



Dear Parent or Guardian,

The 2015-2016 Wildcat Newspaper Staff cordially invites your child to our 2016 Journalism Camp! Our staff will teach children ages 9-12 about the foundations of journalism and let them experience a day in the life of a reporter. Students will conduct interviews with MHS athletes and Star Students, write feature stories, and learn digital photography basics.

WHERE: Meridian High School R.D. Harris 9th Grade Building

WHEN: 8:45 a.m. on Saturday, February 27th, 2016

COST: \$25

The cost includes your child's Certificate of Completion, snack, Press Pass Badge, cost of attendance, and Junior Staff Shirt.

There will be a small Orientation to go over the schedule and rules for the day at 9:00 a.m., then each new recruit will go into their registered session. Each child has the choice of 2 of 3 sessions, each one hour, with several small breaks in between. After the sessions, we will all regroup to review the day's activities with juice and a snack.

IMPORTANT: Please alert us if your child has any food allergies before registering them.

Parents are welcome to witness the review of the day's activities during the closing session. Your child will need to be picked up promptly at the end of the closing session at **12:00 p.m.** noon in the parking lot of the R.D. Harris 9th grade building.

Please register your child for camp before February 19th. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the 2016 Journalism Camp, please contact Shauna Waters at (601)-482-3191, or email her at swaters@mpsdconnect.org.

MHS WILDCAT NEWSPAPER STAFF – 2016 JOURNALISM CAMP REGISTRATION

Our staff uses the newest technology in order to create the stories that appear on our website. To participate in many of the classes, we ask that your child come to camp with a device capable of downloading a photo editing app, **Snapseed**. Snapseed can be found in the App Store and the Google Play Store and is free to download. Please send your child to camp with a phone, tablet, or media device with the app already downloaded. We also ask that you create a Google account for your child. If the child is in MPSD, a Google account is already created and has to be activated. Instructions to activate the account are as followed:



Username/Login: first initial last name and last two digits of PowerSchool ID number (Usually MSIS #)

Ex: Name: Jon Doe Powerschool ID: 123456

Login: jdoe56@mpsdconnect.org

Passwords will be first initial, last initial with MSIS number

Ex: jd123456

8:45-9:00 a.m. - Open Registration

9:00-9:20 a.m. –Orientation

9:20-9:30 a.m. -Small Break

9:30-10:30 a.m. –Session One

10:30-10:45 a.m. –Small Break

10:45-11:45 a.m. –Session Two

11:45-12:00 p.m. –Closing Session

Please check one of the classes below for your child to be in. All recruits will also participate in a photography session, Photo Editing or Digital Photography.

_____ Sports Profiling: Children will have the opportunity to interview one or two athletes and write a brief profile about them. They will take pictures of them as well to help create their stories. Children will be asked to create 2 interview questions about their subjects, and other questions will be provided. A template focusing on profiles will be provided for them to follow along with.

_____ Feature Story Writing: Feature writing is a type of writing that deals with more interesting news stories. In news writing you cover the more relevant details, however, in feature writing you learn more about a specific person or thing. In the feature writing session, students will need a notepad, pen/pencil, and their school Google accounts. Students will be taught about feature writing and we will discuss our paper's experience with feature writing. There will be a hands-on activity for students to get a partner and learn cool, interesting, and fun facts about their partner. This activity will enhance feature writing skills and partner skills.

T-SHIRT SIZE:

_____ X-SMALL _____ SMALL _____ MEDIUM _____ LARGE _____ X-LARGE

I hereby give written consent for _____ to participate in a school sponsored program to MERIDIAN HIGH SCHOOL R.D. HARRIS BUILDING on FEBRUARY 27th, 2016.

I understand that participants in the approved program will arrive at the school at approximately **8:45 a.m.** and be picked up at **12:00 p.m.**

I recognize that there are certain risks to participants during school programs and that the school district's responsibility is only for reasonable supervision. I understand the school district does not assume liability extending beyond that point.

The staff of The Wildcat will be capturing photos to highlight on our website, Instagram feed, and Twitter feed. For confidentiality reasons, please write your child's name and sign your name below to release permission to photograph your child and upload them to social network.

Disclaimer: Neither the MHS Newspaper Staff nor any volunteers will be accountable for any injuries, lost devices, lost or stolen property, or outside influences.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

PRINTED NAME FOR PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

DATE _____

The signature above signifies that the parent/Guardian of this child has read and fully understands and acknowledges the policies and rules of the 2016 MHS journalism camp.