

Meet Our Journalism Moderators

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The Saint Charles Journalism Club's moderators are Mrs. Devlin and Charlie DeBiase, Jr. This is the fourth year of the Journalism Club.

Mrs. Devlin has been a teacher for more than 30 years and is currently a teacher for class 3-1. She is always willing to help students. She is very friendly to everyone. Mrs. Devlin tutors students, she coached CYO basketball teams and of course, she is a moderator for the journalism club. In fact, she allows us to use her classroom for our weekly meeting.

Mr. DeBiase has been a sports journalist for the *Staten Island Advance* for the last 33 years. His primary job is covering high school sports. He's also been a CYO basketball coach for Saint Charles. He volunteers his time every Tuesday to guide the writers in our club.

Mrs. Devlin and Mr. DeBiase teach us the finer points of journalism. They also help us figure out story titles, what details to add in, and correct our grammar.

Mr. DeBiase, for example, pointed out the correct way to write numbers. He says the rule of thumb is any numbers under 10 are spelled out (ex. 5 would be five). Any number 10 and above are written in the form of a number. We did not know that!

One of Mrs. Devlin's jobs is posting the stories after they've been submitted by the student and edited. She forwards the stories to Mr. Kiernan or the Sports Committee, who then posts them on the appropriate websites. It's an interesting process that the club's members appreciate. The club has been working together since November and will continue working through the month of April.