

APPLICATION FOR YEARBOOK 1

(Students will be chosen for this class based on application, previous experience, faculty recommendations, a writing sample and a possible interview with the yearbook adviser.)

1.) **NAME** _____ **DATE** _____
Last First M.I.

2.) **GRADE THIS YEAR** (please circle) **9** **10** **11**

3.) Cover Letter (required of ALL applicants):

Typed Cover Letter (minimum of 3 paragraphs) explaining why you want to be on the yearbook staff and what qualities you have that would make you a GREAT and FUN addition to our team. Include what you would do to improve the yearbook and what you would do if your assignment were on a subject you did not particularly care for. We are not only interested in your reasons, but also we are interested in your writing abilities.

4.) What H.S. English courses have you taken or are you taking now? What grade did you earn in each of these classes? (Must have a B or better in all classes to apply to be on staff.)

(course) (grade)

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5.) Have you had any previous experience with writing, photography or computers that you think may help you in this course? If yes, please specify.

6.) What software programs are you familiar with that could help you contribute to the yearbook staff in an effective way? How long have you been using these programs?

(program) (years experience)

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7.) List two high school teachers who could thoroughly evaluate your work habits.

(Note: One must be an English teacher. These teachers will be contacted for a recommendation.)

(teacher)

(teacher)

8.) Do you plan to have a study hall next year during 1st semester? YES NO

2nd semester? YES NO

9.) Will you be in band and/or chorus next year? YES NO

If yes, which course(s)? _____

10.) Do you participate in sports? YES NO

If yes, which sport(s)? _____

11.) Do you plan to hold an after school job? YES NO

If yes, which where and how many hours/days per week? _____

12.) Attach a writing sample to your application, based on the prompt below.

Yearbook copy documents the people, the places, the emotions – the stories of the year. Good yearbook copy recounts a meaningful and captivating story – five, twenty-five, or even fifty years after the event occurred.

Assignment: Write mock copy for the spirit week spread as it might appear in the Retro yearbook. Copy should be written in a journalistic or report style, but should still meet the criteria above. Make up whatever “facts” (such as spirit days, parade details, etc.) you need in order to tell a compelling story. Your copy should be 100 words or less.

**** Please return this completed application and your writing sample to your counselor or to Mrs. Carolan by February 15, 2024. ****