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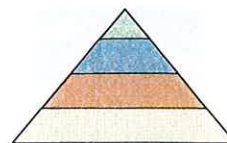
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- 8 SERVING OUR COUNTRY**



FIRST PRIZE WINNERS 2008

- 1 **Nechama Levine**
 Yeshiva K'tana
- 2 **Maxwell Rinehard**
 Carrington
- 3 **Donald Cianciolo**
 Saints Peter & Paul
- 4 **Jaida Woods**
 Children's Community
- 5 **Frank Capozio**
 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
- 6 **Alexis Santos**
 Blessed Sacrament
- 7 **Christian Lewis**
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- 8 **Shannon Sullivan**
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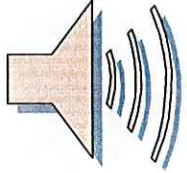


SHAPES

Shapes are found up and down,
even on the ground.
I can find them anywhere,
I can find them in the air.
I see a ball it is purple, it is a circle.
It can bounce really high, even in the sky.
I see a house, it is in a square over there.
Circles, circles are everywhere up and
down and in the air.
A sun, a ball some big some small.
A roll of tape, a birthday cake.
My favorite one is a smiley face.

Nechama Levine
Yeshiva K'tana 1





SOUNDS OF THE DAY

**I hear my mom calling,
it's time to get up!**

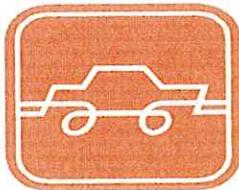
**So I eat breakfast
and pour my juice in a cup.**

**I hear the car start
and we speed away.**

These are the sounds I hear in the day.

Maxwell Rinehard

Carrington 2



RAINBOWS

Red is the color of an apple.

Orange is the color of the sunset.

**Hello, here comes yellow,
which will lean into green.**

**The color of blue gives me a clue,
that the color of purple is the final hue.**

Donald Cianciolo

Saints Peter & Paul 3





WHAT MAKES ME LAUGH

What makes me laugh
Is a bath with bubbles
Sometime they're single
And sometimes they're doubles
I pile them high
They can reach the sky
And when they pop
It's like glitter floating by
It's such a joyful sight to see
All that sparkle
Falling down on me

Jaida Woods

Children's Community 4



TRANSPORTATION

Our nation depends on transportation.
Trains are ready at the station.
Planes can travel to your destination.
Boats are great for vacation.

Trolleys travel around the town,
Subways run underground.
Take a ride in a car,
It can take you very far.

Take a taxi, pay a fare.
Buses take you everywhere.
A lots of trucks you will see,
Bringing goods to you and me.

Motorcycles are cool and fast,
Bicycles don't run on gas.
Helicopters check the weather everyday.
You'll never know what they will say.

Hot-air balloons take you up in the sky.
It's almost like you're a bird that can fly.
Enough of all this silly talk,
I think I'll just take a walk.

Frank Capozio

Our Lady of Mount Carmel 5





CHEERLEADING

Cheerleading is a super sport
All the girls jump and shout.
They make a pyramid that looks like a fort
And the pompoms fly about.
I am a cheerleader, yes I am
I love to cheer for my team.
Especially when we win with a bam!
I smile, I yell, I gleam.

Alexis Santos

Blessed Sacrament 6



THAT BEAUTIFUL SOUND

The song ends and the applause proceeds
I take these precious seconds to gawk
My head slowly peeks around the tied curtain
As I stand there I look around until I see someone
A group of four sitting there waving
Waving at me...

But then everything gets quiet
The tall man in the suit saunters to the stage
He stand Center, holds the microphone
As he starts to talk I tense up,
Then he says it, the thing I waited for
"Christian Lewis performing Think of Me ..."

I felt a force inside of me
It moved me unto the stage
Toward the big and sleek, black object
Inside I was nervous, but excited
I looked at the audience staring at me
I knew I had to start...

I sat down at the tiny black bench
I stared at black and white rectangles
I put my hands, my fingers on the ivory rectangles
Then, I looked at the pieces of paper in front of me
With all those black scribbles
The ones I took years to learn to read
I swallowed very hard...

I pushed my fingers down
Just as the paper said
Then, I heard it
My favorite song
"Think of me, think of me fondly as we say..."
No words though, only in my head
But my fingers made it
... That Beautiful Sound...

It wraps around me
I hear the wonderous notes
I feel the strong melody
Then the beautiful sound stops
But the applause arises
Which, is an even more beautiful sound.

Christian Lewis
Waterbury Arts Magnet 7





THE DARK SIDE OF WAR

Rockets red glare, bombs bursting in air,
Why does it seem that the world is unfair?
More than one million men are now dead,
And still so many children are left unfed.
Brave soldiers risk their lives every day,
Yet our country has nothing to say.
A little boy asked, "When will it end?"
How long will it take for this world to mend?

Now it is a time, a time for change,
Between the death, cruelty, and violence, all
deranged.
The soldiers need to end the war,
To make the mistake of revenge no more.
When will it come, a brighter day?
To take the sadness and remorse away.

The soldiers are brave, how proudly we stand,
To fight for our country, and defend our free
land.

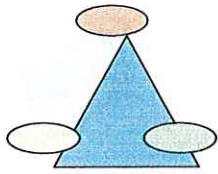
Shannon Sullivan

St. Mary 8



HONORABLE MENTION 2008

- 1 Shmuel Yehuda Kestenbaum
Yeshiva K'tana
- 2 Erin Goggin
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- 3 Noah M.R. Warner
St. Mary
- 4 Matthew Corona
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
- 5 Aurianna Moreno
Children's Community
- 6 Emily Hazelton
Waterbury Arts Magnet
- 7 Ryan James Torony
Waterbury Arts Magnet
- 8 Corynn Gruszka
St. Mary



SHAPES

I see a balloon it is red and round. I have
fun on the merry-go-round on a special day.

We eat a pizza the shape of a triangle, and
have lots of fun at the carnival on a special day.

We see a sign that is square pointing us to go
over there on a special day.

The day was fun. It is dark, it is night and
the moon is very bright on a special day.

Shmuel Yehuda Kestenbaum

Yeshiva K'tana 1



SOUNDS OF THE DAY

I wake up in the morning
I hear a bird chirping
and the wind blowing.

I get up and start singing
and the phone starts ringing.

I hear the bus coming
and my friends' voices.

When I go to lunch,
I hear crunch, crunch.

At night I sleep
but I don't hear a peep.

Erin Goggin

Maloney Magnet 2





MY RAINBOW

Wishes and dreams are made upon you.

You shine above colorful and true.

Red, green, orange, yellow, purple and blue.

I make a wish on you, hoping it comes true.

Noah M. R. Warner

St. Mary 3



WHAT MAKES ME LAUGH

Words can be funny
No value with money
They can make me laugh
No comparison to math

Words, words they're everywhere
Even on your underwear
Words are on paper, all in books
They might even be hiding in your kitchen nooks

Words are flexible, words can change
All words are in my range
What you need to start is a pencil and paper
And then you will become a word shaper

Trampoline, tangerine, my brother's spleen
Those are words alike, time to hear some more
Red shed, black pack, they'll all be hiding in the shack
That was fun, now I'm done

Matthew Corona

Our Lady of Mount Carmel 4





TRANSPORTATION

Cars can go far and take you places

Buses are fun and bikes can have races

Planes can take you high in the sky

As the people below wave goodbye

Trains can go so very fast

And take you to places where memories last

Aurianna Moreno

Children's Community 5



MOM'S DREAM

My mom has been a Red Sox fan
Since 1968

Since birth she's drilled it into me
That it's totally worth the wait

Someday our mighty team will win
And reverse the awful curse
The Yankees fans annoy me
They truly are the worst!

The dream came true in 2004
Her hero Schilling with his bloody sock
Led the team to victory
The Red Sox really rock!

One series and mom can die happy
Too much to ask to tempt fate
But win twice in a lifetime? YES!
In '07 the Sox were really great!

Emily Hazelton

Waterbury Arts Magnet 6





MY BEST TALENT

The lovely song is put together
The beautiful sound, the body, the style
The long neck, big body, and a stump of a head
As I create this song
The stimulating vibrations enter my body
The chords, the frets, the tabs
I hit each note to create peace
The pick-ups, the tones, the styles
It's impossible to resist
What exists
In the sound of music

With years of experience
The delightfulness pleases all
The beats created are unimaginable
I practiced for days
the crowd roars
the deed is done
It all comes together
As I strum

Ryan James Torony
Waterbury Arts Magnet 7



EQUAL

Some come from far,
Others come from near,
This is all because the U.S. is the place to be.
We may all be different,
But we are all united as one.
Some may not be wealthy,
But not all are poor.
Our hands can come together,
To join as one,
To be free.
Now we need to help those who are in need.
Children in Africa beg for clean water,
We complain if people forget a lemon in ours.
To put others before yourself
Is just a start to a better world,
Where all can live equally,
just as one.

Corynn Gruszka

St. Mary 8



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