

The Herald Newspaper Application

Completed applications are due to Mr. Schweickert by Friday, March 3rd. Incomplete or illegible applications will not be considered. You must have an application on file and instructor approval to register for newspaper.

Section 1:

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Section 2:

Please circle the most truthful answer for each of the following questions:

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| Yes | No | | I have less than 5 absences for the 2015-2016 school year (this current school year). |
| Yes | No | Sometimes | I can stay after school, come before school, or use my lunch time to work for the newspaper. |
| Yes | No | Sometimes | I know how to use a computer and type well. |
| Yes | No | Sometimes | I know grammar well and can use it in my writing. |
| Yes | No | Maybe | I will have a job outside of school during the 2016-2017 school year. |
| Yes | No | Sometimes | I work well under pressure. |
| Yes | No | Sometimes | I am able to meet pre-determined deadlines on time, without excuses. |
| Yes | No | Sometimes | I can take constructive criticism well. |
| Yes | No | Sometimes | I work well independently. |
| Yes | No | Sometimes | I work well in groups. |
| Yes | No | Kind of | I have experience working with digital cameras. |
| Yes | No | | I understand that if I miss a deadline, my grade will be negatively impacted, and I will be required to stay after school to complete the work. |
| Yes | No | | I understand that newspaper will require me to go to events after school. |
| Yes | No | | I have served either ISS or OSS this school year. |
| Yes | No | | I understand that any of my teachers may be contacted for referral to the newspaper staff. |
| Yes | No | Kind of | I am very interested in joining the newspaper staff. |

Section 3:

Please list all extra-curricular activities you plan to participate in for the 2016-2017 school year:

Please list any previous newspaper experience you have: _____

In your own handwriting, please write a brief statement of what you hope to contribute to the newspaper staff, what you may have to offer the staff in terms of time and talent, and why you want to be a member of the newspaper staff: _____

Section 4:

Please read the following statement and sign below. Please have one parent or guardian also sign.

I understand that the student completing this application makes a commitment to the staff and will be responsible to learn academic skills and apply them to the production of the school newspaper. Evaluation of the student (for quarter and semester grades) will be made based on mastery of skills and the application of those skills towards completing newspaper assignments. I know that time outside of class must be devoted to accomplish the tasks and that the adviser must be able to request that extra time in order to meet deadlines. By signing this application, the student and parent/guardian agree to dedicate that extra time to the newspaper publication.

Student Signature: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Section 5:

English/Language Arts Teacher Recommendation: *Please have your English teacher from the current school year complete and sign the following recommendation form.*

Section 6:

Please submit an original writing sample of yours that you feel strongly about for review.