

Photojournalism Course Syllabus

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Prerequisites: Enrollment is limited to eighth grade students only and is a year-long course. *Interested students must select the course as his/her **first choice**, and complete the application on time. Students are required to get a teacher recommendation.*

Course Description: Photojournalism concentrates on all aspects involved in producing the school's yearbook. The class uses desktop publishing skills as well as a photo editing software to produce the book. Students are expected to become proficient in the computerized program designed specifically for Herff-Jones. Students are also responsible for taking pictures to be used in yearbook, downloading them into the school network, cropping and editing, and maintaining the cameras for everyone's use. Students must be willing to attend some sporting events during each season: fall, winter and spring. They learn about career opportunities in publication as well as the ethics of media. This class learns "by doing." Students work independently as well as in small and large groups; consequently, they must be able to work in cooperation with others and with self-direction. Students must demonstrate: trustworthiness, honesty, and dependability.

Textbooks/Materials: Content Area Exercises; *Picasa*, and Herff-Jones online.

Required Materials: Each student is *preferred* to have a cell phone, computer, and internet access at home. Students will use a computer, scanner, laser printer, digital cameras, photo editing, *Picasa*, Herff-Jones online, and the Internet.

Semester Objectives:

- Students will learn the financial, photographic, design and literary responsibilities in creating a yearbook.
- Students will be expected to write out and submit their page designs, stories, captions and photos in a responsible and mature fashion.
- Students will gain the knowledge of and experience with the use of computers, digital cameras and word processing
- Students will create a yearbook that will be sold to the student body.
- Students will be expected to read other yearbooks and business memos, communications and manuals from Herff-Jones, copy, letters, notices and any other yearbook related writings generated throughout the school year.

Expectations of Yearbook Staff Members

Expectations of Photojournalism students is outlined in the *Photojournalism Student Contract* that is reviewed, agreed to, by Ms. Friend, the student, and a guardian during the first full week of the school year.

Grades

- Grades in this class will be calculated using a 100 point numerical scale based on classwork, participation, and event coverage.

- Assignments fall into three (3) categories and are given the following weights:
 1. Classwork/Page Layouts = 50%
 2. Participation / Teamwork = 30%
 3. Event coverage = 20%

Note: Extra credit opportunities may be available

- A letter grade will be given using Waynesboro's standard as follows:

A+	=	97 - 100	A	=	94 - 96	A-	=	90 - 93
B+	=	87 - 89	B	=	84 - 86	B-	=	80 - 83
C+	=	77 - 79	C	=	74 - 76	C-	=	70 - 73
D+	=	67 - 69	D	=	64 - 66	D-	=	60 - 63
F	=	0 - 59						

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Student Name	Date Received
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