

THIS IS **not your typical class**.

Be in control of school coverage.

Earn English credit, gain college and scholarship notice.

Become a sports reporter, web editor, graphic designer, photographer or make Twitter part of your homework.

Work. Play. TRAVEL. Be a part of the student-run, award-winning high school journalism program.



Members of Pattonville journalism attend a Boston Celtics basketball game during a trip to the National High School Journalism Convention in Massachusetts. Future trips will be to a variety of places including Washington, D.C., Denver and Orlando.

Intro to Journalism (9-12)

This semester course introduces students to the idea of what news is, how story ideas are generated and the fundamentals of print journalism. Emphasis is on writing and editing news, features, editorials, sports and reviews.

Photojournalism (10-12) *NEW CLASS OFFERING FOR 2014-2015

This semester course will focus on telling stories using cameras. Students will work as photographers and will learn how to write captions, compose photo essays, use digital editing software, the history and significance of photojournalism and media law and ethics. Assignments will be used in one of the school media outlets. Student must have access to a digital camera.

Pirate Press (Newspaper) & ECHO (Yearbook) (10-12) These year-long courses are responsible for the production

These year-long courses are responsible for the production of the newspaper and yearbook and produce content for PattonvilleTODAY.com, the student-run journalism website. Students must have time available after school to attend events for coverage. PREREQUISITE: Introduction to Journalism or teacher recommendation and application process.

Going Places

Students move out of their seats and beyond the classroom to cover school and community events. They attend a local conference at Webster University and the state conference at Mizzou. Staff members also attend national conventions each year in places like San Francisco, Boston and Washington, D.C.

Skills

If you're into writing or designing, there's a place for you. Want to be a sports reporter or a movie critic? There's a place for you. If you're into photography or videography, want to work on the website or in business advertising, there's a place for you. Like Twitter and Pinterest? We even have jobs for that. Learn skills that matter now and help later.

Meeting People

In journalism, you'll meet everyone from sports captains and Student Council members to artists and those in band. You'll also have the chance to meet and talk with famous people. Staff have interviewed Governor Jay Nixon, ESPN reporter Bob Ryan and First Amendment fighter Mary Beth Tinker.

Courses

Pirate Press (Newspaper), ECHO (Yearbook), Photojournalism and Introduction to Journalism are all co-curricular classes that meet during the school day. You get English credit for being enrolled and have the option to take publication courses for more than one credit.

Awards

Join one of the top journalism programs in the state. The publications consistantly earn superior ratings in contests. The staff has earned top honors for the newspaper, yearbook and website for the past 5 years. Win awards as part of a team and individually. Earn scholarships to attend workshops and college.

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