Yearbook Application

Please email completed digital applications to <u>rrego@covenantday.org</u> or a hard copy can be delivered to the front office.

Yearbook is a demanding class. The learning curve is high when you begin – you will learn design techniques, you will use both InDesign and PhotoShop on a daily basis, you will learn about photography composition, and you will apply writing skills and grammar usage that you've previously mastered. You must be able to be flexible and calm in the face of difficulties, which can sometimes occur due to technology glitches and other extenuating circumstances. It's imperative that deadlines be met in this class because of financial commitments (the publisher can levy fines when things aren't turned in on time). You must also be willing to take constructive criticism because changes may sometimes be made to your work based on the theme of the yearbook (color, layout style, and fonts). It's necessary for you to work independently as well, because the skill levels you acquire to create your pages depend on how willing you are to spend time working on your own. Overall, yearbook is practical application of skills and is a class run more like a business than others offered in high school. The product of a book valued by CDS students is the reward for your efforts.

As you answer the questions below, be honest in your responses. There are no right and wrong answers because each staff must be a blend of personalities and natural abilities. Remember to attach your writing sample (prompt is given separately) to this completed form.

1. What are some of the reasons you want to be on the yearbook staff?

2. Have you had any previous experience with photography or graphic design? What has it been? (not necessary

3. How would you or your friends describe you?

4. How would your teachers describe you?

- 5. Which teacher should we contact for a recommendation?
- What are two of your strengths that would be beneficial for this class?
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- 7. In what ways are you creative (naturally artistic, talented with graphic design, creative writing, etc.)?

8. Keeping in mind that yearbook is based on teamwork, is there anything about you that could be considered be a problem for yearbook (procrastination, inability to work under pressure, sensitivity to correction)?

9. Do you tend to be focused to get work done at school, or are you better at getting things accomplished when alone at home?

10. How do you feel about making calls and talking in person with people you don't know well?

11. How do you feel when someone makes corrections or changes to your creative work? Explain.

12. How do you handle working under pressure? (Is a deadline helpful or stressful to you?)

13. What other extracurricular activities are you planning to commit to next year?

Imagine that you are assigned to cover your favorite sport or event for next year's yearbook. Write the copy (story) for the layout, making the story informative as well as exciting. Be sure to include information that your readers might not know. Your story should be between 150 and 200 words.

Please attach your story to your yearbook application.