



MMACHS - Photojournalism Syllabus
Mr. Nathan Green

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Parents: Complete and sign the attached form; your child must return it to the next class for credit.

“Photography is a way of feeling, of touching, of loving. What you have caught on film is captured forever... It remembers little things, long after you have forgotten everything.”— Aaron Siskind

Dear Students and Parents:

Our class focuses on learning the basics of photographic technique, digital editing with Photoshop, and the production of the school yearbook. Students will study how professional photographers work with light, color, and composition to create a lasting impression. They will experiment with their cameras to develop their unique vision as photographers capturing colorful moments from our school year. Finally, they will collaborate with one another to publish a successful yearbook.

This class will operate as a student-centered workshop, and students will work on both independent and collaborative projects under my supervision. As such, each student will carry a lot of responsibility and need to work well under deadline pressure. Success in this class requires a positive attitude, a curious mind, and self-driven work ethic.

By contributing to the MMACHS yearbook, each student will have a strong voice in representing our school. I think they will find this class to be both empowering and fun.

Sincerely,

Nate Green
Advisor

Grading: Assignments will be graded on a point system that reflects their difficulty and time commitment. Most homework, classwork, and quizzes will be worth 10-25 points, while unit photo portfolios will be worth 100 points.

Participation: A dynamic, collaborative class requires full participation in all activities. As such, each student will be assessed for participation with the following scale.

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D-F)
Attitude	Student always shows respect towards self and others; demonstrates a love for learning.	Usually shows respect towards self and others; demonstrates a desire to learn.	Often shows respect towards self and others; sometimes demonstrates a negative attitude.	Often fails to show respect and demonstrates a negative attitude for learning.
Teamwork	Consistently collaborates with other students to reach common goals; always offers meaningful contributions to discussions and projects.	Usually collaborates with others to reach common goals. Offers contributions to discussions and projects.	Sometimes collaborates with other students. Offers minimal contributions to discussions and projects.	Rarely offers positive contributions to discussions and projects.
Work Ethic	Strives to be highly efficient with class time. Acts as a role model for productivity and high standards.	Usually strives to be efficient with class time. Shows productivity and high standards.	Sometimes tries to be efficient with class time; shows some productivity and high standards.	Often fails to complete work, distracts other students, or shows low standards.

Absences and makeup work: Students are expected to attend class regularly. If a student is absent, he or she should check the class website and ask classmates what was missed. The student must hand in the missing work within **two days** of the absence to receive full credit.

Missing or late work: Assignments should be ready at the beginning of class the day they are due. Late assignments will lose **25 percent** and those missing more than five days will receive a zero. Remember – it is better to tell me about potential problems with an assignment *before* it is due.

Plagiarism: Stealing the ideas of another person without giving proper credit is a severe academic offense and will not be tolerated. Copying information from the internet or another source without **citing** the source will result in severe consequences.

Care for equipment: Students are responsible for the storage and maintenance of all photography and computer equipment. They can be held responsible for broken or missing equipment.

Supplies:

- The school owns two Nikon D3300 digital SLR cameras that students can check out for class assignments. In addition, we have several point-and-shoot cameras that students can use.
- If students bring their own cameras, they can store them in a locked closet in Mr. Green's classroom; however, neither Mr. Green nor MMACHS takes any responsibility for camera equipment that goes missing.
- Students will be responsible for any school equipment they have checked out.

*For further details about expectations and consequences, please consult the MMACHS Student Handbook.

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Syllabus Acknowledgment and Contact Info

I have read the syllabus for Photojournalism with Mr. Green. I understand the class expectations and consequences.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Evening Phone: _____

Email: _____