



Journalism

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Prerequisites:

- This class is open to all students in grades 6-12.



Course Description:

Journalism is indeed a writing class, but it is much more than just a writing class! This class is unique in the sense that the students cooperate as a class to decide on the name of the newspaper, the mission statement, what the paper will contain and even the design! This class provides ample opportunities for students to explore what it looks like to cooperate and compromise to create a finished product that is a combination of all of their ideas! We will explore many different types of writing including: news articles, editorials, interviews, surveys, reviews, comics, ads and more! Writing will be organized and formatted by the students to design a newspaper using Canva that will be distributed to each family at WHCT several times throughout the year. This is not your traditional writing class! Journalism is a chance to write for an actual audience and provides ample opportunities for the novice writer to find his/her voice and the seasoned writer to hone in on his/her craft while having leadership opportunities.



Commitment:

- Homework expectations will vary depending on the grade of the student. Middle school students will average an hour to an hour and a half of homework per week. High school students will average an hour and a half to two hours of homework per week. High school students who desire leadership in the paper may have some weeks of homework that will be greater than two hours.
- The use of a laptop or tablet for design work in class for specific class periods is strongly encouraged, but not required.
- A free Canva account will be needed for design work on the paper.



A typical class will look like...

The first several weeks of class will be full of brainstorming and collaborating as a class to determine the name, mission statement, contents and design of our WHCT paper. Class time will include exploring how to write different article types, peer review, and discussions on important topics such as how to interview, journalism ethics and more. We will spend the last several weeks of each quarter diving into Canva design for students to collaborate in designing the finished paper which will be distributed to each family at WHCT.



Books and Supplies*

Required Supplies:

- No book is required for Journalism.
- binder
- notebook paper
- pens/pencils
- Each student will need to create a free Canva account.
- Bringing a laptop or tablet to class is encouraged on specific weeks for design work, but it is not required.

*Tutor will provide additional needed materials with \$15 lab fee.