

**Colonie Central High School
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Dear Incoming Journalism Students and Parents:

As a journalism student, you will be spending a great deal of time next year reading, discussing and writing about the news. Reading the newspaper is one of the most valuable and informative habits you can develop. Through direct interaction with local and world news, a greater understanding can be achieved in regards to those plagues questions: What is good journalism? How does a good journalist impact news reporting?

You must complete both of the following:

1. Select a weekly news article from any reputable newspaper (ex. *NY Times*) and write a well-developed ½ page explanation for each, citing specific examples to support your opinion as to why it is representative of good journalism. You must have a total of ten articles, ranging the span of summer vacation. (Due: first day of class)
2. Read Somebody's Gotta Tell It by Jack Newfield or Edward R. Murrow and The Birth of Broadcast Journalism by Bob Edwards. You will be assessed on your reading at the end of September.

Journalism is an exciting and challenging course designed to prove you with effective analytical, interpretive, and communication skills for everyday or professional interaction. The demands you will face as an evolving journalist must be met with dedication and enthusiasm to ensure achievement and success. Through both the desire to learn and the means to fulfill this notion, together we will discover the journalist in you.

Enjoy your summer! We look forward to meeting with you in September!

Sincerely,

The English Department

