

Newspaper

Class Contract Form 2010-2011

Course Description: Students learn how to interview, write news and feature stories, edit and lay out a magazine style newspaper. Using Microsoft Publisher students produce the *Spartan Spotlight*, the school newspaper published up to six times a year, and the *Spartan Weekly*. Students need to be interested in writing and willing to learn desktop publishing techniques. The class meets two times a week during zero hour.

Students, please initial next to each of the following statements to signal your understanding & acceptance:

_____ I understand that to be admitted into newspaper, I have to obtain the consent and signature of the newspaper advisor.

_____ I understand that newspaper is a full year course earning 0.5 non-GPA credit.

_____ I understand that newspaper is a zero hour course meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00-7:30 am.

_____ I understand that attendance is required on class days, and that it is a part of my grade.

_____ I understand that **three** unexcused absences per semester will result in Mrs. Johnson dropping me from the course for the remainder of the school year.

_____ I understand that I will be graded upon the number of articles I submit per quarter (one per *Weekly* issue OR the number assigned by the *Spotlight* editor).

_____ I understand that I will be graded upon the quality of my articles as outlined in the course syllabus (Section 4 – Evaluation/Grades).

_____ I understand that a violation of any of the guidelines set forth in the course syllabus or contract may result in me not being admitted into newspaper the following school year.

_____ I understand that I report to my editor and to Ms. Fairhead for article assignments, critiques, and revisions.

_____ I understand that I represent St. Francis each time I am published in print.

_____ I understand the purpose and audience for whom our two newspapers are intended.

I have read the above information and I agree to follow the course contract.

Student signature _____

Parent signature _____