

Ponderosa High School Journalism Application

Please supply ALL requested information.

Application due February 4, 2009 by 3 pm.

Circle one:

Yearbook

Newspaper*

Student Name: _____ Grade Level Next Fall: 9 10 11 12

*You may only apply for newspaper if you will be a junior or senior next year.

Cumulative GPA: _____ (2.5 or higher recommended)

1) Please attach a list of your grades from last semester. (You can print these from Infinite Campus.)

2) Will you have a job next year? YES NO

If so, who will be your employer? _____ How many hours per week? _____

3) Do you have any computer experience? YES NO

If yes, list and describe the programs with which you have experience:

4) Are you interested in photography?

If yes, what is your experience in photography? (List any photography classes that you've taken.)

5) How often do you turn your work in on time? (Be honest!)

ALWAYS

USUALLY

SOMETIMES

NEVER

6) Are you available to work in the journalism room during lunch and after school when needed?

YES NO If no, what conflicts do you have? _____

7) List all extracurricular activities (school and non-school related) in which you are involved:

8) You will need to submit one recommendation form completed by your current English teacher. A second recommendation by a teacher of your choice is optional. Your forms will be returned to the adviser by your teacher.

9) Complete a writing sample. Your topic is: Why student publications (yearbook or newspaper) are important in high school. This writing sample should be 300 words or less.

10) IF INTERESTED IN TAKING PHOTOS: Submit 3-5 photos you have taken. Please put your photos in an envelope with your name on all photos and on the envelope. Your photos will be returned in the spring.

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11) Areas of Interest: With 1 being the most appealing and 6 being the least appealing, rank your interest in the following:

___ writing/reporting

_____ proofreading

___ photography

_____ creative ideas

___ computers

_____ ad sales/marketing

12) COMMITMENT STATEMENT:

I understand that if I am selected, I am making a commitment to the student publication staff and I will be responsible for learning academic skills and applying them to the creation of the school publication (newspaper or yearbook). Evaluation and grades will be based on application and mastery of skills. I also understand that some time outside of class must be devoted to accomplish the tasks and that the adviser must be able to request extra time in order to meet publisher deadlines.

Student Signature (REQUIRED)

Parent Signature (REQUIRED)

Applications are due to the main office no later than **3 pm on Wednesday, February 4, 2009**. Staff selections will be completed by **Friday, February 6, 2009** and lists of new staffers will be posted outside room 229.