

Newspaper

Class Contract Form 2009-10

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 newspaper is a .5 non-GPA credit course.

_____ 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, just like period 1-8 attendance.

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

_____ *I also understand that Ms. Fairhead will allow me to stay in newspaper for this semester (Fall 2009) if I have reached or exceeded three absences upon the conditions that I earn no more unexcused absences and write at least one acceptable article for each issue for the remainder of the semester.*

_____ **I understand that I have to write at least one article for each issue or a total number of articles equivalent to the number of issues published per semester.**

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

_____ 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. (RETURN BY 11/13)

Student signature _____

Parent signature _____