

Poems for Pettengill
Give the most original, personal gift ever!!

Newburyport High School's Creative Writing at Night class is holding a unique fundraiser to raise money for the Pettengill House by promoting their poetic prowess. This non-profit benefit, designed to engage students and greater Newburyport in helping those in need, offers participants an opportunity to send an original poem to a person of their choice while donating to a local organization. For a mere fifteen or twenty dollars, an NHS student will craft a poem to your specifications.

Do you want to send a special holiday greeting?
Do you want to let your college student know how much you miss him or her?
Do you want to thank someone?
Do you want to make someone laugh or cry?

Like *Cyrano de Bergerac*, NHS students will express your feelings in an eloquent poem. You choose the person, the sentiment, and any three specific words or phrases. The Creative Writing class will do the rest.

You also get to choose the type of poem: free verse, English or Italian sonnet (Elizabethan or Petrarchan), villanelle (a French form), haiku (a Japanese form), or ovillejo (a Spanish form). However, whatever type you choose, rest assured your poem will be written in English!

All proceeds will be donated to the Pettengill House.

Order forms are available on the "community" section of the Newburyport High School website, in the main office at Newburyport High School, from a Creative Writing at Night student or by request to dszabo@newburyport.k12.ma.us. All orders must be placed by December 14 and we aim to send them out by December 22.