

L'Anse Creuse High School-North

Course Syllabus: Journalism

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Course Description: Journalism is designed for students who show proficiency in writing and are interested in studying and applying the principles of print journalism in preparation for joining the newspaper or yearbook staff. Students will study straight news, feature writing, interview techniques, layout, design, etc. There will be numerous writing assignments. Students are expected to conduct interviews, which may occur outside of class. The selling of the publication, advertisements, and fundraising may be required.

Class Website: Any necessary information relating to Journalism is posted on the class website, located at: www.macomber.weebly.com.

Grading: Grading will occur on a variety of assignments including writing, discussion responses, homework, tests, quizzes, and participation. It is your responsibility to keep track of your grade using PowerSchool (you should be checking this website at least weekly). If you have a question or concern about your grade, you may see me before or after class or school.

Do not ask me about your grade during class time.

Attendance policy: The LCN attendance policy reads, "if a student accumulates more than 10 absences, the student's credits will be held in suspension. The student will remain in the class for the semester and complete all assignments, quizzes, and exams, but receive a grade of No Credit (NC). If the student improves his or her attendance during the NEXT semester and accumulates less than 11 unexcused/excused/T10 absences in EVERY class, the NC will be changed to the earned grade of the student. Please note if a student earned an F in the class that will be the grade awarded regardless of the attendance change." The exact same rule applies to tardies- if you have more than 10 in a class, you are placed on attendance violation. So, arrive to class on time every day on time.

Assignments: All assignments are due at the beginning of class unless otherwise noted. This means when you walk in the door, your completed assignment should be ready to turn in. Do not ask me if you can print your paper at the beginning of class. Each assignment must have, in the upper right-hand corner, your first and last name and hour. Place the assignment name on the top line. Assignments with no name will be posted on the "no name" board and will show up as a "zero" in the grade book until they are claimed.

Late assignments: Late assignments will be accepted up to one week late for a reduction of 50% of the total points earned. Before turning in the late assignment, write "Late" and the date you are turning it in at the top left corner of the page.

Extra Credit policy: Extra credit may be offered periodically throughout the term. A student is NOT eligible to earn extra credit if he/she has any missing assignments.

Absent/suspension work: Per the student handbook, you have as many days to make up the work as you have been "excused" for your absence. It is your responsibility to find out what you have missed by checking the class website or by speaking with me outside of class time. I will not pursue you about your missed work. Before turning in the absent assignment, write "Absent" at the top left corner of the page so I do not mistake it for late work.

Academic Integrity: Students receive a grade for the work they complete. As such, if you plagiarize any portion of any assignment by using someone else's words, thoughts, or ideas, you will receive a zero on that assignment and a discipline referral to the Dean of Students for further consequences. This policy applies for cheating by copying answers in whole or part from other students.

Classroom Rules:

- Respect yourself, classroom supplies, and others.
- Using cell phones/ear buds is not permitted; they must be turned off and stored away.
- Learning is top priority in this room. Do not distract others from getting an education.
- Every day, come prepared with your necessary supplies.
- Strive to do your best.

Supplies:

- Pen or pencil
- Folder/binder to organize materials

Units of instruction: Below is a rough outline of the course, presented by units. Please note: the units vary in length and may be rearranged to fit this semester's calendar.

Unit 1	Introduction to journalism: role of journalists, ethics, 1 st Amendment, FOIA, journalism terminology
Unit 2	News articles: News determinants, 5Ws and 1H, inverted pyramid format, leads, writing news articles, interviewing techniques, mock press conference, Serial Podcast
Unit 3	Photojournalism: photography techniques, subjects, vantage point, proximity, rule of thirds
Unit 4	Feature and Editorial articles: taking an angle, editorial cartoons, sidebars, infographics
Unit 5	Introduction to layout and design: Lessons on Adobe Photoshop and Adobe InDesign.

Please detach this portion, sign, and return to Mrs. Macomber by September 10, 2019.

I have read and understand the guidelines/procedures for Mrs. Macomber's Journalism class. I am aware that I may check my grade/my child's grade through PowerSchool using the log-in information provided to me from the school. I know that I can check www.Macomber.weebly.com to see the daily assignments, class notes, and other information pertaining to the class.

Student's name: _____ Hour: _____

Student's signature: _____

Guardian's name: _____

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