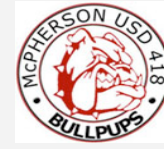


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Class Journalism 1

Period 1st hour

Course Description:

The purpose of journalism 1 is to give students an understanding of the communications field, to develop skills necessary to journalism, and to prepare them for future journalism work.

Materials needed for the class:

Daily Class Supplies:

1. Pen or pencil.
2. Notebook paper.
3. Textbook

Types of activities taking place in your classroom:

\*Essential Objectives -The student will develop skills in:

- Advertising
- Editing
- Word processing/desktop publishing
- Headline writing/caption writing
- News judgment
- Page design
- Interviewing
- History of journalism
- Press law/ethics
- Photo journalism

How students will be evaluated:

Grading Policy:

Grades are based on a point system. Grades for each semester will be figured on a cumulative point basis. I will follow the standard grading scale:

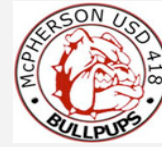
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B+	89-87	B	86-83	B-	82-80
C+	79-77	C	76-73	C-	72-70
D+	69-79	D	66-63	D-	62-60
F	59 and below	IP	In Progress		

Discipline rules and expectations:

Late Work/Deadlines:

1. Journalism is a field where timeliness and meeting deadlines are essential. We are going to model this in our classroom. No late work will be accepted. No excuses will work. The only exception is if prior arrangements have been made with the teacher. School related absences should be reported to the teacher and prior arrangements must be made. Any type of emergency will be dealt with on an individual

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**Basic Student Responsibilities:**

1. Do what you are asked to do.
2. No talking when I am teaching, or when another student is speaking / presenting.
3. No disrespectful language, inferences, or behavior towards others. Keep it clean.
4. Be in your assigned seat when the bell rings – not in the hallway or standing around the room. If you are not in your seat, you may be counted late.
5. Have all necessary materials with you at the start of class. You may be counted late if you have to go back to your locker during class.
6. Always ask to use the hall pass at appropriate times. 5 minute limit
7. No cell phones are allowed to be out in class, following MHS policy. I reserve the right to confiscate any technological item if it is being misused as MHS policy states.
8. You may use musical devices at times I deem appropriate – for example, during a work day. Obviously, never use them during instruction.
9. When you are absent, it is your responsibility to get any notes or papers that you missed.
10. When you cheat: You will fail, and be sent to the office. This goes for anyone involved in the act. Anytime you take credit for something that you didn't do, you are cheating.
11. Keep it clean: This means the publications lab. Clean up the classroom before you leave. It also means the newsroom atmosphere. Speak respectfully about students and school faculty. If you can't say

Consequences for inappropriate classroom behavior:

**Consequences for Student Non-Compliance:**

1. First instance = Verbal warning.
2. Second instance = 15 minute detention, before or after school. The time will be arranged at the teacher's convenience, not the student's.
3. Third instance = Office Referral (possibly resulting in ISS or OSS).

Additional Comments

**Joining the High Life or Bullpup staff:**

If you are looking for a spot on a publications staff, I'll expect hard work, a B or above for the year, and a positive attitude. I have the final decision and will be watching constantly, so show me what you can do!

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Instructor's Name

Name of Class:

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Journalism 1

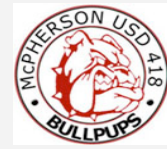
I have read and understand the Classroom Expectation:

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Parent/Guardian signature

Date

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Student signature

Date