Yearbook Syllabus

This course is designed to teach the skills necessary to produce the school yearbook, which offers a complete record of an entire school year. The year begins by planning the coverage for the school year and designing a unifying theme for the book. Students will study magazine journalism including layout and design techniques, writing and editing copy, headlines and picture captions. This course provides the study of and practice in gathering and analyzing information, interviewing, note taking and photography. Students will learn strategies of planning, marketing (ad sales) and distribution of the yearbook. Students will learn proofing strategies and work independently with photographers. At times, deadlines require that staff members work after school, on weekends, and holidays. Students will learn good work habits and are responsible for all phases of yearbook publication.

This Common Core Learning Standards–aligned course encourages students to build their questioning and discussion skills in addition to their reading and writing abilities as they prepare for college and career.

Required Assignments:
Students will be required to write, photograph and publish their work online. They will work within the Entourage Yearbook website to create their pages for the yearbook.

Assessments:
Students will be assessed on their themes, design, page completion and their attendance.

“I Can” Statements:
I can understand and utilize the elements of composition.
I can work towards completing my assigned yearbook page.
I can present my page to the class in order to receive and implement their feedback.

Grading and Homework Policy:
Page Design 80%
Attendance 20%

Pre-requisites:
-On track for graduation
-Passed ELA Regents with a 79 or above

Materials:
Laptops, yearbooks and articles

Required Supplies:
Notebook, journal, cameras and writing utensils