**Digital Media Class Syllabus**

<http://olmcstechnology.weebly.com/digital-media.html> -

This site has a link to our Google classroom All Current Information with be posted on the Google classroom for DIGITAL MEDIA – NEWSCASTING TRIMESTER 1

**Course Description for Digital Media**

This year, the Digital Media Elective Class will be working on laptops! This year we are focusing our skills on using green screens to create our commercials, videos and newscasts. The use of different types of digital and video cameras along with exposure to various computer programs will enable students to learn and gain competency in choosing the proper medium needed for various types of projects.

The course introduces students to the basic principles and applications of digital photography and movie making, as a medium, a skill-set, and an integral part of today’s digital world. The class includes digital image-making concepts and techniques, allowing in-depth exploration of extended computer-based photo projects.  Topics covered include capturing images using digital cameras with a focus on camera controls and imaging tactics for print and web. The class will also explore the techniques and applications of acquiring, manipulating, and outputting digitized deep photographic images utilizing our school's laptops.  These digital skills and tools will be taught with the goal of producing quality work ready to use for multimedia projects and or print.  Each technology class starts with a music video parody project.

**Homework and Extra Credit**

The Digital Media Elective is designed to be about 90% in-class work and about 10% work at home. For the student, this means there is occasional homework. Homework is designed to be minimal and doable by all students and is not dependent upon prior knowledge or skillset. Homework tasks may include, for example, student’s checking and editing their work, practicing their ability to send email, and students sharing their work with their parents. Projects will not be assigned, to be completed at home, as not all students have access to the same digital media equipment or expertise. Occasionally, extra credit work may be made available. No student, whose assignments are missing or late, will be allowed to do extra credit assignments as the name implies they can handle “**extra”** work.

**Attendance/Absences/Late Work**

Exit cards will be used to keep attendance records and assign points for the day’s work. If a student is absent, they miss the exit card and it is marked with the code AB in Gradelink. The AB designation does not affect their grade. When a student is absent, it is the student’s responsibility to check the digital media website and complete the work from home as best they can based upon their skillset and equipment available. Students have the same number of days absent to make up missed work, unless it was a project assigned before they missed school. When the student returns, they should have the project in hand. Upon a student’s return to school from being absent, it is their responsibility to check with the teacher for all absentee work. Students need to check with the teacher the day they return to school regardless if they have the class or not. Late work is given half credit and papers with no name will lose points.

**Classwork, Projects and Assignments**

All assignments large and small, will be on the class’ Google classroom. We will be turning some assignments in through email but mostly through Google classroom. The class site has everything for our class. It is the student’s responsibility to check the Google Classroom for rubrics, clarifications and due dates. All additions or revisions to the classroom will be gone over in class. With that said, it should be emphasized that the classroom is not a substitute for listening in class. Announcements or changes can and will be made in class. The classroom is a tool to help students it is not a replacement for interaction with the class and/or teacher.

**Grades**

Students in this class are in middle school and will be treated as such. Middle school students are accountable for their own work and held to high standards in preparation for high school. Grades are broken into five categories, as follows:

* Projects: 60%
* Tests: 20%
* Class Work (Permission Slips/Handouts/Notes): 5%
* Exit Cards: 10%
* Effort & Behavior: 5%

Parents and students are encouraged to utilize Gradelink as a way to monitor grades, as it can be difficult to send digital work home. Comments and concerns that arise from Gradelink alerts must be addressed first with your child, before the teacher is contacted to address them. As is with any class, if a parent wishes to make an appointment to meet with the teacher, a time should be chosen that accommodates both the parent(s) and student’s schedule, as your child’s presence is required. Google classroom is another great way to see what is going on in the class.

**Class Atmosphere**

This elective class has been created to provide a challenging, interactive, fun atmosphere. This means students will work in all types or groups, and sometimes alone. Some student projects may stretch out over days, and others may be one-day tasks. Due to the unique nature of the class, students will be portrayed in film, photos, and other mediums. In all such instances, students will be expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the school handbook. Students are expected to act and portray themselves and their classmates in a positive light that reflects the beliefs and spirit of an Our Lady of Mount Carmel student. If a student is not capable of maintaining appropriate class behavior, they will be sent to the office for the reminder of class and receive a zero for that day’s assignment.

***Please read the entire syllabus before you sign below.***

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Student’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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