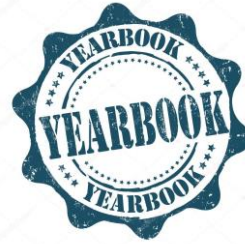


Martinez Middle School
Journalism 2/3 Course
YEARBOOK APPLICATION
for the 2021-2022 School Year



Our Commitment to Excellence

Martinez Middle School’s yearbook, **The Mustang**, has an established tradition of creativity and stability. Each year, the staff’s goal is to define and record the school year in a poignant and provoking photographic historical record that creates lasting memories of student life, sports, academics, clubs, our school community, and most importantly, the people who breathe life into our school.

Members of the yearbook staff are entrusted to plan the yearbook from cover to cover. Under student leadership, we decide all content, interviews, photographs, copy writing, and design to best represent Martinez Middle School, a role that we take very seriously. We schedule and conduct picture days, department/faculty pictures, club pictures, and superlative pictures. We also design advertising to help sell yearbooks. We design the yearbook, cover, and pages. We conduct surveys and assemble all photos. In short, we do it all. It’s **a lot of work, a lot of fun**, and it’s **an incredible real-world publishing experience**. It’s a fast paced, deadline-oriented team of hard workers. Truth and trust are key elements of our mission for the yearbook. This class is **NOT** to be viewed as an “easy A” course – you must work to earn the grade you receive.

By applying for a position on the Martinez yearbook staff, you are wanting a trusted role in recording our school’s history, becoming a member of a team, and planning to participate in a co-curricular activity that will require after school hours, time during breaks, and even possible Saturday workdays, for each deadline. You are saying that you are dedicated, efficient, and eager to start working.

***The yearbook class is a JOURNALISM course. Students are required to learn the aspects of journalism and apply those lessons to the school’s yearbook.**

Complete the following information (front and back) and return it with your elective programming sheet.

I. Personal Information

Name _____

Current Grade Level _____

Current L.A. Teacher _____

Please list the *extracurricular activities* you intend to participate in next year. List any other activities outside of school in which you will participate next year. (Scouting, church, job, soccer, vocational, etc.)

II. Teacher Recommendations

List **two teachers** at Martinez (any subject) you feel would be willing to give you a recommendation for this class. Next to their name, please note **WHY** you chose this teacher. *Each teacher will be asked about every applicant.

1. _____

2. _____

III. Journalism Skills/Questionnaire

Yes	No	N/A	
			Are you willing to work as needed after school, on weekends, summer, or during holidays, to fulfill your responsibility in learning about yearbook and meeting deadlines?
			Do you feel comfortable writing and having your work edited?
			Do you know how to use a computer?
			Do you own a computer/laptop at home with Internet access? (not required but helpful)
			Do you own a digital camera? (not required but helpful)
			Do you know how to upload digital photos?
			Do you work well with others?
			Are you able to attend a summer yearbook training/workshop? (dates TBD)
			If you will be a 7 th grade student next year, are you interested in being on the staff for more than one year?

Please circle any of the following programs you have experience with: E-Design Photoshop PageMaker

IV. Personal Statement

Please explain why you think you would be an asset to the yearbook staff. Include your experiences, personality, special skills, etc. Be sure to share why you WANT to be a staff member.

V. Caption Writing

Provide a caption for both of the images below. Write the caption to the right of the image. Be creative!





VI. Copy Writing

Copy is the content of an article, news element, or yearbook page. Basically, it's the words used to tell a story. Provide a sample of the copy you would write for one of the pictures above.

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

Thank You