**Publications Projects:**

Each month you will have one project due. It is up to you which order you wish to complete them in, but you must complete each one by the end of the year. The only exception is you may choose to substitute a choice project in exchange for the others on here. No credit will be given for duplicate projects – if you are ever unsure which ones you have completed, ask me. I am keeping track. The due date will always be the **fifteenth** of the month, with the first being due in October. Your options are:

1. **Character Study:** Select a person of interest and schedule an interview with them. After your interview write an article about that person (should be a reason for the interview – don’t just pick your best friend because you like them!). Some options include: a student who has achieved something great, a teacher, a local community member or interest, etc. Should have relevance to the school or community. Note: Your character study about a new staff member DOES NOT count as this project.
2. **Photo Essay:** This one requires very little writing! Select an event, or place and use pictures to tell your story. This should include at least 10 but no more than 20 photos that effectively capture whatever the event or place is. You can caption your pictures, but don’t rely on words to tell the story.
3. **Debate:** This is the ONLY project you will be allowed to partner up with someone on (so you’ll need to coordinate which month you want complete this one). You will each take one side of a debate and argue it out. You can reach a consensus by the end but you don’t have to (it would be great to go around and poll/interview other students to get their opinions to include as well).
4. **Review:** Select a movie, book, television show, app, event, or really anything and write a review of it. Include the basic information (a synopsis or the date and reason for the event) and then give your opinion. Would you recommend it? What group might it appeal to? Try reading some reviews in order to fully grasp what your article should include.
5. **Cartoon:** Create a comic strip. You can draw, cut out pictures, or even cut and paste a word document together to create a strip. Needs to be at least 5 scenes and should come to a conclusion by the end.
6. **Editorial:** This is an opinion piece about a current event (maybe even a news story being covered in the issue). Take a stance and provide an explanation (almost like an argumentative essay). This is similar to the debate, except only one side of an argument is being presented.
7. **How-To Story:** Write an article explaining how to do something (keep it appropriate!). Include some pictures along with the story to clarify.
8. **Consumer Feature:** Give advice on a local service or product, or it could be a list of suggestions (ex: best places to shop for a prom dress).
9. **Choice Project:** You have a bit of freedom here – you can choose to write any type of article you would like, but it must be approved by me at least one week prior to the due date. In order to get approval, you must complete a project proposal (form is on the back of this sheet). Failure to get approval will result in a zero for the project.

**Publications Project Request Form**

1. **What type of project will you be completing?**

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1. **Specifically, what will you be writing about?**

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1. **Why is this relevant and/or important to your study of journalism? Be precise and specific – “sell” me on your topic.**

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