



2023-2024 Yearbook • Application and Information

Hi there!

Thank you for your interest in joining Yearbook this school year! As Yearbook goes into its 3rd year at CAST, we are on a mission to build a strong, award-winning program that brings pride to our school community. It's a lot of work, but it's a lot of fun too!

Here are a few things to know when applying for Yearbook:

- You need no prior experience with photography or Yearbook programs, but it is always helpful.
- You will need to be available to attend at least 1-2 school events outside of class time.
- Teamwork is vital to the success of Yearbook.
- Part of being on Yearbook will be interviewing your peers, both older and younger.
- You will be responsible for managing expensive equipment.
- Being a decent writer and having a strong understanding of grammar will be helpful.
- More than 5 unexcused absences will put you at risk of removal from class.
- Deadlines are important and are to be taken seriously.

Please respond to the following questions to be considered for this year's Yearbook staff:

1. Why are you interested in joining the Yearbook staff?
2. What unique skills or creativity do you think you can bring to the staff?
3. Pretend you are asked to interview the lead of the Musical Theatre play about last week's performance. Write an interview question:
4. Find a solution to this scenario: You walk into a teacher's room to interview a student and she says that she is in the middle of a lecture and would appreciate it if you did not interrupt her class again. How would you handle this?
5. How would you increase Yearbook sales next year? Specifically, what marketing techniques do you think would work well with our students to increase Yearbook sales?



2023-2024 Yearbook • Teacher Recommendation

Student: Please give this part of the application to your current English teacher.

Teacher: Thank you for your time and assistance with this process.

Student Name _____ Current Grade Level _____

Current English course and grade in that course: _____

Please use the following scale to rate the student: 1-5 (*1 being weak and 5 being strong*).

Student's writing abilities (creativity) 1 2 3 4 5

Student's writing abilities (conventions) 1 2 3 4 5

Student is able to complete work on time 1 2 3 4 5

Student is able to complete work with great effort 1 2 3 4 5

Student's in-class behavior 1 2 3 4 5

The students are required to meet deadlines, obtain interviews, write captions and stories, and take photographs. Their work must be punctual and of publishable quality, with the help of a team. *Please explain if you think this student will be a good fit for Yearbook/Photojournalism:*



COMMITMENT TO YEARBOOK

Please fill in, read, and sign the following statement.

I, _____, understand that by completing this application, I am committing my time and talents to the CAST Yearbook Staff. I will be responsible for learning creative lessons (both photographic/artistic) and applying them to the Yearbook. I also understand that I am required to be a positive and productive member of Yearbook staff. I also may be required to spend time outside of school hours to meet my deadlines. I understand that being a part of the Yearbook staff is a major commitment and is not just a way to get out of class to take pictures.

I understand that Yearbook is a paid for product that will last for years. This is a serious responsibility, and I must be on task without redirection from Mrs. Grasso or lead Yearbook staff. I am fully aware that my tasks are my own, so if I do not do them on time I am hurting my co-staff, and the Yearbook will suffer.

By signing this application, the above-named student and parent/guardian agree to abide by the rules of Yearbook staff. I also understand that there are a limited number of staff positions and the selection of the staff will be based on the content and completion of this application and teacher recommendation forms.

I understand that I may not be selected for any of the following reasons:

- Negative comment on teacher recommendation forms, or not enough information from teachers
 - Failure to complete/turn in application on time, or to follow directions on application
 - Low grades, unexcused absences, discipline issues, or issues getting along with others
- (as reported by school counselors/administrators)

I also understand that once selected for Yearbook staff, I can be suspended or removed from Yearbook for the following reasons:

- Missing important deadlines, or not making significant progress on your assigned pages
- Discipline issues (in Yearbook class or in other areas)
- Negative attitude, being difficult to work with, isn't a team player
- Failure to stay on task in Yearbook class, or using Yearbook class time to do other things
- Showing favoritism towards friends or others in the making or selling of the Yearbook
- Altering someone else's work without their permission
- Not willing to help with other Yearbook work when needed

Please remember: Completion of the application **DOES NOT GUARANTEE** selection onto the Yearbook staff.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Please direct any questions about this application to:

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