

Mountain Ridge Jr. High

# Journalism Staff Application

2020-2021

**Turn your completed application in to Ms. McNeill (room A129)  
by Friday, March 13 at 3:00 p.m.**

*Students in the journalism course will create the yearbook and school newspaper. You will learn to improve your writing, photography, interviewing, and design skills using DSLR cameras, video cameras, lighting equipment, and programs such as Adobe InDesign and Jostens Yearbook Avenue. All members of the class will learn skills like layout design, photography, copy editing, and publication. The class requires quite a bit of responsibility, but it is a fun course with fulfilling projects.*

## **Complete all items on the following checklist.**

- INFORMATION PAGE.** Complete the information on the back of this page and include it as your cover sheet.
- PHOTO.** Staple a photo of yourself to the front of your application.
- LETTER OF INTENT.** Write a letter of intent (no longer than one page, double-spaced, 12-pt font) explaining why you want to be a member of the journalism staff and what you feel you can contribute to the group.
- PHOTO COLLAGE.** Create a photo collage. Include pictures, captions, and your best design. Only use pictures you have taken yourself. Any type of collage is acceptable. (If possible, include a large group shot, a small group shot, and a single-person shot.)
- WRITING.** Submit a short piece of writing (no more than two pages). This can be an original piece or something you've written for a class this year.
- GRADES.** Include a current grade transcript. (You can print one from Skyward. We understand that third term grades aren't final yet.)

Applications are due Friday, March 13 at 3:00 p.m. (Late applications will not be considered.)

*If needed*, journalism applicants will be interviewed during Advisory between March 17-19 and the final list of journalism staff members will be posted by Friday, March 20 at 3:00 p.m.

on Ms. McNeill's website: [mcenglish.weebly.com](http://mcenglish.weebly.com).

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**INFORMATION PAGE**  
**2020-2021**

Name			
Grade next year			
Address			City
Cell Phone	Home Phone		
<b>Student Email</b> <i>*please include school and personal addresses, if applicable*</i>			
<b>Parent/Guardian Name(s)</b>			
Parent/Guardian Phone	Parent/Guardian Email		

**CONTRACT**

Check all the boxes that apply to you:

- I will be a full-time student at Mountain Ridge Jr. High next year.
- My cumulative GPA for this year is at least a 3.0.
- My citizenship for this school year consists of only O's and S's.
- I am willing to dedicate time before school, after school, and during school to fulfill my journalism responsibilities.
- I understand that as a member of the journalism staff, I will be representing the entire student body, faculty, and staff of Mountain Ridge Jr. High. I agree to be a role model in behavior and attitude.
- If selected, I will enroll in the Journalism class, which is a year-long course.
- I commit to attend the mandatory Journalism Staff Retreat in August (more details to come).

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

If chosen for journalism staff, you will be required to purchase a jacket. (The cost will be included in your school fees.)

Choose your size:

WXS	WS	WM	WL	WXL	MXS	MS	MM	ML	MXL
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