

Journalism

Course Description and Syllabus

Class Facts:

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Conference: A & B days 9:00- 10:30

Tutorials are available everyday before school.

Camera Check-In by 8:50 every morning

Camera Check-Out by 4:20 every afternoon

I am very excited to be teaching journalism! Journalism as a field is always changing. We are going to learn the basic fundamentals of journalism and also discuss how technology is making journalism more exciting and accessible. We are all consumers of journalism in some form. We will cover everything from hard news to sports and entertainment.

Course Description:

In this course we will learn to write in a variety of forms for a variety of audiences and purposes. Students will plan, draft, and complete written compositions on a regular basis. Students will become analytical consumers of media and technology to enhance their communications skills.

Students will:

- Identify the history and development of American journalism through people and events
- Identify the foundations of press law, including copyright law, the air use exemption and the ownership of intellectual property
- Identify the foundations of journalistic ethics
- Distinguish between responsible and irresponsible media action
- Be able to location information sources such as person, databases, reports and past interview to gather information
- Plan and write relevant questions for an interview for in-depth research
- Gather information through interview
- Revise and edit copy using appropriate copy editing symbols
- Write Captions
- Create different forms of journalistic writing such as reviews, ad copy, columns, news, features and editorials to inform, entertain and/or persuade
- Demonstrate an understanding of the function of headlines through the writing of headlines.

As we become student journalists, students will also be responsible for writing stories and contributing coverage to lshsrangernews.com. The website will be an online news resource created and run by students. This is an exciting opportunity for our students to get real world journalism experience.