



Dear Parents,

You are receiving this letter because your child registered to take Photojournalism next year at Legacy High School for the fall or spring semester or perhaps both. Before the start of the 2017-18 school year I want to make sure that you are aware of the course requirements for Photojournalism.

The Mansfield ISD Course Guide says, "students are expected to provide the following: SLR (digital) camera and lens (approximate cost \$200-\$500), film and photography paper throughout the course, and a \$25 lab fee."

We no longer use film or photography paper in a wet photo lab; all work is done on computers, using Adobe Bridge and Photoshop. Therefore, you **DO NOT** need to furnish film or photography paper. However, you will need to pay the \$25 lab fee, which covers the cost of ink, paper and other supplies for the class.

You also **MUST** furnish a **DIGITAL** SLR camera. This camera needs to be available on the first day of school. It does not need to be a brand new camera; you may already have one at home. However, your child should have a carrying case to put it in. **IT NEEDS TO BE COMPLETELY DIGITAL**, and it should be equipped with a memory card (at least 4 GB). Feel free to check pawn shops, Craig's List, eBay, etc. for cameras if you need to purchase one. I've included a check list of all equipment needed.

Since this camera is a major purchase, please make sure your child wants to be in Photojournalism. Yes, it is an elective, and yes, it is a fun course. However, your child should consider taking the class for more than one year; we offer Photo II plus Yearbook and Newspaper classes, where the camera can be used in the future. Students **ARE NOT** allowed to take pictures with their iPhone or iPad for this course.

Please talk to your student, decide **FOR SURE** that you both want to incur the costs of Photojournalism. Please contact me or your student's counselor if your child wants to change to another course and drop Photojournalism; otherwise, they will be permanently scheduled into the course for next year.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you so much for your help and cooperation.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Rachel Dearing
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Mansfield Legacy High School

Photojournalism I

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course is a beginning course for students who have an interest in photography. Students who earn an average of 80 or above are invited to apply for staff positions on the high school yearbook or newspaper. No prerequisite is necessary, but because of costs associated with the course, parental approval is needed.

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Camera - **digital SLR** with lens/lenses
- Memory card , minimum 4GB (one specific for this class is very helpful that way family photos are deleted)
- Card reader or the cord that is used to download from the camera to the computer
- Camera bag
- Manual for camera (download from manufacturers website and store on flash drive/iPad if you don't have it — DO NOT PRINT)
- Batteries/charger
- Paper or notebook for taking notes.
- Folder for handouts.
- Pens/pencils/something to write with
- \$25 lab fee**

** Photojournalism students are required to have a digital SLR camera such as this Canon Rebel. →

** Students are not required to have any specific brand of equipment. However, the journalism department uses Canon. If your student moves on to an advance class such as Photo II, newspaper or yearbook, if they have their own Canon equipment they will be able use a variety of Canon lenses the department has purchased.

** Please label your equipment to avoid an confusion between students. I will take serial numbers of all equipment at the beginning of the semester to help with this.

** Students will not need to carry their cameras to class every day. I will do my best to let them know which days we will be using them. Students are responsible for their equipment.



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