

LHS Journalism Courses

Image Newspaper (Print & Online)/Legend Yearbook/DVD YBK

•**Writing and Reporting** is a **one-semester elective course** which focuses on the content and coverage of publications, information gathering, writing and editing. Students will also learn about press law and ethics. This course is designed to prepare students with the specialized writing skills required for a newspaper or yearbook staff member and is one way to meet the pre-requisite for the Newspaper and Yearbook Production classes.

•**Design & Desktop Publishing** is a **one-semester practical arts course** where students analyze and utilize current design trends. Using Adobe desktop publishing software, students will create a variety of printed material including flyers, newspaper pages, magazine spreads, yearbook spreads, ads and graphics. Students will also learn about press law as well gaining a basic understanding of journalism principles and style. This course is designed to prepare students with the specialized desktop publishing skills required for a student publication and is one way to meet the pre-requisite for the Newspaper, Multimedia Yearbook and Yearbook Production classes.

•**Newspaper Production** is a **practical arts course** where students are responsible for producing the monthly newspaper and the online publication. To be selected for the staff, students must successfully complete **one** of the pre-requisite courses, complete a staff application and be approved by the adviser. It is **strongly** recommended students select Writing and Reporting as their pre-requisite. If a student takes a pre-requisite course first semester, he or she will be allowed to join staff second semester. Students on the *Image* serve in many different capacities throughout the year. Most members are reporters. These students work with an editor to write stories for each issue. All staff members will also be responsible for selling advertising and assisting with circulation duties. Some students may choose to serve only as a business staff member and work in the area of advertising and circulation. Others may choose to specialize in photography. The newspaper staff is serious business. It must not be taken lightly because missed deadlines jeopardize the timely publication of the newspaper. In order to be selected for staff, students must have at least a 2.75 average, a clear disciplinary record, a good attendance record and recommendation by either a current *Image* staff member or teacher. For additional information please carefully read the responsibility contract that all staff members are required to sign.

•**Yearbook Production** is a **practical arts course** where students are responsible for the production of the school's yearbook, the *Legend*. To be selected for staff, students must successfully complete **one** of the pre-requisite courses and complete an application. If a student takes a pre-requisite course first semester, he or she will be allowed to join staff second semester. If you are interested in joining staff and would like the pre-requisite waived, you must agree to attend a summer workshop with the staff. Students on the *Legend* have the task of producing the yearbook. Staff members are required to sell advertisements to fund the book as well as serve as writers, photographers and designers. The staff is divided into sections with each section having an editor. Because many join staff senior year, no experience is required to be selected as an editor. The yearbook is submitted in several deadline shipments between December and June. Students sometimes need to put in extra hours after school or on weekends. The yearbook staff must not be taken lightly because one missed deadline can jeopardize the arrival of the books at the end of the summer. In order to be selected for staff, students must have at least a 2.75 average, a clear disciplinary record, a good attendance record and recommendations by either a current staff member or teacher. The adviser will make selections based on a student's willingness to take responsibility, the ability to work well with others and basic skills involved in yearbook production. Specific skills will be taught to all members selected for staff during the first semester. In addition, members are encouraged to attend a yearbook workshop over the summer. For additional information please carefully read the responsibility contract that all staff members are required to sign.

•**Multi-Media Yearbook Production (DVD Yearbook)** is a full-year course where students produce the DVD yearbook and video for the online newspaper. Students are responsible for planning the content of the DVD and complete all the videography and editing. All students must complete an application and be approved by the adviser. One of the following pre-requisites is recommended: Writing and Reporting, Design & Desktop Publishing, Multimedia Applications or Broadcasting.

Please be sure to register for the appropriate pre-requisite classes before signing up for a production class! Get more info in Room 137A!