

Journalism Application

Name _____ Next year, I will be in: 7th 8th Magnet Charter

The Town Crier is looking for a select group of aspiring journalists to join its staff. Those selected will play a vital role in the creation of each new print and online edition of Revere's award-winning newspaper.

Staff members will work with student editors and a seasoned faculty advisor during homeroom each day and then again during their elective period. The main focus of this journalism class, of course, is WRITING. Students will develop their writing skills in a variety of genres, and they will be guided through the drafting and revision process until each composition is the very best it can be.

Editions of *The New York Times* and *Los Angeles Times* will serve as inspirational reference points for content and design. Like those two media giants, Revere's journalism program combines cutting-edge technology with old-fashioned journalistic principles. Staff members learn how to format text and visuals into eye-catching, thought-provoking layouts.

There is no daily homework in this class. However, since so many of the events that the paper covers happen outside of class time, students are expected to cover at least one lunchtime activity or one after-school PEP session sometime during each 5-week grading period. In addition, students who have not completed their assignments by deadline will be expected to work through lunch until the job is done.

This elective is certainly not for everyone. **There is no "automatic" A-E-E for any student.** But for those who have the passion to write, the ability to work in a team, and the discipline needed to succeed, this class represents a golden opportunity for personal fulfillment and scholastic achievement.

I understand and agree to the conditions printed above.  _____
Signature of Student

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

You must have two of your current teachers endorse your application.

English Teacher's Name _____

- I endorse this student with great enthusiasm.
- I endorse this student with some enthusiasm.
- I endorse this student with some reservations.

Comments (optional) _____



English Teacher's Signature

Elective Teacher's Name _____

- I endorse this student with great enthusiasm.
- I endorse this student with some enthusiasm.
- I endorse this student with some reservations.

Comments (optional) _____



Elective Teacher's Signature

Please turn over and complete the second page of this application. 

Please take a few moments to reflect on the following questions and then provide brief responses on the lines provided.

1. There are many interesting electives to choose from. What motivates you to choose journalism, which will be an especially challenging class that requires a high level of commitment and achievement to earn an A-E-E?

2. As part of an elite team, you will be constantly encouraged by your editors and your faculty advisor to push your limits and improve your performance. How “coachable” are you?

3. Please take some time to look over a recent issue of *The Town Crier* and then provide some constructive feedback. Describe at least one strength and one weakness that you see.

4. Last year, *The Town Crier* won a "Pacemaker Newspaper Excellence Award" from the National Scholastic Press Association. What contributions will you make to a team that strives to be the very best in the nation?

5. The great UCLA basketball coach John Wooden once wrote, “Never mistake activity for achievement.” What does this quote mean to you, and how does it relate to the way you see yourself participating in this journalism class?
