

Journalism Syllabus

Sessions 1 & 2: Tuesdays 1:30-3:00pm

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[Google Class](#) code: fbiannbn

Description: In this class veteran Journalism students and newbies will work (and have fun!) together to produce an issue of the OSA *Illuminator* newspaper. They'll read current events and choose their own topics to write about for news stories, opinion articles, and reviews. Along the way they'll learn about the ethics and history of journalism, as well as other important skills such as writing, researching, interviewing, editing, photography, layout/design, and other fun elements of newspaper production.

Materials Needed:

- ☐ Spiral notebook (or portion of a notebook) dedicated to this class. Students will take notes about different styles of newspaper writing that they will need to refer to when writing their articles, and will need to keep edited and graded articles until our newspaper issue is published.
- ☐ Writing utensil

Expectations:

* This is a hands-on class and **students will need to be in attendance in order to get credit.** (*If an absence cannot be avoided the student can arrange to do makeup work during a study session.*)

* **Students will be expected to take notes** and to keep those notes and other handout materials neatly in their binder or folder. They will have regular notebook checks throughout the session and they **must have their class notes & materials with them at every class.**

* **Students will share a current event each week** from a reliable and unbiased news source such as AP News, Reuters, or others to be discussed in class.

Grading

40% Attendance and Participation
30% Articles and Assignments
20% Notebook checks
10% Current Events

Course Outline Session 1*

WEEK 1: Introduction to Newspapers & Current Events
WEEK 2: Opinion Writing
WEEK 3: Editing
WEEK 4: Review Writing
WEEK 5: News Articles
WEEK 6: Photojournalism
WEEK 7: Celebrate our Newspaper!!

*Session 2 will also include opinion, review, and news articles, as well as comics, newspaper games, advice columns, want ads, or other common newspaper elements, depending on student interest.