

# JOURNALISM

## **BEGINNING JOURNALISM**

**057300**

Grade: 9-11

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1/2 Elective Credit

Prerequisite: None

Students will learn basic journalism skills necessary to be successful in Newspaper 1 and Yearbook 1. Curriculum includes, but is not limited to, vocabulary, writing, editing, layout/design, desktop publishing, the use of different software programs and the history of newsprint journalism. Writing will focus on news writing, feature writing and sports writing.

## **YEARBOOK 1**

**057411/057412**

Grades: 9-12

YEARBOOK 1

1 CTE Credit

Prerequisite: Beginning Journalism, Photojournalism or recommendation from Journalism teacher

This course continues to build upon the basics of journalism as presented in Beginning Journalism. It expands to include a more advanced study of design/layout and participation in production of the school yearbook and photography. Students begin the exploration of scholastic journalism and the law as well as current issues in scholastic and professional journalism.

## **NEWSPAPER 1**

**057311/057312**

Grades: 10-12

NEWSPAPER 1

1 CTE Credit

Prerequisite: Beginning Journalism or recommendation of English or Journalism teacher

Following an initial training period, students enrolled in Newspaper 1 assist in the production of the school newspaper, which is issued every month. Students also produce an online version of the newspaper. Staff members write news, features, sports and editorials and gain experience in designing pages, computer word processing, providing photographic coverage and selling ads. Students may join second semester after successfully completing Beginning Journalism.

## **NEWSPAPER 2**

**057321/057322**

Grades: 10-12

NEWSPAPER 2

1 CTE Credit

Prerequisite: Newspaper 1

This course concentrates on continued emphasis of quality standards in newspaper writing and production. Instruction grows from the production of the newspaper, including

sophistication of writing and design, photography and continued examination of current issues related to scholastic and professional journalism. Students also produce an online version of the newspaper. Students may apply for an editorial position. Those in editorial positions will learn coaching/mentoring strategies to employ with less experienced students.

## **YEARBOOK 2**

**057421/057422**

Grades: 10-12

YEARBOOK 2

1 CTE Credit

Prerequisite: Yearbook 1

This course concentrates on continued emphasis of quality standards in yearbook production including enhancement of writing and layout skills, use of software and camera operation, including digital equipment and the study of scholastic and professional journalism. Students may apply for an editorial position. Those in editorial positions will learn coaching/mentoring strategies to employ with less experienced students.

## **PHOTO JOURNALISM**

**057350**

Grades: 10-12

PHOTO/JOURNL

1/2 CTE Credit

Prerequisite: None

Students enrolled in the class have as their primary objective the task of providing coverage and subsequent photographs of all school events for the yearbook and newspaper. This includes assignments both during and after school. Instruction/practice in photography includes use of artificial lighting, skill development with basic camera operation and improving students' sense of photo-composition. During processing, instruction will pertain to composing the photos, manipulating the photos using Photoshop, writing captions for the photos, and troubleshooting problems related to the photos. Although not a requirement, it would be helpful for students to have their own digital cameras.

## **NEWSPAPER 3 (Honors Option)**

**057331/057332**

Grades: 11-12

NEWSPAPER 3

1 CTE Credit

Prerequisite: Newspaper 2

This advanced course is designed for the student who wants to conduct in-depth studies in journalism and play an increasing role in the production of the newspaper. Students will explore career opportunities, journalism law and ethics and magazine journalism, in addition to assuming editorial

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positions. Students also produce an online version of the newspaper. Upon successful completion of additional expectations, an honors grade may be earned.

## **NEWSPAPER 4 (Honors Option)      057341/057342**

**Grade:** 11-12

NEWSPAPER 4

1 CTE Credit

Prerequisite: Newspaper 2 and 3

This is an advanced course for students who wish to continue their in-depth study of journalism. In addition to assuming editorial roles and mentoring new staff members, they will cover school board meetings and submit articles to local publications when appropriate. Students will explore new ideas for templates and possible changes in overall design of the publication as well as an in-depth study of national publications. Students also produce an online version of the newspaper.

## **YEARBOOK 3 (Honors Option)      057431/057432**

**Grades:** 11-12

YEARBOOK 3

1 CTE Credit

Prerequisite: Yearbook 1 and 2

This advanced course is designed for the student who wants to conduct in depth studies in journalism and play an increasing role in the production of the yearbook. Students will explore career opportunities, journalism law and ethics, and magazine journalism in addition to assuming editorial positions on the yearbook. Upon successful completion of additional expectations, an honors grade may be earned.