

The newspaper class is responsible for the publication of Cypress Bay High School's award-winning school newspaper *The Circuit* and *The Circuit Online*. Students in this class learn skills relevant to organizing the staff, gathering and writing news, features, sports and editorials, designing and laying out pages, selling advertisements, distributing the newspaper and posting content. Students are encouraged to develop knowledge in all aspects of journalism, and not to specialize in one area before acquainting themselves with all possibilities.

Students gain experience dealing with people through interviews and business-related situations as well as through class discussions. The staff member learns to deal with school policies, acceptable and unacceptable journalism practices, treatment of controversial subjects, and code of ethics.

Prerequisite for this class is Journalism 1, plus instructor approval.

Grading:

Students will be responsible for filling out and turning in a weekly log that will detail all of the work they accomplished that week. Students should fill in the log each day so it will be up-to-date when it is due at the end of the period each Friday (or last day of the week). After the completion of each issue, students will be graded for their work using a point system on a separate sheet.

Classroom rules and procedures:

1. Be in your seat when the bell rings and do not break into groups until given permission.
2. Always ask for permission before using the telephone.
3. Always ask for permission before leaving the room. Any student found misusing his/her status as a staffer and/or being dishonest with the teacher in any way will not be permitted to leave the room for any reason and will be removed from the class at the end of the grading period.
4. Clean up your work area before the end of the period and lock up any valuable equipment.
5. No beverages are allowed on the desks with computers.

Important dates: Saturday in the fall TBD, district FSPA, Deerfield Beach High, 8 a.m.-2:40 p.m.

March 18-20, 2015, Columbia Scholastic Press Association convention in NYC

April 23-25, 2015, state Florida Scholastic Press Association convention in Orlando

The best way to contact Mrs. Weiss is to email: Rhonda.weiss@browardschools.com

Teacher website containing needed forms is: www.weiss-journalism.weebly.com

Please sign and return this bottom section to Mrs. Weiss in room 428.

I have read and understand the grading system and classroom rules and procedures for newspaper journalism. I also realize that in order to succeed in this class, students need to stay after school at times and need to make every effort to sell ads.

Print student name: _____

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/guardian signature: _____ Preferred phone #: _____

Parent email address (print clearly, please): _____