



HERNDON HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK

Hornet 2021-2022

About YEARBOOK:

Many students look at the phrase “journalism” and balk at the idea. “That’s not for me,” they say. When actually, there are so many avenues of journalism, most would find a fit somewhere. In fact, the teacher/student that recommended Sydney thought so! Take a look at the many possibilities of study:

Photography
Interviewing
Profile Writing

Feature Writing
Advertising
Yearbook/Magazine

Graphic Design
Sports Writing
Investigative Reporting

Accounting
Public Relations
Leadership

Former HHS Yearbook staff members have gone on to do great things in college; previous yearbook students credit being in Photojournalism (yearbook) as the reason they have the confidence and ability to succeed in those endeavors, such as: Resident Advisers at their college; accepting a graphic design job right out of high school; staff members on college yearbooks and newspapers, Student Advisers at high school yearbook camps held by Herff Jones, our publisher; Writing Center tutors in college, and more.

Being a part of a publication will mean several things for your student. First, yearbook is a co-curricular activity, meaning students take it as a class. Second, it means that students will get the chance to work on a team comprised of their peers who have consistently achieved at the top of their classes (top ten percent), scored high on the PSAT/SAT, and has received accolades for publication. Research shows (see attached handout) that students who take a journalism class do better in high school than those who do not. It makes sense that students who read and write in areas they enjoy will do better in all of their classes!

Serving on our publication staffs is not an easy task by any means. It requires dedication to a team and commitment to improving oneself and the publication. Serving on a staff is also a lot of fun, and special bonds are built between staffers as they work together, play together and occasionally travel together to national conference. **It’s also nice for student to be able to apply skills they’ve learned in other classes to useful products, creating a nice high school portfolio.**

I strongly encourage you to talk with your student about the possibility of enrolling in the photojournalism course.

If you have questions about Herndon High School Yearbook, I’d be happy to talk to you or your student. I can be reached via e-mail at kdhans@fcps.edu. I’ve enclosed some additional information about the program.

I look forward to hearing from you and your student.

Sincerely,

Katheryn Hans