

*English Electives

2022-2023



JOURNALISM

Students explore the role of journalists. They participate in all aspects of journalism: reporting, design, editing, and opinion. They begin the practice of writing for The Talon online edition. This course is a prerequisite for Newspaper or Yearbook. See Mrs. Earhart for a pre-requisite override form if needed.

YEARBOOK

Students publish our school yearbook, Embers. Students apply skills in technology, theme, design, layout, photography, and editing. Students learn how to work collaboratively to meet deadlines and publish an award-winning yearbook! Leadership positions available.

HONORS FILM/WRITING

Students use film as a springboard. Students analyze films and write for a variety of purposes: technique, theme, research, argument, alternative ending. Students will be better prepared for AP and Honors writing across departments. **Grades 11-12 only.**

THEATER ARTS

These courses (Theater Arts 1-3) focus on theatrical production both on and off stage. Students develop body movement, voice, and character. They learn the basics of directing, set design, costume, and light/sound design.

SPEECH/DEBATE

Students prepare and perform all kinds of speaking experience: from informative and persuasive speaking to storytelling. Students analyze arguments and strategies, and end the course with formal debate. Students will learn effective research and how to speak with confidence.

NEWSPAPER

Students publish our school newspaper, The Talon. Students work together to cover school and other events and to write, design, and publish both in print and online. Students report on school happenings through everything from editorials to podcasts. Leadership positions available.

CREATIVE WRITING

Students develop their technique and individual style in poetry, short story, and even write short plays. Students study model texts to aid their own writing in a variety of genres. Writing is considered for Impulse, the school's literature arts magazine.

AMERICAN FILM

This overview of American film history from 19th century to today is modeled after college film courses. Students study technique and craft and end by creating a student film. **Grades 10-12 only.**

P/SAT PREP

Students prepare for the SAT by increasing reading, writing, math, and test taking skills. Through actual and practice test items, students are better prepared for college and the test environment.

