

CKHS *Cougar Chronicle*

Journalism Class

Journalism is unlike most classes you will take, because it is a production class. You will be creating a product which will be available online for your peers, teachers, and community members to read. You will be working for a business with advertising clients and deadlines. Therefore, the requirements for being a part of the journalism class are more like being an employee than being a student. You will gain skills which you will be able to put on your resume. If you do well, your teacher will be able - and willing - to recommend you to a prospective employer and give specific feedback on your ability to work as part of a team, to meet deadlines, and to maintain calm under pressure. Strong writing skills are not a requirement, but dedication and intrinsic motivation are. **If you are interested, please LEGIBLY complete this form and return it to your counselor or to Mrs. Miller in room 2206. Please return by Friday May 7, 2020.**

Name _____ Current Grade _____

Current school _____ Current English teacher's name _____

Home phone _____ Cell _____ Summer Email _____

Why are you interested in working on the Cougar Chronicle staff? _____

Please visit our site cougarchronicle.org & offer one positive comment and one constructive criticism:

Positive: _____

Constructive: _____

Please rate yourself on the following: (1 = low; 5 = high)

_____ Attendance

_____ Writing skills

_____ Ability to work independently

_____ Ability to work with a team

_____ Ability to meet deadlines

Which two teachers would give you a good recommendation if asked about you?

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Student Understanding:

- I realize that I will sometimes be representing the school at off campus events, and I will have my work published online. I understand that I will be a representative of the Cougar Chronicle and must behave responsibly and respectfully.
- I will treat journalism property, especially the cameras, with respect and care, and I acknowledge that I **will** be expected to repair or replace something if it is damaged through my negligence. A fine will be placed on my student account to repair or replace damaged journalism property.
- I know that I may be supervised by other students and have my work critiqued by other students, and I can handle that without undue resentment. This is a group effort, not my personal publication.
- I understand that we have publication deadlines we must meet. I will take my commitment to accomplish what I have agreed to do very seriously.
- I also understand that I will occasionally be asked to do MORE than I originally agreed to. Problems arise, and I will expect this and do my best to help out when needed.
- I understand that this is a team effort and if I am not doing my share of the work I may be asked to transfer out of the class.
- I understand that if I have a “D” or “F” in January, I may not be allowed back in journalism for second semester. I will finish the first semester with a “D+” or better.

Student Signature

Date

I agree to help my student honor this commitment:

Parent/ Guardian Signature

Date

Thank you!

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