

Photo Journalism

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Course Objective

Photojournalism is a course designed to introduce students to the basic principles of photography and to provide them with the opportunity to apply those skills to the more specific practice of journalistic photography. Although the class will cover core concepts associated with traditional SLR and print photography, (composition, focus, exposure, etc.) the student's practical experience will be exclusively with digital photography and its applications to the field of journalism. The photos they take during the school year may appear in the school publications.



Class Fee

There is a \$25 equipment fee for taking the photojournalism course. If paying by check please make checks payable to O. Henry Middle School.

Materials

Spiral notebook for the daily do now/ warm up

Pens/Pencils

USB Storage device (aka: flash drive) 1G-4G is plenty of space

A camera is not required to enroll in this course. However, students may use their own cameras to complete assignments. A 35mm single lens reflex (SLR) with manual settings is recommended. The journalism department is equipped with Canon Powershot SX30IS cameras and Pentax (manual and automatic) cameras. Students are NOT allowed to use cell phone cameras during school hours.

Grading Policy

Class participation: 40%

Projects: 30%

Critiques/Quizzes/Test: 30%

"To me, photography is the simultaneous recognition, in a fraction of a second, of the significance of an event." – Henri Cartier-Bresson