

WRITING

CREATIVE WRITING I

(full year – 10 credits)

Grades 11 – 12

The students will be re-introduced to types of creative writing that they have become familiar with in previous English courses, and will experiment with different types of writing. They will be writing, as well as reading, journals, short stories, poetry, fiction, biographies, and screen writing. Using writing skills they have previously mastered, the students will assemble a portfolio to include all rough drafts, works-in-progress, and final copies of their own writing. They will also work in groups, editing and sharing ideas for writing and future writing.

Prerequisite: Open with permission of the English teacher and the English Department.

INDEPENDENT CREATIVE WRITING II

(full year, 10 credits)

Grade 12

This writing course is meant for students who desire to work independently to refine their creative writing skills. Students will be required to keep an extensive reading and writing journal and to do weekly writing exercises. Students will work on either a full-year project with intermittent deadlines or two separate semester-long projects also with intermittent deadlines.

Prerequisite: Creative Writing and permission of instructor

JOURNALISM I

(full year - 10 credits)

Grade 10 – 11

Journalism studies the use of the written and photographic media as effective means of portraying and reporting events. Journalism classes are responsible for publication the Bishop Neumann yearbook. Students in Journalism I will learn journalistic writing, basic layout design, word processing and page making skills on the In-Design computer-publishing program. They will contribute to layouts and articles in school publications and will be required to spend out of class time in ad solicitation and attendance at two or three school activities per month. Journalism students must be willing to accept responsibility for writing well and accurately and for meeting deadlines. At the end of the school year, students will be expected to come back to school until the yearbook and video yearbook is complete.

Prerequisites: 93% average in English.

JOURNALISM II & III

(full year - 10 credits)

Grades 11 - 12

These are upper level courses. Members of these classes have already taken Journalism I, and will serve as editors/advisors on publication staffs. Editing skills are emphasized, more sophisticated layout designs are learned, and computer skills are refined. Advanced journalism students are required to spend out of class time in ad solicitation and attendance to two to three school activities per month. They are also required to spend some evenings in editor meetings or in editing sessions before deadlines. Select students will be asked to edit the video yearbook or final layouts. A select student will be asked to keep accounting records for the yearbook. Journalism II and III require a considerable time investment. Journalism II and III students must be willing to accept responsibility for writing well and accurately and for meeting deadlines. At the end of the school year, students will be expected to come back to school until the yearbook is complete.

Prerequisite: 90% in Journalism I.

INDEPENDENT JOURNALISM

(full year - 10 credits)

Grades 11 – 12

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Prerequisite: 90% in Journalism I or approval of instructor.