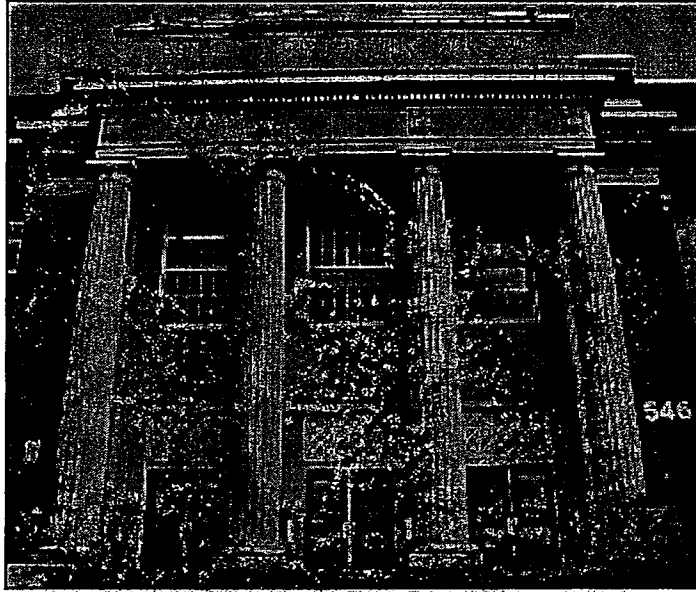


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The Tech Pep Legacy Book

Lessons
and advice
from the editors and staff

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June 7, 2010

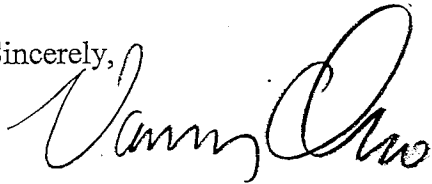
Dear Future Tech Pep Representative,

This year was my first year as a tech pep reporter and business manager. Taking these responsibilities may require more work, but your results are fulfilling and that is why you have chosen to work these jobs. In the beginning, you may not know what goals to set and that's ok. As each issue is developed, you will grow to develop a yearning for what you are able to achieve. From my first year on the staff, I have some advice:

Having these positions you have to learn to balance out your time and priorities well and set goals. You have to be able to be on top of your game and maintain a relationship with your clients. Having the desire to gain more clients is also important. Keep a professional, but friendly behavior when speaking to possible advertisers (you are representing your school). Make sure you are prepared when going out and have contact information along with possible ad rates. Keep in mind that you want them to keep advertising so learn how to keep them in the game! A helpful thing also is to send the invoice (billing statements), out to the companies right away and keep a separate file just for this. Most importantly, have fun with it! See what companies you are able to attract to the paper!

I am glad that you have stepped up and chosen this position. Good luck and have a great year on the staff!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vanny Chao". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Vanny Chao
Tech Pep reporter
Business Manger
2009-2010

June. 7, 2010

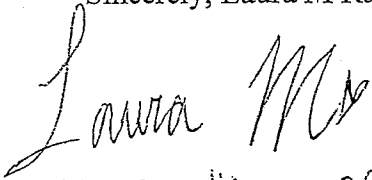
Dear Future News Editor,

you will be embarking into the office world, where you have proof reads, deadlines and no one to depend on but yourself. The best way to do an editors job is to have communication with all the writers, making sure you edit their stories every time they add something new in. It is very important to get the paper out without any errors; therefore you must be responsible and take the job seriously. Although if the paper does come out with an error, the writers should take some of the blame, but occasionally the finger will be pointed at you because you are "the editor" so its best to always look things over even if its on your own time.

The writer's handbook that you will be receiving helps a lot when you edit if you memorize the basic formatting. In news you will also be editing feature stories, which might be a little more tricky because they go into more detail.

Furthermore the class is fun and open, being capable of printing what ever is on your mind feels great. Also it doesn't hurt that it looks good on any transcript.

Sincerely, Laura M Ramirez

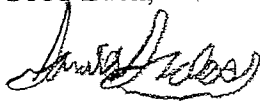
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NEWS editor = 09-10

To whom it may concern,

As a new journalism staff member you may have a number of questions about how a number of different things work. For the most part I cannot answer these questions. What I can tell you is that there is one thing about editing photos that will make your life extremely easy: cut the crap. It's a pretty simple concept, if a picture isn't good already just get rid of it; there is no point in spending time editing pictures if they aren't good already. If the story is about a football game and your stuck with crap pictures you may be in trouble, however this is also easily changed, stop letting incompetent people take pictures, teach them if you have patience, if not do it yourself! Also don't procrastinate, even the most basic of edits are time consuming when done in bulk.

Good Luck,

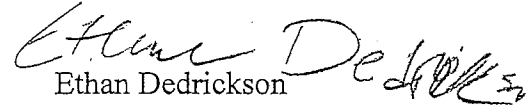
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Daniel Drakos, Photo Editor

Dear Tech Pep Reporter,

Upon joining the journalism team, you might think that you can easily slack off and get your stories done at the last minute. However, one of the most important things about journalism and being a reporter is getting things done as soon as possible, because it contributes to getting the whole paper done a lot. As soon as you get your stories, plan out what you can do, interviews, pictures, research, anything, and do anything you can quickly. As long as you get your work done, you can leave the slacking for later once you actually haven't got anything to do. On pictures, take your pictures as soon as you can, get them done, process them, and get it in there. Simple and easy. Make sure you stay responsible and on top of things because that's one of the most important parts of journalism and contributing to the team.

Good Luck,


Ethan Dedrickson

To the new tech pep layout editor

If you have become the layout editor then make sure you are ready for the responsibility; it is a lot of work and you need to make sure you get your things in on time because the end result of the paper will most likely come down to you. Also never be afraid to ask people for their stories if you need them to finish a page. The other most important thing I would have said to you is never take criticism as criticism take it as an opportunity to improve your work and yourself, it will help you not make the same mistakes because no matter what the criticism is it will always be advice to you.

Sincerely Kyle J Bocian Tech pep layout editor of 2010

And Good luck

To the future editors of the Tech Pep

I was the editor of 2009-2010 Tech Pep for 1 year and a half (do to the other editor quitting the job) years, but for the year that I was editor all year we were able to get 6 papers out, including one 12 page issue and one 16 page issue. We did very well due to our large staff.

But if you do not have a large staff or you do not have a dependable staff, you'll have problems. The role of editor is an essential part of the ability to distribute Tech Pep. You have many roles

- Making sure people get their stories done
- Making sure they get them done on a deadline (you should create a story deadline about a week before printer deadline)
- Editing all the stories (trust me, you have to do this for every story)
- Layout all the pages (Unless you have a second or third person that can help you)
- And giving the whole this a second edit

This may seem very very easy, but its not. You have to commit to the class. You have to come every day and nag all of your staff members constantly. You have to be the bad guy and the good guy. Remember to treat your staff with respect. Only give them constructive criticism and complement their work. Make sure the staff understands the situations, like if you can't get their stories published because they don't fit. Make sure they already know that because they can get their feelings hurt.

You have to work harder than any other person on staff. This isn't like a real editorial job. No one is getting paid for their stories so there's no incentive to get them in on time. Make sure you have leverage. Remind them of their grades; make sure they get weekly reports on what stories are in and what stories are due. Give all the staff members' attention. Don't do too many group discussions because they will think it doesn't apply to them, talk to them one on one. Your job is to essentially make all the other staff members look good. So suck up your pride and work for goodness of the staff members and the pride of getting the paper out.

You must create relationships with your staff. They wont listen to you unless you mean something to them. Don't be afraid of upperclassmen in your class. You are their mentor. You must be the one they come to. If your afraid of them they'll take advantage of you.

Edit Edit Edit. You have to make sure you constantly edit your work and your staff's work. You will be criticized buy everyone; Students, Teachers, Authority, Alumni, everyone who reads it. And you will hear this criticism. But don't take it too personally. Just work harder to show them wrong.

The Tech Pep is a great and important part of Benson's history. Do it well. Keep your staff motivated and have pride in your school.

Sincerely,
2009-2010 Editor-in-Chief
Sandra Van Class of 2011

Annie Chen
Period 4
Journalism

End of the Year Advice

Things that I wished that I had known before this ever started was that we weren't suppose to have a paper out each semester like how we did. We weren't even supposed to produce four in the year, and that was my regret. Now to think about it, we did really badly this year. For those incoming students, and that may be myself as well, we should stay on top of things rather than procrastinating, letting things slide. The teacher is the one who gets in trouble, not us. And for our wrongdoing, and lack of spirit for this classroom, the teacher takes the blame. That makes me feel bad. Work hard and fast and it will not only be rewarding to the school, but yourself, and it saves the teacher from having more stress than he/she already does.

A thing I learned from this class was Adobe PageMaker. I didn't know how to use this program at first but with teacher's advice, in this case with Mr. Rob Melton's advice, and playing around with the program with the new pages, I eventually learned how to use it and well. You start with a blank page and you make it the size of the tech pep papers so you can fit pictures, logos, ads, and stories in. You get to move around the items you inserted so it fits into the right spot. Never get scared of messing up because there is always the undo button. And starting over isn't that hard if you know how you want the paper to be. You must always check the final with students and teachers to make sure it looks good and ready to hit on out to the students and people who read the techpep. When it is done, just look at your page and the others in the techpep and be proud.

Sincerely,

Annie Chen

Dear future Tech Pep staff member,

Congratulations on deciding to take journalism and not just having a free period. You are about to be a part of making the school newspaper. You might be asking yourself, "Does our school even *have* a paper?" Well, due to lack of funding, the staff this year spent the entire first semester playing around on the computer and occasionally writing stories about what they thought was important in school or just life in general. We had a great many discussions on which direction to take the paper, but never got around to actually producing something.

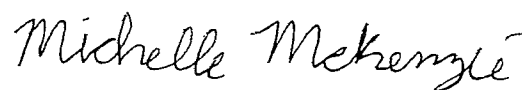
Finally, in February, the principle demanded a Tech Show edition of the paper and agreed to give us funding. Mr. Melton made it clear that this was no longer an abstract deadline that we wouldn't meet, but something that had to be done. After 5 months of slacking, we had to get a paper made in a few short weeks.

Luckily for the staff, some of the earlier stories could still be used in this paper. We rushed to get stories covering important things, and in order to get the tech pep out on time, Mr. Melton did almost all layout of the paper. While most of us were happy just to have gotten a paper out, we realized how pathetic it would appear to the student body to have only produced a single newspaper of a semester of work.

Hopefully this year you will have a larger staff with which to create a newspaper. No matter how many of you there are, however, I advise you to be motivated and make sure that you contribute to the paper. Besides getting no money and having a small staff, I feel one of the biggest problems this year was that without someone pushing us, none of us tried that hard to figure out what needed to be done. Some efforts were made, but had we been more focused and goal oriented from the beginning, I think there would have been less struggles as to knowing what needed to be done next.

In order to have a paper that comes out more than twice a year, I think you should work together with Mr. Melton to set deadlines. Make sure you always know that you are using your class time to work towards producing the paper.

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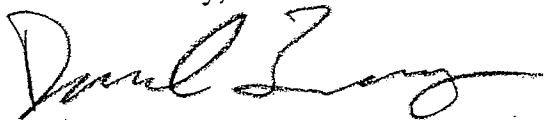


Michelle McKenzie
Tech Pep Reporter

Dear future staff of Tech Pep,

Let me first applaud you for enrolling yourself in this class, I believe that by far Journalism is the hardest of all of the electives and one of the least celebrated. Students often take the newspaper for granted and criticize it's content without hesitation. Don't let this make you think that this class is not entirely unrewarding; being on the newspaper staff looks great on a college transcript. This year we got our funding after Christmas break, over four months ^{later} than expected. I hope that this doesn't happen to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Daniel Lurvey". The signature is fluid and somewhat stylized, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Daniel Lurvey

Tech Pep Reporter

Dear future editor

Journalism is by far the most self motivated class I have taken this year. If you don't do anything nothing gets done, it's obvious, but some students don't realize it fully. Give as much effort and you can and the work will pay off. We have only put out 2 papers this year. I want to see a fire in the next class. Do us a favor and get in a larger volume of news at Benson. To a lot of you seniors in journalism, next year will be a time of slacking off and not committing yourself to doing hard work, but trust me when I say this, making a dent on your school year matters so make sure its one that will be remembered.

Rich Pike

Dear Future Tech Pep Staff Member,

I was this years Tech Pep Editor and the experience has helped me so much in the career field I want to get into. All the stress you go through with deadlines as a high school journalist is multiplied by ten when you get into the real life field, but this really prepares you and shows you what it is like. My writing skills have truly gotten better and I understand so much more about journalism. It has been a roller coaster ride for me as the Editor because I have had to meet so many deadlines with stories that need to be placed in PageMaker, and eventually sent to the newspaper making company. When you are told when you have to get something done, with only six to eight people on a regular day, its hard to get a good newspaper out. Whoever is going to be next years newspaper editor is going to be in for a very valuable experience. You will learn how to deal with high tense situations where you have to get something done and need to assign it to people. I have personally learned a lot, and like the leadership role that was given to me. I've worked hard this year, and that is what it all comes down to is working hard.

If there were a few things I could change or make different about this year I would definitely first say we needed more people on our staff. Its pretty much like if you don't have enough workers to produce, then your not going to

produce as much as you want. This is the reason why we only had two issues come out. More staff is always better because then you can cover a lot of different types of stories, with people who have different cultures and backgrounds to do it. When you only have six to eight people like we did, its harder to get things together and have a broader range of stories. More people would have made the newspaper a lot better. (Another problem is discipline. The reporters weren't as disciplined as they should have been, with themselves. They always said they wanted to finish this or that, or do this or that, but they would just come to class and sit around not doing much.) I say if you want to really learn about journalism, Mr. Melton is the right person to go to, but you have to want to learn it. If you go into journalism half hearted, that's all you are going to get out of it, half to nothing. If you don't know if you want to be in here or not yet, you will in a couple weeks.

Something to remember: YOU HAVE A LOT OF POWER BEING A REPORTER!!! If anything happened in the school and you need to talk the principle about what happened? You got it, set up an interview and you can talk and find out all you want. This is the best part about being in journalism, whenever you are interested in something going on, you have the ability to investigate and learn about it.

Have fun guys, and seniors, have fun while it lasts, senior year goes by like ZOOM!

Good Luck!

Sincerely,



5/22/2007


Hoang Pham
Tech Pep Editor in Chief 2007

Dear future TechPep staff member,

There are a few important things to know about writing for the school newspaper. One is that if you don't write the stories, there won't be a paper. This means that you have to be on top of the news and write stories as soon as you hear about them. It's much easier to edit a story that's already been written than it is to try to write about something that happened weeks ago the day before the paper comes out.

Another important thing to remember is that your stories need to be easy to find. You should save them to the server and also print out hard copies. If you always save your stories to the same place, no one will have to stress out because they can't find them.


It is also helpful if there are pictures to go with every story. This makes the paper more interesting and colorful. It's a good idea to get pictures when you are interviewing sources, or ask them for pictures if your story is about something that already took place. Pictures also need to be kept track of.

When it gets close to the time for publishing the paper, you should start meeting with your section editors so you know what pages your work will go on, and then save your work to the appropriate page folders. This makes laying out the pages much easier, because no one has to scramble to find the items they want to place on a page.

Finally, the best way to make sure that the paper comes out regularly is to set deadlines and stick with them. This means that if you decide the paper will come out in a week, everyone needs to have their stories and pictures ready on time. If this doesn't happen, you will have to keep postponing the date that the paper comes out, and there won't be enough papers to cover all the news that happens at our school. To prevent this from happening, you need to avoid blowing off journalism work to get other homework done. The newspaper has to be one of your priorities in order for it to become a reality.

Good luck producing the TechPep and I hope that you make this one of the best years ever.

Sincerely,


Michelle McKenzie
TechPep Reporter

By: Travayae Cason-Gordon

If your looking for a class that you can enjoy, and learn a lot in. Journalism Is what you need. In Journalism you learn the way newspapers are wrote, and put together. Its also fun because you get to write about things that are important to you and things that are going on in school. This year in journalism we only came out with two papers mainly because the lack of staff, next year the class is going to be offered during a different period which enables more people to join the class..

Sincerely
Travayae Cason

To the future stressed editors of Benson's very own "Tech Pep",

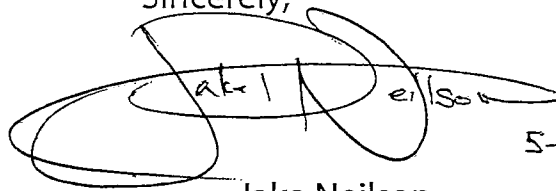
Pardon me for saying that if you feel stressed, I implore you rethink your situation. Sure there are deadlines to meet and you might have some reporters slacking on the job, but your problems feign in the unholy chaos that was the 06-07 publishing year. Not saying the entire year was hard, due to budget cuts and unintelligent funding by administrative staff, we (the tech pep staff) spent the first half of the year writing pointless stories and editorials for a paper that did not exist. With no funding, there was no paper... pretty easy class we thought.

But the persistence of Mr. Melton got us funding for more Tech Peps right after Christmas break... the problem was after a head count we realized that the class that usually tipped in the thirties and forties, had five maybe six students on a good day. Stress is coming out with a paper in two weeks with five productive students, and an oddly level headed Mr. Melton trying to figure out why things weren't going faster. Each one of us had to be a reporter, editor, photographer, graphic designer, and publisher... good experience, but it's normally not the way you want to spend your first period.

We were only able to crank out two papers this year (sorry we weren't superheroes...), but we also worked on the school planner and yearbook, and consumed more caffeine then medically safe, but it all worked out in the end. So look back on they way things are going for you and your lazy staff, chances are it was not as manic as things were here. So be happy and go tell your staff to get off their butts and start working!

PS. If you are still using the wonderful colored circa 1995 Macs, with OS 9.2 I pray for your soul and sanity. PSS. No matter how much you think it will help... hitting the Macs just makes them slower... PSSS. If all else fails, blame the "storyserver" it's probably it's fault anyways.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jake Neilson". The signature is stylized with large, overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

5-22-07

Jake Neilson

Tech Pep equivalent of J. Jonah Jameson

5-22-07

Tips for next year

For those thinking about getting an extra high school credit in journalism, you may have the perfect idea. This class is relatively simple, you just need to think of a story, research, and translate it onto a page. After creating your piece of art, you need to add it to the newspaper page. This task is easily misjudged as being simple. You need to know where to place text, where to place the picture, and how to make it all fit.

If you're unlucky enough to still have the iMacs after this year, good luck, many of them became useless as we used them, I can only imagine another year of use. With a large team of 12 or more students, your class should have no problem completing more than 2 papers a year.

If you are willing to get a story done every 2-3 days, this class will be a piece of cake. A note about the Tech Pep is that your class is graded as a whole, so even if your stories blow, someone has to edit it and make it better.

By, Samuel Trojano



Spencer Crimin

Per 3

5/24/06

Tech Pep (Letter of advise)

If you're going into journalism for the first time, there are a few things you might want to know. First of all you need to make sure you have a loose schedule because if you don't, you're going to be stuck with a lot of work with little spare time. That was my first mistake. The next thing was that you are expected to produce 3 stories a week, so you better be prepared to do a lot of writing. I don't want you to think it's all about writing though. You do lots of other things as well, such as selling ads, writing columns and laying out pages on the web for print. Don't get the wrong idea about the Tech Pep. It's a great experience to learn and it's cool to see your own news paper. Besides we can all say that we are or were journalists. If you have connections with important people or big companies, don't take them for granted. Try to sell an ad to them because it's probably the easiest people you can get to. Only join this class

Dear future tech per staff

You must want to do this. Being apart of tech per is a job. treat it like your getting paid. because this is a real paper. treat every story like its your best. Be creative, ~~and~~ always come up with new ideas, or steal some from other papers. Learn everything you can about the process. the more you learn the easier it is. Also be assertive with your fellow tech papers. If they arent doing work get them doing work. If you arent doing work find some.

You may be in his class for an easy grade, so it might not mean anything to you. but this paper means something to others. And respect that.

Don't let outside problems leak into this class. because they don't matter. what does matter is this paper.

Shelly Cottle

Martin Couch

E/O 2006

Dear future Tech Rep Staff,

There are many things you will need to know about Journalism to have a successful Newspaper. Whether you are a Member of the editor board or just a staff member ~~you~~ ~~the~~ following tips will help your newspaper succeed.

One of the most important things to do is assign people jobs at the beginning. Some will be in charge of layout, some will take pictures. Have an editor for each section of the newspaper. Start each class session with a group meeting. Try to keep this meeting brief. Make sure everyone knows the importance of Advertising, with no ads there will be no newspaper.

When writing stories try to make sure there is at least something that will appeal to everyone. Have fun, work together, don't procrastinate.

Sincerely,
Walter Hecht

Dear Future Tech Pep Staff Reporter,

This year was a great year for Tech Pep. The staff brought many innovations to the paper, making this year one of which was filled with success and satisfaction.

It's never hard to find a story, you just have to know where to look. Involved in school or community activities? Great, it's always ^{a good idea} ~~great~~ to update outsiders on what is going on in activities that they are not exposed to. Also, stay updated on the local news. The most important stories affect us as well and an editorial piece stating your opinion on the issue could be just what the paper needs.

Also, don't be afraid to take on a story of which you know absolutely nothing about, the best stories are written from a biased standpoint. This is another opportunity to perfect your interviewing and reporting skills will help you when you take on future stories.

Lastly, just have fun with it. You volunteered to be here, make it worth the work. Good luck!

Sincerely, ~~BRIAN ROSE~~

Dear Future Tech Pop Staff,

This year of newspapering will probably be quite interesting for you with plenty of ups and downs along the way. There will probably be times where everything is running so smoothly and then other times you will be grinding it out trying to make the deadline for the paper. Don't worry though, it's all part of the process and you just have to learn to go along with it as much as possible. Work hard at all times or at least as much as you can because ultimately it will lead to an outstanding paper everytime. Each paper you will learn more and more, and the paper will get better and better. Try to meet everyone's needs in the school and cover every area or topic that your readers may care to read about or that they want. Good luck to you and hope you keep a good paper going. Most of all, have fun.

James Sowards
James Sowards

Paul Kiefer

Future Tech Pep Staff,

There are several things to know about for journalists. The most important is to allow time. You could have the greatest story ~~idea~~ idea ever, but if you don't allow time to write it, it won't get done. Also allow time for laying out pages. It's a process that should never be rushed.

Before writing your story, plan it out. Choose key highlights and main focus points so your ~~paper~~ story is laid out even before you start writing it. This concept will save time and will be less stressful.

An important part of journalism is always bring a camera. Even if you don't think you need one, bring it anyways. You never know when ~~a~~ a picture opportunity will come up.

These several things will help make the journalism year easier, and allow for better stories and more pictures. ~~Also~~ ^{Also}, from what I've learned, a story is almost always better when it has a picture to go along with it.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Kiefer
C/O '06

Dear future Tech Peepz-er,

RULES to follow:

1. **Organize yourself.** Utilize calendars, due dates, to do lists, and anything that works for you to get what you need to get done.
2. **Put forth your best effort.** It makes you look goooddd.
3. **Stay on task.** It'll get done faster than you think if you just focus on it.
4. **Have fun.** This class follows a different curriculum than most. It will be easier than a typical English class ^{in some ways} and harder in others. Keep in mind that deadlines are very important, and the work isn't that hard anyway.

Good luck!

Cameron Ferrell

P.S. A lot of these can be applied to other things in life as well!

Matt Edward
Per. 3
5-24-06

Dear Future Tech Pep Staff:

Don't make anything that you think is boring. If you are not interested in it, then the readers probably aren't either. Also if you like what you are making it will be much easier to make great work. Don't stick to doing everything the same old way. Try to make something unique about the paper every year. If there is something you didn't like about old issues of the paper find a way to improve it.

Although it may seem like the most important thing you can do in the class is to work on the paper, it's not. The most important thing you can do is sell ads. If there are not enough ads there won't be enough money to make an issue. Also the more money you collect means you will be able to make the paper bigger and have more color.

May 24, 2006



Dear Tech Pep ^{Editor} ~~Reader~~,

As Tech Pep ^{Editor} ~~Reader~~ you have a large responsibility. Our readers look forward to a great, interesting, current newspaper and it's your job to give it to them. This may sound easy, but, in actuality, it can present many challenges.

First and foremost, your staff. As the editor I have had to maintain relationships with the staff and help them reach and meet goals and deadlines. The staff gets it done... or doesn't. Depending on the quality of your staff, you will have to pick up the dropped ends and any extra work is your job.

Editing is thankless. No one wants criticism, and learning how to give it constructively and ~~be~~ unoffensively is difficult. I would stress, above all else, that an editor needs to look over the paper last. Embarrassing typos have YOUR name on it.

Overall, as an editor you need to know and love your staff. You WILL have terrible days but you need to look forward to and remember the day when you got the fresh stack of papers and

Dear Tech Pep Reporter,

I can't stress enough how much you need to keep on top of things and not slack off. Our year we got out only 4 papers total.

That was one per quarter and we should have been able to get out one per month. We didn't stay on top of things and work everyday so we didn't generate enough material on time. If you listen to the editors and do what they tell you then you should be able to get enough stories and pictures together to fill an entire paper.

Another thing you need to do is to not let anyone slack off. If you let anyone slack off that just makes more work for everyone else since they will have to be doing the work for the other people too.

Learn to layout a page! If you can learn how to generally layout a page you will save the final editor a lot of work. Once all the pages are layed out they have to all be compiled together into one file and then given a final run down to make sure they are all perfect, of course you are never going to catch everything, but that is OK

... at all the mistakes.

Dear Tech Staff,

Remember that it's you who control the Paper. Listen to the ideas of students because w/o them there is no paper. Everyone can contribute, it's not just a bunch of articles to write. You can be in charge of layouts, photos, Design, getting ads, research etc. There are many pieces that contribute to the end result, and you hold the pieces to glue it all together. People are counting on you to keep them informed and current on all the latest news from Benson.

Don't blow off the deadlines. Stick by them, if everyone, maybe even half of everyone, would follow the deadlines then we'd produce double or triple the Tech Peps we have before.

Chris Miller

Dear, future tech pep staff

Welcome to Journalism. In this class you will learn all you need to put out a quality news paper.

Listen to Mr. Melton, he will tell you every thing you need to know. Once you've learned the ropes, it's up to you to make the paper.

Do your work on time. The sooner you get your stories in, the sooner the process will be over. Also learn to get along with the people in your class. We had problems with disrespect, claims of racism and fighting. None of these help the paper get done, and they tend to lead to more problems in the end. Be mature and do what is necessary to put out a quality news paper as we have done in the past.

Dear, DUDE

Meltups a-g - So Make Sure you ask for help

This class is the balls, as long as you turn storg's in on time crap gets done. at the start of every day there is a Meeting get used to it there is one every day.

I just want to say have FUN with it coz it's not that hard and the more you mess around the harder it gets. the only way one can enjoy this class is to work hard then play a little.

I can't write
More, I have No thing
els to say Ahhhhh
Need to fill page la, la, la.

almost there. little More

ah... Ah and its good

Peace out, ~~Be~~ (A)

Don't do drugs... Meth's death

- IANK



Ida Hiroz
P. 3
MR. Meltor

DEAR Staff of Tech Pep,
Coming in to the class is great but your going to tend to have to deal with a LOT of unnessacary drama. I mean you will have haters in your class but be sure to do you. Take Charge in what you do and don't let others Criticis your work.

Be sure to not procrastinate, I mean the quicker you get the story done the quicker it will go in the paper. Also for the photographer be sure to take many pictures and keep your own folder. You need to cowraperate and make sure you know this is a team newspaper not an individual one.

Sincerely,
Ida Hiroz

May 24, 2006

Helen Vidane
Per. 3

Dear Future Tech Pep Staff,

I would like to tell you some things about my experience as a tech pep staff member and how my year here has been.

I was part of tech pep for the year 2005/2006 and this has been an great year.

Ever since we started we've been receiving compliments for our creativity and design in our paper. I would like to say,

Always change up your paper, put color in it and many pictures. Write stories that you would want to read as a student and appealing to everyone. Change up the format and subjects so every race, religion, and culture would want to read it.

Go out and take pictures ---
A lot of pictures.

Setli W
Per. 3
5/24/06

hello my fellow students that are going to come into the class of Journalism I've been asked to give you some advice on how to succeed in this class. In my short time in this class I've learned many things some things that I have learned are you should always participate in the discussions that go on in this class because if you don't you won't know what the heck is going on. I like pajamas some times called PJ or if you want to put a PJ pants on too. it's a peanut butter and jelly sandwich but not in class and by class I mean Journalism because no food or drink is allowed because students will get into the classroom. It might be a good idea to write some stories every now and again and help put out the paper and by paper I mean Tech pep and by that I mean Benson's school news paper so for all you new students have fun but not too much fun eat twice on Saturdays and not on Thursdays &c the stories of Tech pep depend on you

- Seth Weitzel

Stacy Freiermuth
Period 3
05/24

My Senior year - in TechRep

It's a sole proprietorship - it's up to you to run it. Like ^{the} Self Reliance^{ss} by Ralph Waldo Emerson, no one taught Shakespeare how to write! When it comes to free speech it's basically unlimited to the topics you want to write about.

No one holds your hand, or walks you through journalism. You're independent and if you want to actually accomplish something MR. Melton knows everything from ethics to how to layout a page. The hardest part for me was getting started on a story. I had many ideas - just realistically not enough time to accomplish it because of other school work.

You can get 2 stories per week copy edited and layout if you set your mind to it. Set goals that are realistic. Even if no one else seems to be doing anything - push yourself to be getting stories and ads sold. Don't lose sight of your goals. MR. Melton is a great resource so use him!

Dear Tech Pep Writer,

Make sure you always get all your work done as soon as possible. Don't procrastinate and wait until the last minute like many will. From there you can review your work and tweak it and make it look better.

Always try to find a story you have passion about what you care about. Because if you don't the story will not be well written. But if you have passion for it you will dig & find your information and make it strong & it will turn out great. Like me, I'm into sports so I attended a lot of sports event & took notes & photos. So do that & have fun with it!

Sam Watson

To new/future Tech Pep Students -

To be in Tech Pep is an honor and an opportunity that is either not presented to all or is passed away by many. This year, we changed the style of our newspaper into a modern type of layout. It has been the best year in the history of Tech Pep and many students enjoy reading the school paper. It is very important that you stay focused and on track because you don't want to get behind, since in this class you must learn to move rapidly. Also be open minded to a lot of issues happening and cover a variety of stories. Change your style, I guess you can say experiment different types of writing and layout ideas because now is the time to learn. Also, try and sell ads, as many ads as you can because funding for Tech Pep is extremely important.

Dear Tech Style Editor,
when doing Tech Style please,
please do not chose people that
are popular within the student
body that can afford \$175
jeans, \$200 shoes, and \$50
socks. Pick people who stand
out, are unique, and aren't
scared of fashion. When writing
the Tech style chose a diverse
set of people, and do the
page with a twist everyday.
Have a keen eye. Do not
let your peers influence
what you think is different.
Make something odd. Something
cool. Leave Benson recognizing
those who are looked down
on. Life is art, and grasp
the art of fashion within
the student body. You never
know, the student you just interviewed
on how unique the shirts
she makes and wears, might
be the next Baby Phat, Seven
of all Man Kind, or Nike
designer. Be open, kind, and unique.

Dear Future Tech Pep Editors:

Welcome to the powerful position of Editor-in-Chief. You get to control what goes on in all aspects of the newspaper operation, but it isn't all fun and games.

You alone are responsible for picking up everything that doesn't get done. When publishing time comes, you **MUST** finish the paper -- even if that means doing stories, photos, and layout yourself. There is a (likely) chance that you will be on a skeleton crew, so you will find yourself doing less managing and editing than actual reporting.

It isn't, however, all bad. It feels really good to be able to put stories you think the audience wants to read in the newspaper, especially when these stories are important. It's a chance for you to personally make sure that important issues are well covered and the student body stays informed.

Once the staff and other students know you are the editor, you will find that people will often approach you with stories they want in the paper. Take advantage of this -- rarely do stories come to you, and it makes it a lot easier when you know exactly who to interview for more information.

One of the best ways to motivate your staff is to do work yourself. If you write a really great story, you are far more likely to convince others to do the same than if you spend your time managing.

As an editor, you will spend a LOT of time working on the paper, both at home and in class. The forty-eight minutes you have each day will not be nearly sufficient to do the tasks necessary to produce a paper. Plan to miss a few classes, or come early to talk to administrators when they are free. If you are doing the layout yourself, it takes quite a bit longer than you might expect -- it takes me more than seven hours to layout a newspaper in its entirety, not counting proofing time.

When laying out the paper, always be creative. Design the entire thing in color, and if the budget is low and grayscale is the only option, it will usually print just fine. Don't be afraid to run a huge headline or picture -- simple, graphically significant elements attract readers and are pleasant to look at.

Usually, the person doing the layout will make minor (or major) adjustments to the layout when they first come into their position. This allows them to be creative and experiment with different designs. However, always make sure that your paper remains distinctive and represents Benson.

However, feel free to use the layout that I have worked on over the past two years. It's gone though many revisions, and if you look at the first and last papers I worked on, they look completely different.

Most likely, you will have freelance writers that are interested in writing for the paper but can't attend the journalism class. My first year as Editor-in-Chief, there was no class -- all of the paper was produced by a dedicated bunch of individuals who devoted their time to writing stories and taking pictures.

You must remember two things when working with said people. First, you have no leverage over their behavior, at all. Since they don't attend the class, they don't get a grade and therefore you must motivate them by making story writing an attractive activity. Give them fun stories, stories that affect them personally especially, and don't work them too hard.

Second, coordinating freelance journalists can be a problem, since you have to meet with them during passing times or at lunch. Quickly establish a regular meeting schedule, and stick to it. Phone numbers and email addresses are especially helpful if you need something at the last minute.

Finally, the most important thing you can do as an editor is to not self-censor. Never avoid publishing an article, even if the administration does not want you to, that is significant and meaningful to the students. Just make sure that the story otherwise follows ALL of the rules and standards.

Good luck!

Sincerely,



Devin Lane
Editor-in-Chief 2003-2005

5-20-2005

Dear future Tech Pep staff reporter,

Welcome to the Tech Pep staff. There are some important tips you should hear before you start working on your first Tech Pep issue. First of all, you'll need to plan ahead a lot in order to succeed in journalism. Before you start writing a story, compile as much information as you can about the subject of your story. If you're planning on doing an interview for your story, think of as many questions as you can that could be useful towards writing your story. Make sure you answer the questions where, why, who, when, how, and what in every story you write.

Also, to succeed in journalism, you'll need to work well with your fellow Tech Pep staff members. Remember, communicating well is the key to working together efficiently. Whenever you finish a story, make sure the editor gets it by either e-mailing it to him/her or putting it on the server. You should also print it out and give the editor a hard copy. Another communicative skill you should work on in order to do well in journalism is to always share all your ideas. Never be timid to share a story idea if you think it could possibly be important and/or interesting. It's always best to have a lot of story ideas to choose from, even if a lot of them aren't usable.

Even if you do excellent in these other areas, you'll never positively affect the Tech Pep unless you also have good writing skills. You should always make sure your stories have correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, etc. Also try to have good paragraph lengths. If your whole story is just one big paragraph, you probably need to break it up into several smaller ones, and if your story has too many small paragraphs, you should combine the paragraphs with similar subject matter. The editor will probably fix your mistakes if you don't check your work, but it's always best to make it easy on him/her, and lower the chance of there being a typo in your story.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Clark

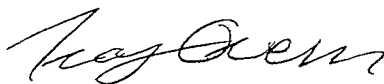
Dear Future Editors,

Please follow the following instructions.

1. never ever ever procrastinate this can only lead to failed papers and bad grades.
2. Follow the Editor in chief's instructions he knows what to do and how to do it well.

I have learned many things this year, how to have a good work plan is one that is the most important, being able to figure out what information you'll need when you'll need it is extremely important. Being prepared, having all the tools, questions, cameras, pencils. Anything that would help you get a good story. One way to ensure that you get the story done and that it's a good story, is to make sure that it's something that you're interested in. Because if you're interested in it then there will be other people that are interested in it. If you think that a story idea is not interesting and no one else on the staff is interested in it then let the editor know because no one would be interested in the school. Use your pass it can get you into many places that you can find many stories in. develop relationships with people it will make it so much easier to get information that way. Always do your best work report the truth and ask the questions the people want to hear the answers to,

Troy Orem



Benson Tech Pep staff Reporter

If you have or have had Mr. Melton's English class, you would know that there is practically no deadline for assignments. However, when it comes to his journalism class, it's a different story. There are deadlines for journalism because the newspaper needs to get out. No stories, no paper. Simple as that.

If you want to meet your deadline, you need to be persistent in your work. If you start on an assignment right away, you'll have the motivation to get a good proportion done, or even the whole story. If you procrastinate, you will never get around to finishing your report. Added negatives include lower quality work and more errors as well.

If you finish your article quick, you can do another one and another one and so on. If everyone works well like that, you can produce a sixteen-pager at least, which will improve the reputation of the newspaper and people will recognize it more than they did before because there will be plenty of content for everyone's interests.

What I thought was a disadvantage for the *Tech Pep* last year was that we were critically understaffed. We only had five people writing for the paper, which gave us a much heavier workload and made what was supposed to be a fun course somewhat of a stressful one, even though we were still able to release good quality work. You guys, however, have the advantage of a much larger staff, so you guys have the potential to produce great issues of *Tech Pep* for years to come.

The way I've always wanted to have the paper run (there was just never enough people) was to elect editors for each position like Opinion, Sports, Entertainment, etc. and have people choose which sector they want to be part of, but have the groups be even as well. Also get student input in the paper. Having a student opinion column might draw more interest. Nonetheless, good luck to all you future contributors of the *Tech Pep*. Hope you have fun.

Dan Dean, Class of 2005

Dan Dean

Dear future editors (especially Advertising/business managers),

Congratulations, you have found Sam Ward's last letter as the Advertising/Business Manager of Tech Pep. You have won some advice.

First of all, when you have an article idea, a paper idea, or anything at all (including current and potential advertisers), write it down. Otherwise you forget, the paper loses money, and the advisor won't be happy. Neither will the school.

Second of all, (to the Advertising/Business manager, from here on), When using QuickBooks, make sure that you know the password. If you don't ask the advisor for the password. Frequent (as though it may be), it can be good to just ask him/her for an Advertising/Business manager.

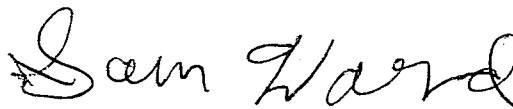
Third, when selling advertising, try to do some negotiating, like give the Organizations the contract rate for one ad (in other words, \$1 off of the price).

Next, don't get angry with clients. This is the worst. Instead try to negotiate, as long as Mr. Melton says ok on it.

When writing, make sure that you speak your mind, and write the article, even though it isn't assigned to you.

Finally, Keep up. Don't let work pile up.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sam Ward". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sam Ward

Advertising/Business Manager Jan 2004 thru Jun 2005

Quill and Scroll inductee as Advertising Manager 2005

Dear new staff reporter,

Coming on the staff of tech pep may seem like an easy position but it takes a lot to do your job. You have to make sure that you keep your ears and eyes open because you can always catch a story. Me being the only girl on the 2004-2005 Tech Pep staff it's hard to find your niche because you're tempted to do your interest. Which might not seem very interesting for the rest of the staff. This year I found it easy righting about personal experience, my opinion and sports stories.

When writing a story you have to draw the audience in using a little bit of curiosity with true stories by adding this could of happen in result of. You might find a juicy rumor or story around the school and you can right about it by stating this eligibly happened. The greatest stories happen to be about the administration because they often tell you can't something but being on Tech Pep gives you freedom of the press. Which allows you to print and write what you believe. In interviewing, always interview in a comfortable environment, think and write questions out before the interview, tie questions into each other, and find research to add to the interview. When all else fails right about yourself.

have fun.
Ashley Mori

June 7, 2002

Dear Editor:

Congratulations! You have been chosen to be editor of Tech Pep, which has been around since 1923. In one of the early newspapers, the staff explained that "Tech" refers to the technology we teach at school and "Pep" refers to the enthusiasm needed to get the paper out regularly.

It's a difficult job - being editor. There are times you will be the only person left to finish the job. You need to notice who promises but cannot deliver. You need to personally recruit students who you know will help make Tech Pep a great newspaper. You need to understand what readers want, how often they want it, and make sure it is covered. Over the last six years, we have not covered sports as well as we should have, and quite frankly that has hurt us. Get a team of people together, and remember the 3 F's - food, fun, friendship. That and hard work will help. Sometimes you are the only person who will

notice if it is correct or not.

Sincerely,

Rob Mell

June 7, 2002

Dear Editor,

To make the paper better for next year you should take force and make students write the stories. This years staff suffered a enormous amount on getting enough stories to publish. We also struggle on getting the pages layed out. You should have certain people assigned to lay out the page. We also struggle on getting pictures of the games. You should make sure that the person who is assigned to take the pictures actually take the pictures. Make sure that you have a committed staff that is willing to use there own time if it is needed to get the paper out.

Sincerely,
Cecilia

Dear Editor,

You have gotten more than you bargained for! Hopefully you won't inherit the same group of lazy, unproductive group of people that I did. I think that you should let Mr. Helton take control of the discipline and stuff like that, because it will make the students hate you. My advice is to just advise and do positive motivation, cause after all you're still just a student but with limited leadership ability!

Have fun with it, it will be cool if you can handle it, if not, ohm sorry. Don't take shit from people either.

Sincerely,

Old Man

Thomas D

Dear Editor,

I think next year I think you are going to have one hell of a time. Yet if I can give you one piece of advice it's have other people in the class willing to work as hard as you. Cause if you have people who want to work and are interested in this class the in sure things will go a lot smoother.

So as for next year just do your best and try and keep others on task.

Sincerely,
Thomas D,

Jesse Bordner
PE 7

Dear Editor,

I was on the Tech Pep staff in 01-02 and we were ~~not~~ unorganized because there were a lot of slackers on the staff including me. Some ways to get those slackers to stay after school and turn in stories on a deadline is to remind them of their grade more often or to give them specific stories to write. After a few months you can tell who the slackers are and don't depend on them - do anything so don't give them anything important to do, and hopefully you'll have enough of dependable people to get out a decent paper regularly.

To raise money sell ads to stores that will attract people that go to this school or you can do what we did and hold an event after school to raise money.

Sincerely,
Jesse Bordner

June 7th 2002

Dear Editor,

Get these kids motivated. would
be my first piece of advice. You
can have a real talented squad but if they
don't want to do anything nothing will get
done. Make sure everybody knows what they
are working on; communication is key. Get
lots of interesting stories and artwork, boring
papers turn people off. Keep the kids
in check first and be their friends second.
They need to know who's in charge. Give
Baw Stefan lots of money, he would appreciate
it. Good luck

Sincerely,
Baw Stefan

+

There was a lot
of people there

We did not
carry it

everything turned
out good

Made money

had good music

△

only one entrance
and exit.

Sale food and
snacks

Be more organized

no one on the court
when the teams were
playing

Yess for the 3003

+

Making Money
Competitive tournament
people came
did not cancel

△

More security
Bad Freestyle Contest
Basketball on the sidecourt

Andy
Goshorn

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Fun
Entertaining
Competitive
Score cards
good Music

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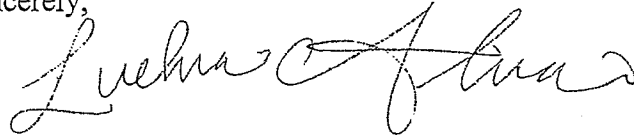
Better Refs
2 point shots
Win by 2 points
Try and get more security
More teams.
No body on court

6/7/10

Dear New Tech Pep Staff,

As a first year news reporter this year, I learned to love the paper and all of its gory details. It's a fun and on the spot learning class. Throughout the year, the newspaper gave me the chance to improve my writing skills and this can be your chance as well. Just remember to write about something you are interested in. If it's not interesting to you, obviously nobody else will read it, and you won't have fun writing it. Choose topics that you like and things that you know people will read. When interviewing people, don't be scared, they like the attention anyways. Also make sure you turn everything in on time, which will definitely help out your editors since they do way more work than you do. Be thankful for your editor and your teacher, they are what make this paper the best. It's a chill class so don't stress over anything, just make sure you do the work and have fun doing it!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Luehna Abuan". The signature is fluid and connected, with a large initial "L" and a long, sweeping underline.

Luehna Abuan

Demetrius
Lincoln
Per-4
Journalism

Dear Journalism Student,

Welcome to Journalism, Now this is not a class that you just get handed to you have to forecast for it. So if you did that I'm sure you have some knowledge of the world of journalism. If you don't think you have any knowledge on the subject then read the Oregonian and watch the news also, check out websites that inform you about what's happening now in our world. From sports, to opinions down to presidential elections we cover it all.

A few tips to know are:

1. Execution is everything, from getting down due dates to just simply having the news why it's still news and not history.
2. Facts, facts and facts, no one wants lies because it does no good to the reader just tell the truth and be happy with the outcome.
3. Finally the last big tip is Do It for the PEOPLE, if you are reporting it then I'm sure you know the news your job is to make it so everyone else understands as well. Good luck

Sincerely
Demetrius Lincoln

Dear Tech Pep Student,

Some may tell you this is a laid back class, some may say it is easy and you will almost always have free time. Those some people are wrong. This class is about hard work and effort. Sure you can surf the web all day and go on myspace but come on, who the hell is on myspace? All of your friends should be at school and if there not there lame and probably shouldn't be your friend. That shows me you cant make good choices, not to rant.

I expected from myself at least one story a week including assigned stories. Stories are assigned by the editor, now some editors let you slip and you may want to take advantage of that but you better hope I'm not your editor. I have faith that there will be a brighter day for the Tech Pep. If we only have 10-11 students who want to do there work out of 25-30 I would be happy and if you are planning to be one of those students thank you, if not no I don't know a damn myspace proxy.

Sincerely,

Brian P. Halvorsen

Brian P. Halvorsen

2007-2008 Sports Editor

Dear, student

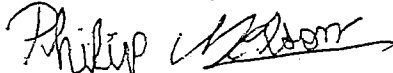
The one thing you should do is just write stories to try to impress or satisfy the Benson community. No matter how bad you do, there's no way you can do as horrible as us because as a senior we only got two issues out having only one in color. I became very malicious when my last article of the year was removed and started acting stupid because I only had five days left and he didn't let me have my one story even though he still had another issue to come. He took it out without even telling me, but if something like that happens to you just let it go. Don't let your feelings get to you just keep on pushing. I learned that that's the journalism industry and sometimes you got to learn how to adapt. I also learned how to work with all different kinds of people from the old and cranky to the lay back energetic kid. One thing I also learned in here is to try to keep all your stories organized in one folder instead of sub folders.

Sincerely, Christopher Nguyen

Dear TechPep Student,

Welcome to journalism. Get ready for the most laid back class you'll ever have. Here, you are expected to do everything you can to help make the newspaper. You are expected to do work, but aren't necessarily required. You can easily get away with spending all your class time doing nothing slacking off and no one will say anything. But if you do it too much and never contribute, people will lose respect for you. If you'd rather slack off then write and take photos, then you shouldn't be here anyway. All I can say to you is **GOOD LUCK**.

Sincerely,


Philip Melson

OTHA BANKS

05-23-08

JOURNALISM

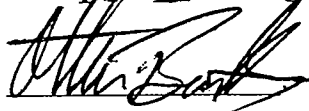
Letter to Editor

So as I leave the year with no regrets, I send a message to those after me to stay strong and carry with pride the title of a Tech Pep reporter. This year that fact alone is what kept many of going. The staff of 08 was full of gifted writers with very unique perspectives and this is needed to have a good paper. Our readers experienced this feeling first hand through our first to last issue. A word of advice to the writers of our beloved newspaper is simply to stay determined, because in the end it is your drive that shall lead us all to success. I end my letter with saying congratulations to those who decide to join our Tech Pep family.

SINCERELY

OTHA BANKS

ADVERTISING MANAGER



Date: 5-21-08

Letter To the Future Editor

Dear Future Editor,

Believe me when I say that you really need to work hard. If you don't strive to get the paper out, then you probably won't at all. My class is a perfect example of this; we tried our best, but due to the awkward block schedule we only managed to get 2 papers out.

You must write stories, and help editing pages, or else the paper will not come out.

Remember that this isn't a class, it's a team, and if you don't work together you will fail.

You should also keep in mind that Mr. Melton is not only your teacher, but also your boss and your coach; you can always come to him for help. Overall you need to view this entire school paper operation as a job, not a class. Don't strive for an A, strive to get the paper out and truly make a difference.

Sincerely,
Zack Keirsey

Xavier Rodriguez
Journalism Per.4
05/23/ 08

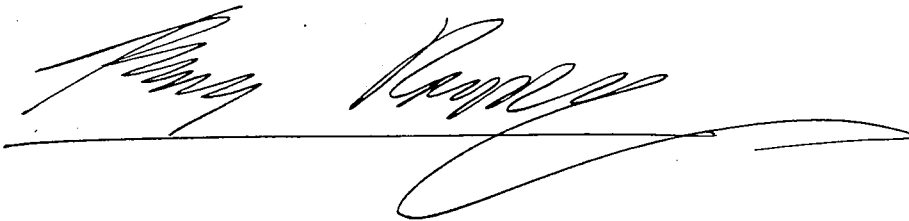
This was an interesting year for the Techpep because although we had a large staff we were only able to get out 2 papers. There are certainly a lot of things we could have done in order to get more issues out this year. I have to admit that I could have also put more effort into it. Though this paper is not about our faults, but rather our accomplishments and how we were able to work together at times. I worked as the web editor for the "myhighschooljournalism.org" website. Posting up stories online was one of several things I helped out with. Most of my experience with working with the website actually came by curiosity. I began playing around with the website and soon I had discovered how to bring to life a webpage. I can say that this year we had a lot of training with programs and other equipment that is used in the journalism field. In fact this year Mr. Melton bought a website exclusively for the Techpep. Brian, a Techpep staff member, helped upload news onto this website. He probably knows more about the new website than I do. I came to realize how news really does affect people's perspectives.

Freddy R
Per 4th

Dear Newcomers,

Work hard, stay focused blah, blah, blah. No, everyone says this so why repeat it. I just did whatever. You do want to stay focused and work your hardest in this class. If you don't, the paper will never get out and all your peers in the school will be mad at you. Don't ask me why but they just will. Put your heart into the paper and enjoy writing stories. Write about subjects you enjoy. Once you have stories layout the paper well. This process doesn't take that long to learn so don't procrastinate. When you have it down you will be happy about it. Make sure you edit a lot because people will notice your mistakes and point them out. They will often laugh too.

I loved this class because it helped me love writing more and it.....yeah. PageMaker is a little easier to use now since I've had this class. Overall, get your stories in, finish the fight, and do your best. If you don't everyone takes heat.

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To the future Editor of Tech Pep,

Having been only one of two people returning from the previous year I was appointed Editor. As editor my job was to run staff meetings, edit stories, layout pages, and other tasks of that nature. Having been only one of two people any experience, the rest of the staff had a lot of learn about the industry. Because nearly everyone had so much to learn, we were only able to put out two issues of the paper. If you are fortunate enough to have the majority of the staff as returning members you should have no problem putting out an issue of the paper within the first month or so of school. If not, be patient, use your wisdom as Editor to help everyone along. It is important to exercise good leadership skills as Editor. When approaching a dead-line Mr. Melton may be having you pester and boss around your fellow classmates, which will make you feel like a complete tool, but it is important to get everyone moving in order to get issues of the paper out. When releasing an issue be sure it is well edited, as Editor you will be accountable to any criticism readers may have (especially English teachers). Be a responsible leader, but don't over work yourself and remember that as Editor you may often times be able to get other staff members to do your dirty work.

Good luck!

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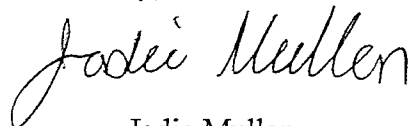
Daniel Lurvey

Dear future students,

You being in Journalism are going to think that this class is easy and that you're going to be able to slack off a lot and still get a good grade. That's what I thought and that's what I did. If you do then you won't be able to put out a newspaper or learn anything about journalism. This is what this class is for, a newspaper to come out more than four times the whole school year! It is a lot of work, it takes dedication and hard work to be able to write stories, edit them, and put them on page maker so they can be sent to the printer. You need to work hard and get your work done, don't put stuff off, it will only hurt your grade and write a lot of stories!

One thing I wish I knew before I came in to this class is more about computers. I wish I had taken communications when I was a freshman so I could work the programs like page maker. I now understand page maker better and am somewhat capable of putting a page together. I hope you enjoy this class like I did and Have fun!!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jadie Mullen". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jadie Mullen

Matthew
Thrasher
Per: 4
Journalism

Dear future tech pep staff members,

When I came to this class I was thinking this would just be boring but I figured out it wasn't it really helped me with other class assignments and helped me become a better writer. The advice I give to you is jus have with it be creative don't slack and meet the deadlines check your story for errors and mistakes and remember just have fun.

Sincerely
Matthew Thrasher

Dear future journalism students,

The one thing you should do to do well in this class is simply jump in and get involved. Even if that means doing little things. Like picking up pictures from a teacher, that is to be used for a story. Or pair up with someone in the class and work with them. This will truly open you up and give you experience to do things on your own when you do your story.

It makes you look very good and involved when people see that you are interested in what you are writing, you show them who you are.

Something I really wish I had known at the beginning of the year is how EASY this is. I would highly suggest that you try and write as many stories as you can, the more stories you write, the better you will get at writing them. And sometimes writing the story can be tricky, but not impossible.

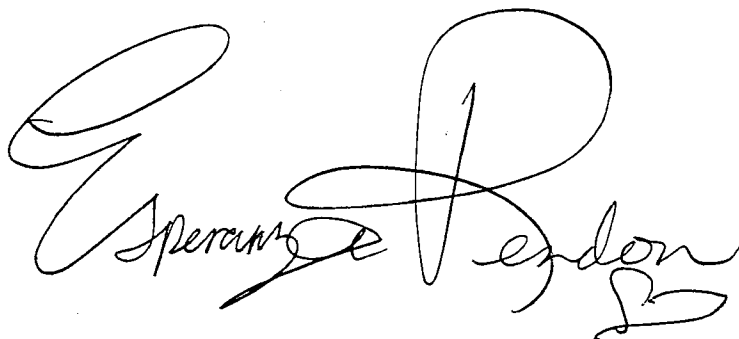
One thing you will definitely learn about this class is that it is the most laid back class you will probably have all year. Unlike other class work you will have, doing work in this class is the really the only work that you will enjoy doing. Because its not studying and textbooks, its working with people and finding out the truth of what's going on around you on a daily basis.

Sincerely,
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Dear Future Tech Pep Staff Member,

Being in journalism class takes a lot of dedication, It also takes timeliness and a passion for writing .You have to have a love for writing and telling people a story, not only with words but with pictures too. You need to learn how be able to gather facts for a story and bring the readers accurate information. Meeting deadlines is important and bringing life to the newspaper is too. Most importantly you should have fun with what you are doing because if you don't then the readers will be able to detect that in the story.

Some days you will have a lot of time on your hands in journalism class and other days you will be extremely busy. You must be able to manage your time wisely and get things done. It is good for you to be flexible, because things change very quickly, especially when it comes to news. You are very useful when you have a wide variety of talents, like being able to take photos as well as write the story and then edit it. Journalism is a great opportunity to learn In a different way than say English class or Global Studies. Have fun!

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Sincerely,

Esperanza Rendon

Tenzin Palyon
Period:4

Letter

Dear future fellows

Are you are thinking of taking Journalism class next year? If you are I can give you some advice from my experience being in Journalism class as a senior student. At the beginning of the year what I had in my mind came out to be much more fun than I thought. It wasn't really just about writing stories and all that. We get to work with other peers where we can accumulate our knowledge and skills to issue our Benson newspapers. Not only do learn of how to write and story, we also learn how to lay out the stories on a layout by using Adobe Photoshop it was great experience of learning how the real news papers are being issued. We also learned how to record sounds and edit and skills to take an interview. I think when you take this elective class I would say you will learn lots of news things that you had never expected at the beginning of the year.

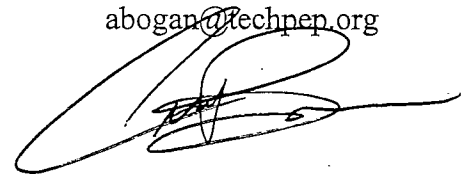
Sincerely

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Dear Future Tech Peppers,

All there is to learn is that you got to follow the deadlines. Get your stories correct and keep typos to a minimum. The rules to writing is to feel what the story is saying to the audience, so never force out something you write for the paper. Then you will create something that doesn't matter to you and your writing is supposed to be your baby. So nurture the subject, that way it would grow to something that is strong for the reader to enjoy. Also do the stories that most interest you, which is another way to do a story that you know a lot about. Like me I do sports because I love them, I know some much that most of the time I write them at home because I'm watching it live in action. So when I get to school I just type it and I'm done. Follow reliable sources, never go off of he say she say. To sum it up if you don't love writing then you shouldn't be here, if you love it then your welcome. Be Suave, and Keep it FRESCO!!!

Anton Bogan
abogan@techpep.org

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Anton Bogan', written over the printed name and email address.

Nathan Hepp

Dear, 2009 TechPep staff,

It is my job as a recent tech pep staff to let you know what to expect as your new year to publish your schools news paper. Things to expect are time deadlines because we can only print at certain days of the month it makes it really hard especially if you're a procrastinator. Just do it and get it done you came here to become a better writer and help the school out with a fun hobby. You will also work with a team of people who might just not have the same work ethic with you so you just got to deal with it and just do more, believe me you will stand out in the class for your effort in this class. I observe it all the time and you can tell who wants to be here and doesn't. Another issue in this class is you have to volunteer people for jobs to get done and don't be afraid to do it. I got volunteered to do things a lot and I didn't hate the person who told me to get it done that's what i am here for. Just one last thing is to have fun while doing it and learn a lot of things as you go through this class for the year

May 23, 2008

Dear Future Tech Peppers,

Coming into Journalism, you may think that it'll be class you can just slack off in and you're right. It's definitely easier to sit back than to try to keep up with everything going on around you. It'll be different from other classes in that you'll constantly be reporting, editing, or designing. You'll have many leadership opportunities to take charge of projects. If you don't like the way something's done, you can help change it. Skills you should gain from this class are diligence, time management, improvement in using technological resources, and different styles and techniques of writing. The main goal you should have is to be able to produce a publication that interests a widespread variety of people. The most difficult thing about this course is meeting the deadlines. Tech Pep is just a taste of the real fast-paced journalism industry but if you're successful in this class, you should continue to pursue this after high school.

Linda Tran
Junior, Class of 2009

Letter to Daniel Lurvey

Dear Daniel Lurvey,

Hey buddy, I hope all is well. Being that we both shared this class last year, I know you are already aware of the hard work and ingenuity it takes to get this paper up and running, and there is no one at the entire school that I would deem more fit for the challenge than you, Mr. Lurvey. Your artsy, unique personality mixed with your determination to provide the news to the student body gives me much hope for the future of the Tech Pep. Keep up the good work, and strive to make the most of your senior year.

Love, Brent Ellingson