

For Parents:

In Mass Media, we will:

- explore different types of old and new media..
- prepare for college and post- high school life.
- **emphasize** the writing process, study skills, and speaking, listening, and thinking.
- **develop** critical thinking and reading skills by studying a variety of media.
- **Read and watch** several types of media from books, newspapers, magazines, videos, music and websites.
- **respond** to the reading in both formal and informal rhetorical modes.
- **use** technology as a learning tool by publishing work on blogs and wikis
- **learn** how to use social media responsibly.

A special focus will be on the student to think more critically, be a more responsible citizen and develop better methods of time management. Learning by doing media in addition to reading and writing about it will be a key objective of the course.

While grades are important, a greater emphasis will be on *how* learning takes place rather than *what* is learned. When faced with constant reflecting and evaluating about how they learn things, students will gain a sense of accomplishment and gain confidence in their academic ability. We will adhere to the district grading policy for all twelfth grade students.

Achievement will come from a variety of assessments on quizzes and projects. Homework will be kept to a minimum with the hope of more work done in the classroom so that the teacher can help with issues that may arise.

Collaborating with peers, remaining engaged in the work and allowing the teacher to help students learn will be the daily routine in the classroom.

Some useful information:

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