

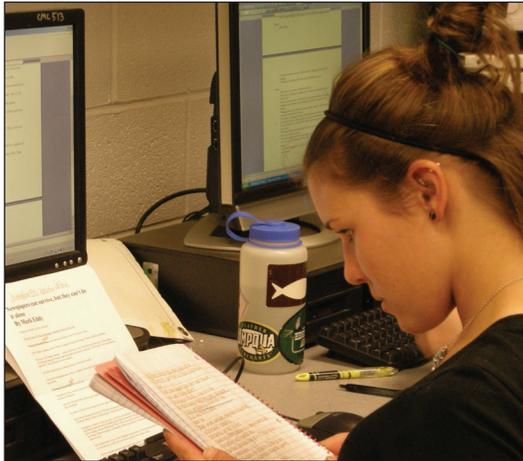
IMPROVE YOUR WRITING SKILLS

Students learn to write and edit for a meaningful audience. They take great pride and ownership in their completed publication each month.

National research has proven journalism students produce higher scores on standardized tests.

Students write for a variety of journalism genres including:

NEWS	COLUMNS
SPORTS	FEATURES
EDITORIALS	REVIEWS



LEARN DESKTOP PUBLISHING

Students learn to successfully manipulate the InDesign CS3 and Photoshop software used by many professional newspapers. They also keep up with current trends in layout and design by reading and studying both professional and student publications.

EXPLORE THE FIELDS OF ADVERTISING & MARKETING

Students learn to design and sell effective advertisements for local businesses.

BECOME A GREAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Some staff members specialize as photographers and do the majority of their work outside the classroom. Admission costs are provided when a local event is assigned. All film and developing costs are paid by the staff as well.

All staff members are trained in the use of our digital camera.

EXPAND YOUR TALENTS AS AN ARTIST

Some staff members specialize as cartoonists. They can develop their own comic strip or work as an editorial cartoonist. Artists also help with graphic design in our monthly layout.

BE A PIONEER IN THE FIELD OF ONLINE PUBLISHING

Some students specialize in the design and maintenance of our on-line publication. Use your computer knowledge and creativity to advance our paper! Check out www.newsstreak.com! It's news you need!

BE A PART OF A TERRIFIC TEAM

Students explore their interests within our publication and then spend time specializing where they work best.

We take pride in the fact that we are a student-run publication. Staff members make all the decisions from the inception of a story idea to delivery of the paper each month.

Students often organize team building activities. We have frequent evaluation and planning sessions and many contests and competitions to motivate the staff to produce their best work.



PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Each year, we have active membership with:

- JOURNALISM EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (JEA)
- NATIONAL SCHOLASTIC PRESS ASSOCIATION (NSPA)
- COLUMBIA SCHOLASTIC PRESS ASSOCIATION (CSPA)
- SOUTHERN INTERSCHOLASTIC PRESS ASSOCIATION (SIPA)
- QUILL & SCROLL INTERNATIONAL
- JOURNALISM HONOR SOCIETY

At the completion of the sophomore year, students with exemplary work on our staff and who are ranked in the top third of their class academically are eligible to be inducted into the Quill & Scroll journalism honor society.

We also send our publication to each of these professional services to be extensively evaluated. The NEWSSTREAK has consistently placed high in national competitions and many students have gained individual recognition for their work.



TURN YOUR EXPERIENCE INTO MONEY IN YOUR POCKET

In the past, staff members have been employed as writers, photographers and columnists by local and state publications such as the Daily News Record and the Richmond Times Dispatch

Many prestigious awards and scholarships are available to young journalists.

2001 Editor-in-Chief Bryan Whitten 2001 Virginia Student Journalist of the Year sponsored by the VHSL

2002 Editor-in-Chief Josh Sundquist VHSL Virginia Student Journalist of the Year

2005 Editor-in-Chief Alex Truong - VA JEA Journalist of the Year

2007 Editor-in-Chief Camila Domonoske - Virginia JEA Student Journalist of the Year and VHSL Savedge Award Winner

2011 Editor-in-Chief Maria Rose - VA JEA Student Journalist of the Year and National Student Journalist of the Year Runner-up

2012 Editor-in-Chief Vanessa Ehrenpreis - VA JEA Student Journalist of the Year

Students can also choose to attend a number of summer journalism institutes and conferences or apply for internships at professional publications.

Experience is the key to landing a good journalism job. Employers look first and foremost at a reporter's 'clip file'. It's never too early to start building this portfolio of your published work.



PARENTS CAN JOIN, TOO!

We even have our own parent support group we call POPS (Parents of Publications Students). In cooperation with the yearbook and broadcasting staffs, our parents help plan our yearly journalism banquet each spring, solicit gift certificates and awards for student achievement and help with chaperoning our trips to conventions.

One of the most appreciated services they provide is a luscious meal once a month when editors are spending after-school hours producing the NEWSSTREAK.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR
EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL**

See exciting places like:

NEW YORK CITY	CHICAGO
BOSTON	NASHVILLE
ATLANTA	ST. LOUIS
WASHINGTON D.C.	KANSAS CITY
PHILADELPHIA	SEATTLE
RICHMOND	ANAHEIM

Publication staff members have the opportunity to travel to a variety of journalism conventions. Each year, we attend the Southern Interscholastic Press Association (SIPA) annual convention in Columbia South Carolina in early March and the Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA) Spring Convention in New York City, NY in mid-March. We also attend the fall and spring Journalism Education Association (JEA) conventions.

Conferences include opportunities to meet student journalists from around the U.S., provide write-off competitions so students can compete on an individual head-to-head basis and offer a wide array of mini-workshops to keep our staff members up-to-date on current trends in journalism.

We make a concerted effort to supplement the journalism experience with a cultural exploration of the area. Many activities are packed into a short three or four days. We try to keep costs at a minimum and fund-raising opportunities are available to students prior to the trip.



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