



Greetings:

The Concordia University Chicago Department of English is happy to announce the re-launch of *Caesura: A Journal for Young Writers*. We originally launched the journal just as Covid shut the world down and other things took priority. But, we are back and we are excited to join with you on this literary adventure.

This journal will celebrate and publish the creative work of Young Lutherans, grades 5 through 8. We deeply value the voices of young writers and seek to give them greater exposure. We believe that creative writing is a gift bestowed upon us by God to reflect, and reflect on, the world He has given us. We want to encourage and promote these talents of your young writers by sharing them with the world at large.

In poetry, a “caesura” is a break, or a pause in the line. We have taken this as our name because we view writing in that way – it is break from the hectic world in which we live, a world that increasingly seems to disregard the thoughtful and the beautiful – our journal seeks to remedy this by encouraging your students to seek that pause, to seek that break, and employ the gifts of creation that have been bestowed on them.

Caesura is digital journal, published annually, and fully edited by Prof. Andy Pederson, Dr. David Rogner, and Prof. Anton Jones of CUC’s Department of English. The journal will publish poems, fiction, creative non-fiction, and plays from your students. It is important to note that not every piece of writing that we receive will be published.

Our special re-launch submission window will be open from February 1st through April 30th. Subsequent years will follow our normal submission window, November 1st through March 15th. The journal will be published online by May 20th, 2023.

It is our hope that as we publish the journal over the next couple of years we can also do more to promote creative writing in your classrooms by providing exercises and other resources to help foster and extend a passion for writing.

We look forward to reading the work of your students and building relationships with young writers passionate about sharing their work with the world.

If you any questions, at any time, please contact Prof. Andy Pederson at andrew.pederson@cuchicago.edu.

In Christ,
Prof. Andy Pederson
Dr. David Rogner
Prof. Anton Jones

Submission Guidelines:

1. We are looking for poems, short stories, creative non-fiction essays (non-academic essays), and plays.
2. There is **no** limit on how many pieces a writer may send for consideration.
3. Submission to *Caesura* is open to any writer in 5-8th grade.
4. Normal Year Submissions will be accepted from November 1st through March 15th each year. Our special RE-LAUNCH will have a submission window of February 1st through April 30th, 2023.
5. All submissions must be made via email to caesura.journal@cuchicago.edu in the form of attachments and not placed in the body of the email.
6. Please make sure attachments in Word or RTF format.
7. Each item for submission should be its own attachment – one document per attachment. There is no limit to the number of attachments you may send. For example, if a writer was submitted 3 poems and 2 stories, their email would have 5 total attachments.
8. Please label your attachments in the following way, **Last Name of Writer – Title of Piece – Genre of writing**. Example: Pederson – End of Summer – Poem.
9. Please include the writer's information – name, grade, school – in the body of the email.
10. Writers will be notified via email if their piece will be published.