



The Newsstreak

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Dear Prospective Newsstreak Staff Member:

Congratulations! One (or more!) of your teachers has recommended you believing that you would be a fabulous addition to the Newsstreak Staff for the 2013-14 school year. We would like to invite you to join our national award-winning staff and hope you will make this elective one of your top considerations.

As a member of the advanced publication staff, you will help with the monthly production of the Newsstreak. We normally allow our upper level reporters to choose an area of specialty emphasis in which to work. We have several specialty openings next year, but have a particular need for photographers, artists and columnists. We also REALLY need people interested in working with our online publication www.newsstreak.com. As a member of the freshman class, you will learn what goes into making a newspaper and will experience all aspects of production from writing to desktop publishing using the industry-standard InDesign CS6 software.

Writing for www.newsstreak.com is a part of our curriculum. In keeping up with the times, we're providing news for the school on a daily basis now. We need students with an interest in web pages to join our staff and help us grow in this area. Don't know a lot about web design but interested in learning about modern trends in media? This is certainly an area for you!!!!

Extensive research has shown that children who participate in high school journalism programs perform better in many other aspects of education. Standardized test scores tend to be much higher. Students learn to write with a clarity and a conciseness that carries over into other subject areas. College admissions personnel look favorably on students who have had journalism courses.

We are proud of what we do because it is a student-run publication. That is students do all of the work from story selection to final layout and distribution. Because you are publishing for a primary audience of your peers, you tend to take more responsibility and pride in your work. It has meaning.

Many of our staff members have placed in local, state and national competitions. We have had three students named as the Virginia Student Journalist of the year by the Virginia High School League and six different students have been the Journalism Education Association's Virginia Student Journalist of the Year. Two years ago, Maria Rose was a runner-up for the National Student Journalist of the Year!

We sure hope you will consider joining us. Here's what you need to do. If you have already completed your schedule for next year with your counselor, simply go by the guidance office and make the change. If you'll be a freshman, but your schedule won't allow you to be in the freshman class, it's ok to be a freshman in the advanced class. In fact, you simply advance at a swifter pace.

If you'd like more information about the course, simply stop by the Newsstreak room, 444, and speak with Mrs. Kibler about what you'd like to do or email her at your earliest convenience at vkibler@harrisonburg.k12.va.us. If you don't think the course will fit in your schedule, but you're still interested, contact Mrs. Kibler...sometimes we can find a way to make it work for you! Again, congratulations!!!! We sincerely hope you will become a part of one of the top scholastic media outlets in Virginia and the United States.



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