

St. Pius X High School

# Yearbook 2019-2020

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## Course Overview

Welcome to Yearbook! You are in charge of putting together the documented memories you will be making throughout your high school career. We will be covering: page design, publishing techniques, copy writing, editing and photography. There will be an emphasis in journalistic writing. By the end of this course, you will have succeeded in putting together a yearbook you will be proud of.

## Course Materials

- 1 Notebook
- Pens/Pencils
- Flash drive (optional)

## Resources

Students will be working on Mac computers using Adobe Creative Cloud: InDesign and Photoshop.

## Grading

Spreads - 34%

You will be in charge of up to 10 completed spreads, depending on the size of the class.

Photo and Beat Assignments - 33%

Photo Assignments:

- You are expected to complete a 4 part photo assignment twice a month, starting in September at 20 points each.
- You are expected to complete 4 beats (stories) each semester.

Classwork and Homework - 33%

Classwork will consist of: design portfolios, interviews, and evaluations.

Homework will consist of: attending *at least* 5 events **outside of school** per semester. It is impossible to complete any of the other assignments without doing this. *If you have other extracurricular activities* it is up to you to organize these assignments.

Your semester finals will reflect 15-20% of the final student grade.

## Class Requirements

NO INCOMPLETE WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED. Your incomplete work will be turned back to you to complete. Excused absences will have as many days to complete work as days absent. Unexcused absences must make arrangements to complete missing work with the teacher. Late work will be deducted.

LATE WORK – Late work will be deducted 10% each day it is not turned in. Please pay attention to the DIAL when it is released each week. **DUE DATES** are extremely important to follow in journalism.

ABSENCES - All students are expected to meet deadlines and follow the class schedule by turning in work through their St. Pius X e-mail accounts. Students are always welcome to email with questions or concerns.

## Classroom Expectations

1. The guidelines for student behavior as described in your student handbook will be enforced in the classroom.
2. Come to class on time and prepared every day. This means having all materials ready to use, homework finished, and inside the classroom door as the bell rings. Try to use the restroom during your passing periods – although emergencies happen and will not be penalized.
3. No food is allowed in the classroom. Students may bring a water bottle filled with WATER only.
4. Students will not use their phones for social media or texting. Cell phones will be used only for classwork if there is no other device available.

STUDENTS MUST check their cell phone into the cell phone holder in the classroom before the bell rings. If a student is caught using their cell phone in class for personal use they will adhere to the following disciplinary actions:

- 1st Offense - demerit
- 2nd Offense - referral to Mr. Lee and confiscated phone. Any offenses beyond this will be dealt with the

5. Finally – students will follow the set of classroom norms as defined by each and every classmate. This will be done within the first few days.

### Due Dates 1st Semester (2nd Semester Due Dates will come later)

Photo Assignment	Story Assignment	Finished Spreads (1-2 spreads finished)
September 13th September 27th October 14th October 25th November 22nd December 6th December 20th	September 20th October 18th November 15th December 13th	October 2nd (28 pages total)* November 6th (56 pages total) December 18th (84 pages total)  *If everyone finishes at least 4 pages each due date.