

Hello!

Planning is underway for Writers Week XXIV, which will be held February 5-9, 2018! We are excited to bring Fremd students another week of thinking, writing, and learning in the Kolze Auditorium.

Here is a little background about our event: Since 1995, our school has hosted a week-long celebration of writing featuring professional, student, and faculty writers. In the past twenty-two years, about a thousand Fremd students have taken the stage to share their writing. Faculty members from every department have related their stories through writing. Each year our school community receives this event with enthusiasm, and our school has gained a reputation as "a school of writers," a mantle we wear with a certain measure of pride. More than two hundred professional writers have visited the Fremd campus during Writers Week to help us better understand writing and authors. Our previous guests include poets laureate Billy Collins, Ted Kooser and Gwendolyn Brooks, canonized poets Nikki Giovanni, Tyehimba Jess and Naomi Shihab Nye, and national bestselling authors like Mary Karr, Veronica Roth, Chris Crutcher, Ellen Hopkins, Loung Ung, Matt de la Pena, Laura Ruby and more than 200 other writers. You can visit our website, www.writersweekfhs.com, to see a video of students talking about their Writers Week experiences and to learn more about how Writers Week is woven into the fabric of life here at Fremd.

Fremd's Writers Week runs solely through the efforts of many, many tireless volunteers and donations from outside sources like the Fremd Booster Club. This year, we are asking you to consider becoming a "Friend of Writers Week" to allow us to continue to invite a wide variety of high quality authors, poets and songwriters to our school. All it takes to be a Friend of Writers Week is a **minimum** \$25 donation. As our way of thanking you for your generosity, Friends will be recognized on our website and on our program, and we will gift you with a Friends of Writers Week t-shirt, newly designed for the 2017-2018 school year!

We hope you will consider supporting Friends of Writers Week this year, both with your kind donations and your enthusiasm for the written word!

- Russ Anderson, Gina Enk, and the Writers Week committee
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To become a Friend of Writers Week, please send a check made out to Fremd High School along with this form to:

Fremd High School, Cashier
1000 S. Quentin Rd.
Palatine, IL 60067

Friend of Writers Week name (as you would like it to appear on the website): _____

Your name: _____

Email address: _____

Student name(s) (if applicable): _____

Home address:

T-shirt size: S M L XL XXL