

MEMO TO PARENTS:

From: Teacher, Mrs. Tammy Largin

Class: Journalism

Please take a moment and review the Syllabus provided for the semester to your student. This syllabus will provide you with a complete overview of the required reading materials, a timeline for reading assignments as well as all quizzes, tests and projects.

Careful attention to due dates on assigned readings as well necessary preparation for tests and quizzes assigned in this syllabus will help to ensure your student masters the material in this class and performs well on all graded materials. Please note along with assigned readings, quizzes and tests there are many project due throughout the year. This includes oral reports. Any level of participation on your part in holding your student accountable to the requirements of this class as represented in this syllabus will be a valuable contribution to his or her success academically.

Students will be rewarded for their diligence in my class by being exempt from the midterm or final if the have an "A" and less than 2 absences or a "B" and less than 1 absence. You are welcome to take the final if you would like to improve your "B" to an "A". My grade scale is as follows: 100-90 = A; 89-80 = B; 79-75 = C; 74-0 = F

Please acknowledge that you and your student have reviewed the Syllabus which is attached for Journalism by signing this document on the signature lines below. If you have any questions please feel free to email them to mrlargin@richardsacademy.com and I will respond as quickly as possible.

Thank you for the privilege of partnering with you in the education of your student.

Sincerely,

Tammy Largin

I have joined my student in reviewing the attached Syllabus for Journalism.

Parent's Signature

Student's Signature

Journalism/Photography Syllabus

This class will be focusing on starting RCA's first school newspaper and completing the yearbook. Assignments until September will focus on these skills and applying them to setting up a newsroom.

Writing: We will be using Open Office for all assignments. The students can download this program for free or use their MS Office product program. Make sure all writing assignments are saved in a word format. All assigned articles will have a word count. This is important when writing articles for papers and magazines. There is only so much space that you are given and you need to fill it.

Photography: Please bring your camera every Thursday. We will be taking pictures for our assignments and editing them on the computer using Picasa and Paint.

- 8/19 Sports – now that the Olympics are over, pick a sport that really speaks to you. Give me the full play by play and a little bit about the top stars. Everyone likes to hear about behind the scenes, so don't forget to tease your readers with a catchy title and opening sentence. 300 words.
- 8/21 DUE: Sports Article
BRING YOUR CAMERA – Introduction to your camera
- 8/26 Mystery Picture - You will be handed a picture, please feel free to scan and change the picture to fit your article. 300 words
- 8/28 DUE: Mystery Article
BRING YOUR CAMERA – Setting up the picture
- 9/2 Political Opinion – Pick a candidate and convince me to vote for him, from one argument. This means one topic (ie – immigrants, economy, terrorism, etc) Pick something that reflects your opinion so you can speak from your own personal knowledge. Make sure your information is backed by facts. Nothing worse than a political piece filled with lies (happens all the time). 500 words.
- 9/4 DUE: Political Article
BRING YOUR CAMERA – Great advertising pictures
- 9/9 Advertisement – Grab bag article. Make sure you make the sale in your article. 250 words or less with a picture.
- 9/11 DUE: Grab bag article
BRING YOUR CAMERA – Working with light
- 9/16 Autobiography – This is about you. Make sure you use very descriptive words so we understand you personality, body size, shape and thinking. I will be reading these out loud in class and they will have to guess it is you. Use this opportunity to educate your classmates about yourself. Throw in something they don't know

about you that you would like to share. Please **do not write about anything private.**

9/18 DUE: Autobiography
Newspaper Set up.

9/23 Dear Abbey – This is an advice column. You will draw from a hat, different letters that have been sent in for advice. Give it your best shot. Think about the situation and how God can help you help this person in need. 200 words

9/25 DUE: Dear Abbey

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