

**ENGLISH 705****Media**

Media is where Holyoke High's award winning newspaper *The Herald* is created. Students interested in Media must have strong writing skills, a strong sense of self-motivation, and a desire to be an active member of the school community. The course is run workshop style with a focus on journalistic writing, opinion writing, sports reporting, social media marketing, and photography. This course offers students a unique chance for their work to be viewed electronically by the entire school and outside community. Herald staffers must be committed, hard-working, and able to meet deadlines.

**Advisor:** Mr. Courchesne**Room:** 110

Thank you for your interest in becoming a part of *The Herald* staff! Please fill out the information below so we can get to know you a little bit. This completed application and a writing sample are due to Room 110 (there's a folder hanging on the door) by **Friday, March 7, 2014**. *Please note that there is an application process to be on The Herald- filling out this application does not guarantee that you will be enrolled in the course.* Good luck!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ Current English teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Current English Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have an e-mail address? (If so, write it here): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you involved in any sports/clubs/groups in the school? If so, list them:

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Although the main focus of *The Herald* is news, our website (hhsherald.com) allows us to stay up to date on other areas of society: sports, pop culture, etc. From the list below, check all the areas that interest you and you may be interested in writing about

\_\_\_\_\_ World News

\_\_\_\_\_ Local News

\_\_\_\_\_ Sports

\_\_\_\_\_ Humor

\_\_\_\_\_ Politics

\_\_\_\_\_ Celebrities

\_\_\_\_\_ Television

\_\_\_\_\_ Movies

\_\_\_\_\_ Music

\_\_\_\_\_ Photography

\_\_\_\_\_ Marketing

\_\_\_\_\_ Other

(Describe: \_\_\_\_\_)

**Are you applying as a writer or photographer? Note:** While being a staff photographer could potentially require little to no writing, it does require a significant commitment to attending out of school functions. Time and transportation are a must.

Writer or Photographer? \_\_\_\_\_

**Team Work.** *The Herald* is a team and we must function as one. How do you perform in team settings? What qualities will you bring to the table?

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**Why?** Why do you want to join *The Herald* staff?

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**References...**

List two members of the faculty or administration who can give you a recommendation

Name & Department/Office	Signature
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**Writing Sample- (MOST IMPORTANT!)** Please provide a writing sample of decent length. Choose a current event in local or world news and draft a mock article. Make sure to choose your best work to show off your full potential as a writer. **Note: students applying for a photography position may skip this part.**

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