

# APPLICATION FOR YEARBOOK 1

(Students will be chosen for this class based on application, previous experience, faculty recommendations, a writing sample and a possible interview with the yearbook adviser.)

1.) NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I.

2.) GRADE THIS YEAR (please circle) 9 10 11

3.) Cover Letter (required of ALL applicants):

Typed Cover Letter (minimum of 3 paragraphs) explaining why you want to be on the yearbook staff and what qualities you have that would make you a GREAT and FUN addition to our team. Include what you would do to improve the yearbook and what you would do if your assignment were on a subject you did not particularly care for. We are not only interested in your reasons, but also we are interested in your writing abilities.

4.) What H.S. English courses have you taken or are you taking now? What grade did you earn in each of these classes? (Must have a B or better in all classes to apply to be on staff.)

_____	_____
(course)	(grade)
_____	_____
(course)	(grade)
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(course)	(grade)

5.) Have you had any previous experience with writing, photography or computers that you think may help you in this course? If yes, please specify.

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6.) With what computer programs are you familiar? How long have you been using these programs?

_____	_____
(program)	(been using for)
_____	_____
(program)	(been using for)
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(program)	(been using for)

**7.) List two high school teachers who could thoroughly evaluate your work habits.**

(note: One must be an English teacher. These teachers will be contacted to complete recommendation forms.)

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**8.) Do you plan to have a study hall next year first semester? YES NO**  
**second semester? YES NO**

**9.) Will you be in band and/or chorus next year? YES NO**  
If yes, which courses? \_\_\_\_\_

**10.) Do you participate in sports? YES NO**  
If yes, which sports? \_\_\_\_\_

**11.) Do you plan to hold an after school job? YES NO**  
If yes, where and how many hours/days per week? \_\_\_\_\_

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**12.) Attach writing sample to your application.**

**APPLICATION FOR YEARBOOK 1, writing sample portion**

Yearbook copy documents the people, the places, the emotions—the stories of the year. Good yearbook copy recounts a meaningful and captivating story 5, 25 or even 50 years after the event occurred.

Assignment: Write mock copy for the spirit week spread as it might appear in the *Retro* yearbook. Copy should be written in a journalistic or report style, but should still meet the criteria above. Make up whatever “facts” (such as spirit days, parade details) you need in order to tell a compelling story. Your copy should be 100 words or less.

**\*\*Please return this application and writing sample to your counselor by January 24, 2014.**