Dunbar Creative and Performing Arts Magnet School

**Journalism**

**(Audition Only Class)**

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Welcome to Journalism. Journalism is a year-long elective course for both 7th and 8th grade students. The journalism class is dedicated to the craft of writing, editing, photographing, filming, and documenting news for Dunbar Magnet. Students will be responsible for the production of all online content, documenting performances (both in writing and filming) and the weekly TNN video broadcast.

**Expectations:**

* **Be a good role model in your classroom and throughout the building including the bus. If you are written up for discipline you could be removed from the news team.**
* **All classroom assignments must be turned in on time.**
* **Be courteous and respectful when entering classrooms to take pictures and video for the news.**
* **Be responsible for expensive tech equipment such as cameras and computers.**
* **Be on time for announcements. All students need to report to their classroom to check in and immediately report to the news room.**
* **Students must be responsible for meeting/making all AR goals and percentages throughout the school year.**
* **Must be in good standing academically and discipline-wise for the 2018-2019 school year.**

**Failure to perform any of the tasks listed and outlined will lead to your REMOVAL from the class.**

**Required Course Materials:**

* 3- ring binder for storing class handouts and notes
* Lined notebook paper for written assignments
* Pens (dark blue and black ink) & pencils
* Flash drive (1GB or more)

**Class Learning Outcome/Objectives:**

1. To develop skills in journalistic writing, editing, photography, and news broadcasting.

2. To develop computer skills in touch-typing, word processing, desktop publishing, photo management and manipulation, and video editing.

3. To produce the Tiger Times online newspaper and the weekly Tiger News Network video broadcasts.

4. To market and sell business and personal advertisements for school news sources.

5. To learn together with respect, responsibility, communication, and cooperation.

**Examples of Class Activities:**

1. Reading, writing, lecture, discussions, hands-on activities, drawing pictures and diagrams, taking photos, and other activities to learn to journalism, journalistic writing, photography and photo journalism, layout and design, desktop publishing, computer file management, digital photo manipulation, marketing and sales, and other topics.
2. Using various computer applications such as word processing, spreadsheets, desktop publishing, photo manipulation, video editing, and more. Using keyboarding software to develop touch-typing skills.
3. Going "on assignment" around campus to take pictures, interview people, conduct surveys and polls, conduct research about people and events , and other duties as assigned.
4. Lunchtime, after school and evening work, attending performances and other school events as reporters and photographers, and working diligently to complete all assignments before each publication deadline.
5. Approaching local businesses as well as individual people and asking them to support our school by purchasing advertising space in our online newspaper and newscasts.

**Computer Lab Rules and Procedures**

Entering class: Enter quietly; Place backpacks in designated area; Start work immediately. Directions will be given or displayed at the front of the class.

During class instruction: Students are expected to remain seated and quiet during instruction. Raise your hand to gain permission to speak or leave your seat.

During project work: Students are expected to remain on-task and maintain a library-like atmosphere during lab work.

End of class: Teacher will dismiss students AFTER equipment/materials are cleaned-up and put away. The teacher dismisses class, NOT the bell.

Food/drink: is not permitted in the computer lab.

Damaged Equipment: Report immediately. Treat all equipment with proper care. **Note: If you are negligent with classroom equipment, expect to lose the privilege of its use and to PAY for any damages.**

**Classroom Behavior Rules**

1. Treat others with respect
2. Raise your hand if you wish to speak or leave your seat.
3. Keep hands, feet, objects to yourself
4. Keep on task.

Behavior Consequences:

First Offense = teacher warning

Second offense = detention / phone call to parent

Third offense = referral to office

**General Information**

Restroom: Students are encouraged to use the restroom during passing periods to reduce classroom interruptions. However exceptions will be made for emergencies.

Late Assignments: Being late in journalism usually means the story can't be published. The whole newspaper can't wait for a late story. Late work will be accepted on some assignments, for partial credit. Some assignments must be completed and turned in by the due date in order to receive any credit at all. Homework that is not ready to be turned in at the start of class will be considered late.

Press Passes: Passes which allow students to go "on assignment" about the campus are a privilege, not a right. If students abuse the privilege (off-task activity, disrupting classes, etc.) the privilege will be removed.

If absent: You should make up the work that you missed. Only work completed promptly will be given credit. It is the responsibility of the student to find out the work that was missed. If a test occurred during the absence, likewise, it is the student's responsibility to schedule a new testing time.

Cheating: will not be tolerated. Any work in violation of Dunbar Creative and Performing Magnet School's Academic Honor Code will at a minimum result in a zero for the assignment and a referral.

Need Help: Please ask for help during class. If you want extra time in the lab, or additional help outside of class, ASK.

**Assessment and Grading**

Graded assignments and formal assessments will include:

* Various paper and pencil and computer based assignments.
* Successful on-time completion of reporting and or/photography assignments and the writing and editing of stories /articles/ layouts for the various publications/productions.

The grading scale is the usual:

A: 90% and above

B: 80% - 89%

C: 70 -79%

D: 60 - 69%

F: Below 60%

Extra credit opportunities are always available, but students must already have completed the regular assignments before they are eligible for extra credit. Students who put in lots of extra time on marketing and sales, reporting on and/or photographing school events, working to meet publication deadlines, or other tasks, will receive extra credit for their extra efforts.

STUDENT - PARENT - TEACHER CONTRACT

**Read and Sign below:**

If chosen, I will sign up for the selected class and will be present at all **REQUIRED** events/shows, or face removal from program. I understand that there is a fee of $40.00 **(includes t-shirt)** for Journalism this year**. I understand that Journalism requires me to attend selected performances, writing articles and recording** segments….etc. I understand that being a member of the Journalism team is a **PRIVELEGE!** I understand that I must meet my **AR Goals each Quarter and I must maintain a “B” or higher average in ELA**. Lastly, I understand that behavior inside and outside the classroom is an important factor of being in an Advanced Class therefore, any behavior that demonstrates a **LACK** of honesty, integrity and commitment to both my academic and social persona (bullying, inability to get along with others, failing grades, social media footprint… etc.) will be grounds for dismissal from the class.

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Please provide a reliable and regularly checked email address for you or your child. This email will be used for contacting members of the Journalism team on a regular basis:

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