



Join our classes in Commercial Photography at Midway High School



Classes must be taken in this order...

Commercial Photography 1 – for any student in any grade!

Class description: learn how to take better photos with digital cameras and smart devices, experience in our darkroom with hand-developing black and white film and photos, basic and advanced Photoshop editing techniques, layout experience with Adobe InDesign, plus learn basic journalistic writing, editing, and publishing. You will complete the course with a portfolio of work showcasing your best writing, design, and photography and a resume from the year. **Students MUST provide their own working digital camera (no phone or iPad) either point-and-shoot or DSLR.**

Yearbook or Newspaper Class (called NP/YB Graphic Design 1)

Class description: use your Commercial Photography 1 (CP1) skills to produce a monthly newspaper OR the yearbook. At the end of CP1, you will apply for one of the two staffs: newspaper or yearbook. In both classes, students write, edit, take photos, do layout, sell ads, and learn a variety of print and online journalistic publication skills as well as participate in photo and writing contests where there are cash and scholarship prizes. Students begin building a more professional-looking portfolio with sample work and a multi-page resume.

Yearbook 2 or Newspaper 2 Class (called NP/YB Commercial Photo2)

Class description: Second-year newspaper and yearbook students continue to develop print and online journalistic publication skills. Many students by this level are editors and leaders on staff with a developed portfolio of photography, writing, and design work. Students also begin applying for journalism-related scholarships at this level.

Independent Study in Journalism

Class description: Design your own class and assignments! Students continue working on yearbook and newspaper publications but also do a monthly project on their own. Some do job shadowing with professional writers, broadcasters, or photographers off campus and/or produce work for local magazines, newspapers, TV or radio stations. Students complete the course with a final portfolio of writing, design, and photography work samples that, in several students' experience, have led to scholarships and internships. Some students have even been able to "test out" of college beginner-level journalism courses based on their experience at MHS!

**For more information about the Commercial Photography courses,
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