Welcome to Yearbook!

Ms. Smathers

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What we will do:

The goal of this class is to design and publish the 2025-26 edition of "The Sentinel," the yearbook for Sheridan High School. To complete this, we will take pictures, write, edit, and work together!

Teacher responsibilities:

Ms. Smathers will come to class prepared, offer help when needed, and finalize the yearbook! This course is unique in many ways, one of which being that there are students with little to no experience mixed with some students with many years of experience. To differentiate this in teaching and grading, Ms. Smathers reserves the right to modify expectations for each individual students according to their ability.

What to bring:

1. Chromebook (& Charger)
2. Yourself

If you take the camera to an event, you are expected to return it the next day.

Your responsibilities:

You are expected to come to class and meetings ready to work. There is no excuse for this year's book to not be the best ever! Each student will be required to attend 2 events per commitment, outside of class, to take pictures for the yearbook. Therefore, if you are responsible for football, you must attend 2 football games. This will take dedication and responsibility and is essential to completing the yearbook. You may also be asked to take photos of singular events, such as student life, throughout the year. After you return with your photos, you can begin the process of working on pages in Yearbook Avenue! Occasionally, we may have a meeting outside of class. This meeting will be communicated 2 weeks in advance. If you must miss, a written note will serve as an excused absence. Without a note, it will be an unexcused absence and can result in a loss of points.

How will I be graded?

Each 9 weeks will be comprised of the following requirements:
Class Participation/Focus: 25 Points
Meeting Attendance: 15 Points
Photo Assignments: 50 Points
Page/Module Completion: 100 Points
Mid-Term (December) and Final: 100 Points (Completion)

Academic dishonesty, such as AI, results in an automatic 0. At the end of each nine weeks, students will be graded based on the rubric below:

Class Participation & Focus (25 pts)
25–20 pts: Actively engaged, contributes, and stays focused with no reminders.
19–15 pts: Regularly engaged, occasional distraction but still productive.
14–10 pts: Often distracted, needs reminders to stay on task.
9–0 pts: Frequently off-task, disrupts class, heavy phone usage.

Meeting Attendance (15 pts)
15–13 pts: Perfect attendance, always on time and prepared.
12–10 pts: Misses 1–2 meetings or is occasionally late.
9–5 pts: Misses 3–4 meetings or often unprepared.
4–0 pts: Rarely attends, often late or unprepared.

Photo Assignments (50 pts)
50–45 pts: All photos completed on time, high quality.
44–35 pts: Most photos done, minor quality or deadline issues.
34–20 pts: Inconsistent completion, poor quality, or missed deadlines.
19–0 pts: Rare or unacceptable submissions.

Page/Module Completion (100 pts)
100–90 pts: Fully complete with names, dates, tags, and other necessary components. High-quality work, on time, follows style.
89–70 pts: Mostly complete with minor errors, some style guide issues.
69–40 pts: Major errors, incomplete, or late submissions.
39–0 pts: Incomplete, poor quality, missing pages.

Exemptions or extensions may be granted upon request. Please ask in advance if you need more time, help, or accommodations! :)

Sign here: _____ _____

Return this syllabus signed by you and your guardian by Friday, August 21.