

Looking for a fun and rewarding
elective for next year?

Sign up for Journalism 1!

A year-long elective open to all high school students.

Students love Journalism 1 because...

- It's **homework-free**. All assignments are in-class projects. Additional outside homework is not assigned.
- It gives them an opportunity to **get published** for an audience of over 3,200 readers.
- It gives them a chance to attend local and national **field trips**. This year's newspaper staff traveled to New York City, Richmond, *The Washington Post* offices, Arena Stage and attended programs at other local high schools. Future field trips also include visiting the new Newseum.
- It introduces them to **students from all grade levels**
- It provides them with opportunities to win **writing contests and scholarships**
- It **improves their writing and leadership abilities** in all their classes
- It allows them to showcase their talents in a variety of areas: **writing, photography, design**

Over the course of the year, students in Journalism 1...

- Write news, sports and features articles, editorials and reviews. All writing may get published in the *Valor Dictus*, our high school newspaper.
- Learn the principles of layout and design
- Create original layouts using InDesign
- Examine the principles of photography and take original photos
- Develop graphic illustrations and advertisements and learn to use Photoshop

Who should take Journalism 1?

- Anyone interested in media and writing, particularly for a newspaper
- Anyone who would like to work for the *Valor Dictus* as a writer or editor

Want to know more?

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We can't wait for you to join our newspaper staff!