**Ms. Jernigan’s Journalism Class**

Welcome to another school year! Before I describe my expectations, policies, and class overview, please allow me to tell you a little bit about myself.

I was born in Illinois, but I spent most of my life growing up in a city about 20 minutes east of Nashville, TN. It was there that my passion for education, learning, and teaching developed. It is also where my love of English was cultivated. Armed with these desires, I went to school at UTC to pursue a degree in Secondary English Education. Since concluding my time there, I worked as a reading interventionist at another high school in Hamilton County before coming here to Hixson High School. I cannot wait to work with each of my students this year and watch them develop as readers, writers, and thinkers.

1. **Classroom Expectations:** In addition to Hamilton County and Hixson High School’s policies for the students, the three expectations I have for my classroom are listed below. Each class will have a discussion about what these expectations include; therefore, there should be no confusion as to what is expected of each student in my classroom.
   1. Be Respectful
   2. Be Responsible
   3. Always do your best!
2. **Consequences:** Every choice people make has consequences, which can be either positive or negative. Below is the typical hierarchy of consequences for minor (negative) offenses.
   1. Warning
   2. Conference with student
   3. After-school detention and phone call home
   4. Referral to office

\*Once a student receives his/her third tardy to my class, he/she will be required to serve a 30 minute detention after school. He/she has one week (seven days) to serve it. If the student receives any additional tardies, I will write a referral regarding the situation and turn it in to an administrator.

1. **Supplies:** Listed below are the materials students will need *every day* for my class. If we are in a unit of study that requires additional supplies, I will let them know in advance.
   1. Notebook paper
   2. Writing utensils
   3. Notebook (spiral-bound or composition)
   4. Binder or folder for articles
   5. Electronic device
2. **Class Overview:** This class is for those students who already have a solid writing foundation and want to explore another type of writing. Students will be researching, conducting interviews, and writing articles that will be published on our online school newspaper. With this particular class, professional behavior is expected at all times.
3. **Grading Policy:** Each assignment is weighted differently, as seen below.

In each quarter:

* 1. Teaching Tasks = 40%
  2. Assessments = 40%
  3. Final Exam = 20%

1. **Late Work Policy:** In the world of journalism, late work is not accepted. Therefore, as a means of preparing students for the workplace, I will not be accepting late articles in this class. Even if it is not the most polished piece of writing, it is always best to turn in what has already been completed.
2. **Make-up Work Policy:** Students have five school days from the day they return to make up assignments. I will post missed assignments on Google Classroom.

Google Classroom Code: bagz5s

1. **Cheating/Plagiarism:** Cheating and plagiarism are not only in violation of Hixson High School’s policies, but they are also violations in the professional world of writing. With that being said, cheating and/or plagiarism will not be tolerated in any way. Any student caught cheating and/or plagiarizing will receive a zero for that assignment.
2. **Contact Information:** I always want to keep my students and their parents/guardians informed throughout the semester. Therefore, below are the modes in which I can be contacted.
3. E-mail Addresses: [jernigan\_a@hcde.org](mailto:jernigan_a@hcde.org) (most frequently checked) [jernigan\_a@hixsonhigh.com](mailto:jernigan_a@hixsonhigh.com)
4. Phone Number: (423) 847-4800

**\*Please fill out and return to Ms. Jernigan. By signing and returning, you signify you have read and understand the expectations and policies in Ms. Jernigan’s class.**

**Student’s Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent/Guardian Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent/Guardian E-mail:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Would you like to receive a weekly class update via e-mail? YES\_\_\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent/Guardian Phone Numbers:**

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**Any additional information you feel I need to know about the student: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Student Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent/Guardian Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**