

**Lima Central Catholic High School 2018-2019  
Broadcast Journalism Course Syllabus**

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**Google Classroom Code: ywk2fd**

**Course Description:**

This course is a comprehensive introduction to broadcasting and journalism, covering how news is produced and delivered, how news organizations work, and how audiences react to and interact with the news media. The course will offer basic instruction in the fundamental practices of journalism; reporting, writing, editing and publishing. Students will develop these basic skills through the production of video projects, weekly news broadcasts, and *The T-Bird Times*, a weekly news publication.

**Class Expectations:**

- Students are expected to be on time to class and must be in complete uniform when they enter the classroom.
- The students and teacher in this class will show respect to all students, teachers, and guests.
- Absolutely no eating or drinking in the library at any time. Only water is allowed. NO GUM.
- Students are expected to be prepared to WORK on broadcasting projects or assignments ONLY during this period. Using class time to complete other class work will result in loss of participation points.

**Grading Plan:**

Weekly Planning Sheets/Participation : 10 points

Weekly Video Segments: 20 points

Weekly News Articles: 20 points

Projects: 40-50 points

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
A+	100
A	95 – 99
A-	92 – 94
B+	89 – 91
B	86 – 88
B-	83 – 85
C+	80 – 82
C	77 – 79
C-	74 – 76
D+	71 – 73
D	68 – 70
D-	66 – 67
F	0 – 65

**Extra Credit:**

Extra credit will be rare. The work we do throughout the year is important, and I expect everyone to do his or her best. With that in mind, I will **NOT** give extra credit at the end of a quarter to help bring up grades.

**Make-Up Work:**

Homework that has already been assigned for the day(s) missed will be due immediately upon your return to class. It is your responsibility to find out what you have missed in class while you were absent. Homework assignments will be posted on Progress Book. You will have as many days to complete assignments as you missed.

**\*In the event of more than five unexcused absences per semester, work missed on future unexcused absences will NOT be accepted.\***

**Late Work:**

In accordance with LCC policy, no late work will be accepted. Therefore, it is better to turn in an incomplete assignment rather than turning in nothing.

**Students in this class are expected to have a maturity level appropriate to handle expensive equipment, show mature behavior while videotaping outside of the classroom, and be able to work on their own or in small groups with limited supervision. Any inappropriate video reflecting badly on Lima Central Catholic HS, or inappropriate video posted on YouTube or any other website will be grounds for removal from this class.**

**Broadcast Journalism**

**Please sign and return to Mrs. Schmerge**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the course syllabus and understand what is expected of me as pertaining to grades, attitude, and behavior.

I also understand that any damage to equipment will result in payment to replace damaged equipment.

I also understand that any behavioral problems may result in removal from this class.

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Student Signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature