

## PCHS Newspaper Journalism Application

In the Newspaper Journalism course, students will study aspects of journalism, to include interviewing, reporting, research, newswriting, editing, photography and publishing. Students will produce articles and other newsworthy content that will be published in *The Bulletin* newspaper in a digital format (print as needed) as well as in The Bullpen, on social media. Students in this course should be comfortable communicating with others and must have strong language and writing skills, which serve as the foundation to additional learning of Associated Press style and Inverted Pyramid news structure. Journalism students also must have access to a digital camera (or a cell phone/tablet with a built-in camera), as well as have transportation/availability to periodically attend events at Parrish Community High School, outside of school hours.

Complete the front of this application, including obtaining your parent's signature. Then, ask your most recent English teacher to complete the back. Follow up to ensure that he/she has given it to Ms. Lancaster, in Room 5-126 [lancasterc@manateeschools.net](mailto:lancasterc@manateeschools.net). *Please submit the application and a writing sample that demonstrates your skills to Ms. Lancaster, with your name and grade level at the top, by **March 14, 2025**.*

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level (next year): \_\_\_\_\_

GPA (weighted): \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Absences: (1<sup>st</sup> Semester) \_\_\_\_\_

English Grade (1<sup>st</sup> Semester): \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have access to a digital camera or a cell phone/tablet with a built-in camera? Yes No

Do you have access to transportation to attend events at PCHS outside of school hours? Yes No

Are you comfortable speaking to people you do not know? Yes No

List all of your school- and non-school-related extracurricular activities.

Why do you want to be in this journalism course and newspaper staff?

Have you previously taken a journalism class (either at PCHS or another school)? Yes No

### **STUDENT: Read the following and sign below.**

If I am accepted to the Newspaper Journalism class/staff, I understand that I must complete the following for each newspaper issue published throughout the year:

- write and revise between two and four news articles (depending on staff position) until the articles reach publishable status;
- photograph between one and five events/news stories (depending on staff position)
- sell advertisements
- fulfill all specifications described on my staff position contract (apply once on staff)
- dedicate necessary after school and before school time for completion of responsibilities

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parental Permission

- I understand that my child may need to devote time outside of class to complete newspaper duties.
- I understand that my child will be working with specialized equipment and supplies and will be held responsible for any damage and/or waste due to negligence.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Newspaper Journalism Teacher Recommendation

The student listed below has applied to be on staff and take the Newspaper Journalism course. In order to determine the student's qualifications for this weighted course, I need your assessment. Please complete the section below and place completed application in my mailbox: Lancaster. Thank You!

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Please predict how this student will handle the freedom and responsibility of a press pass.

Maturely                      Immaturely                      Other \_\_\_\_\_

Circle the rating that best describes this student.

Writing Ability:	High Quality	Quality	Acceptable	Poor
Pride in work:	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never
Timeliness:	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never
Maturity:	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never
Independence:	Driven	Independent	Needs Guidance	Dependent
Leadership:	Role Model	Sets Standards	At Times	Seldom Displayed
Curiosity:	Knowledge Seeker	Inquisitive	On some subjects	Seldom asks questions
Interpersonal Skills:	Outgoing	Pleasant	Timid	Introverted

Why would this student be a good addition to the PCHS Newspaper Journalism class, and *The Bulletin*/The Bullpen staff?

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Do you recommend this student? Yes No  
If no, please state why.

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_