**Welcome to Journalism Workshop!**

***Course Description***: Journalism Workshop is an exciting elective class in which students experience the process of newspaper publication, as monthly issues of Manasquan High School’s *Blue & Gray* are produced. Whether hatching ideas for interesting stories or reporting school events, the process includes decision making, interviewing, researching, writing, revising and editing as well as photography, page design and computer layout. Students enrolled in the course must participate in this process and accept the responsibility of working both individually and as a team in order to manage multiple responsibilities, solve problems and meet deadlines.

***Goals & Expectations*** - Students will:

1. Represent the *Blue & Gray* with dignity and meet high standards of journalistic ethics.
2. Work cooperatively in order to form a productive staff.
3. Volunteer for tasks, and accept assigned tasks without complaint.
4. Complete tasks promptly and thoroughly, without procrastination or helpless ambivalence.
5. Communicate effectively with faculty and peers in order to complete assignments.
6. Write interesting and informative stories on newsworthy subjects. \*\*
7. Grow as writers/journalists by frequent analysis of newspaper and magazine articles.
8. Think for themselves in order to produce high-interest stories and solve problems.
9. Express opinions in response to school related issues as well as issues in the news.
10. Design stories in a clear and appealing layout using Adobe InDesign.
11. Develop confidence in their own ideas, views and abilities.
12. Produce at least one piece of writing each week (story or news analysis).
13. Have fun and learn!

***Rules***: Be on time, be prepared (composition book), be polite, be honest; no food or drink, no hats, no backpacks, no headphones / ipods; no sleeping; no game-playing on computers; no disappearing; respect the classroom and computers, treat computers with patience; pick up and throw out garbage.

***Grades***: You will earn points for completing assigned learning activities, writing and designing quality stories, following process and formatting requirements, and working cooperatively with classmates in the “team” goal of producing *The Blue & Gray*. Ultimately, grades will be calculated based on points earned divided by total points allotted.