

Sherman High School Newspaper Staff Application 2010-11

Thank you for your interest in the *Paw Print* Newspaper Staff!

All applications for newspaper staff are due to Ms. Farmigoni by **Friday, March 12**. Please deliver to Room A131, ask the receptionist to put it in my mailbox, or mail it to:

Sherman High School Newspaper
Attention: Ms. Farmigoni
2201 E. Lamar
Sherman, TX 75090

NO late applications will be accepted or considered. Once all applications are received, you may be contacted for an interview. Staff positions will be announced after spring break.

***Note: Completion of Journalism is a prerequisite for newspaper staff.**

Questions? Contact Ms. Farmigoni at bfarmigoni@shermanisd.net or stop by Room A131.

PRINT all information clearly and neatly.

Name _____ ID # _____
Birth Date _____ Current Grade _____ Male / Female (circle one)
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
Email _____

Parent/Guardian's Name(s) _____
Contact Phone Number (if different from above) _____

Current English teacher _____
English Grade for 1st Semester _____ (Required – look at your report card or ask your teacher)
Check if class is: Pre/AP ____ Regular ____

Returning Staff:

If you served on the SHS staff this year, are you interested in being an editor? ____ yes ____ no

What do you feel would qualify you for one of these positions?

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Current Schedule:

Class	Subject	Teacher (First and Last Name)
Period 1A		
Period 2A		
Period 3A		
Period 4A		
Period 5B		
Period 6B		
Period 7B		
Period 8B		

Ms. Farmigoni may contact several of your teachers, including your English teacher, to complete recommendation forms to provide information about your participation in class, work ethic, and your interaction with other students, faculty, and staff.

Newspaper is an advanced level course designed to prepare students for pursuing Journalism in college and as a career. It is extremely demanding and requires more time than most students anticipate. Working on our newspaper typically requires 1 night per issue that staff must arrange to stay late prior to publication.

The *Paw Print* does not receive financial support from the school or the district. The staff sells advertising to support the cost of supplies and publishing each issue. Every student sells advertising and a portion of their grade is based on this responsibility.

All staff members are required to meet deadlines. Deadlines comprise a major portion of the six weeks grade; missed deadlines yield failing grades.

All Applicants Please Answer the Following:

1. Do you enjoy interviewing people you don't know and writing about them?
2. Please explain any previous publication experience you have.
3. Are you available before and after school to attend school events and to work to meet deadlines? Before: ___ yes ___ no If no, why? _____
After: ___ yes ___ no If no, why? _____

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4. Do you have reliable transportation to attend before/after school activities?

5. Do you work outside of school during the school year? ____ yes ____ no
If yes, where? _____ # hours per week _____

6. Other extracurricular activities (list **all** clubs, sports, and co-curricular activities in which you plan to be involved in and out of SHS) and estimate their before/after school involvement per week. We look for well-rounded students who are connected to other student activities, so please do list your activities here:

7. Please discuss any other talents or interests you have that you feel will make you an asset to our publications staff.

By completing this application, I understand that I am making a commitment to the Sherman newspaper staff for the entire school year. I will be using my journalism and publishing skills and applying them to the production of the newspaper. I understand that evaluation of my performance will be made on mastery of skills, on their application, and my ability to meet deadlines. I know that I must devote time outside of class to accomplish these tasks and to sell advertising. By signing this application, I agree to dedicate myself to the publication and to the other staff members to produce a newspaper of the highest quality possible.

Student's signature _____ **Date** _____

As a parent or guardian, I understand that being on the newspaper staff will require time outside of school hours to meet publication deadlines and sell advertising and will be able to arrange transportation for my child both before and after school. I have read this application in its entirety and will not hesitate to ask any questions of the adviser when necessary.

Parent/Guardian's signature _____ **Date** _____