

COMMUNICATIONS

JOURNALISM - 1530

10, 11, 12

1 credit

Journalism is an introductory course designed to provide students an opportunity to learn the basic elements of journalistic writing as well as develop their understanding of the news reporting process by providing an authentic and open experience of the responsibilities of a journalist. In this class, students will develop the style of writing used to report news stories in newspapers, podcasts, and on the internet. This class operates as a news team staff. Each student will fulfill a specific staff role that contributes to the everyday running of Horizon's student news website, The Profile. The skills students learn in this class come to fruition in the form of three primary products: weekly submission of articles to The Profile's news website, participation in group article workshopping, and regular content creation for The Profile's podcast channels. In addition to creating this content, throughout this yearlong course students will examine the responsibilities, ethics, and laws of both professional and amateur journalists while exploring their own expression of free speech.

PREREQUISITE: Teacher approval. Please contact Ms. Schmidt directly.

YEARBOOK - 6800

10, 11, 12

1 credit

Students in this course produce the school's yearbook. Staff members must be self-sufficient and organized in order to consistently meet deadlines throughout the year. Class activities include taking photographs, writing copy, laying out pages, attending games & events, participating in journalistic conferences, and selling and distributing the final product. This course may be repeated with teacher approval, and various leadership/editorial positions are available from year to year.

PREREQUISITE: Complete application. Applications may be obtained in the counseling center.