

Child _____ Grade _____

Child _____ Grade _____

School _____

Home phone (day) _____

Home phone (eve) _____

**Registration is \$6 per child
with a maximum of \$14 per family.**

Each student **MUST** be accompanied by a parent.

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Please make checks payable to the school your child(ren) attend(s).
Thank you! This fee helps to cover the cost of all conference expenses, including refreshments, certificates, author, entertainment, etc.

Yes! I want to volunteer to help. We especially need small group leaders to help with leading small group sessions. You will be contacted with your assignment. Parents who volunteer **WILL** be able to attend the Author and Entertainment sessions with their child.

Volunteer's Name _____

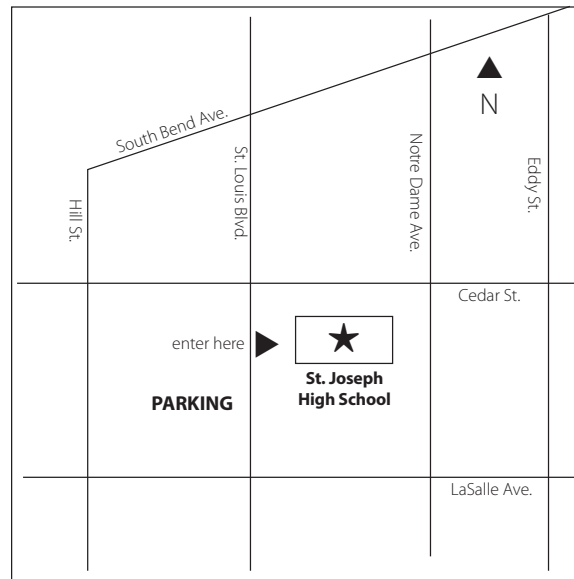
Please return this form and registration fee to your child's teacher by

Friday, February 16, 2018



Spend a morning with your child, learning together about the writing process at a conference designed to encourage young students to write creatively.

Join us for this year's
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