

## Welcome to Staff of *The Maroon Tribune!*

### **School newspaper mission statement:**

**The staff members of the *Maroon Tribune* are committed to accuracy, integrity, and responsible coverage in all we produce. We strive to be both informative and entertaining to our audience of students, staff and community members.**

### **Course Description**

During this advanced writing course, students will work on all aspects of the production of Berthoud High School's news website and newspaper, *The Maroon Tribune*. The course does require a strong commitment; deadline crunches, some out-of-school time for news coverage, business production and publication celebrations. In other words, we will work smart and celebrate our success. Only when everyone does their part can this be possible! Students in this course do all of the work for creating and keeping the website updated and 2 issues of the newspaper per year. **This is your news and your paper, so make it something you can be proud of!**

### **Materials Needed**

- Something to write with and something to write on!
- Your newspaper press pass
- A willingness to work hard
- The integrity to produce quality journalism
- The commitment to see each publication through to press time

### **Scoring Outline**

**Writing** ((Rough Draft, Revision, Final)

**Reading** (research and summaries)

**Speaking** (ad sales, brainstorm meetings, editors meetings, critiques)

**Studio Habits/participation** (attendance, connect to other disciplines, life-long skills)

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### **Contact Information**

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### **Course Objectives:** **We A.R.E. Spartans**

#### **Achieve:**

- To write effectively for a variety of audiences, purposes and occasions while meeting all printing deadlines
- To develop speaking, listening, viewing and critical thinking skills
- To apply the real-world business skills necessary for the production of a newspaper
- To produce quality, error-free issues of *The Maroon Tribune*

#### **Respect:**

- Attend regularly and use your pass to move within the building
- Meet all writing/photography/ editing deadlines
- Respect the diversity of both your audience and *The Tribune* staff.
- While individual work is necessary, working as a team member is essential.
- Take care of the newspaper equipment: cameras, computer, room itself

#### **Engage**

- Use class time in a productive manner
- Use technology to enhance your learning
- Take Initiative! (If something needs done, then do it!)

#### **Food and Drink**

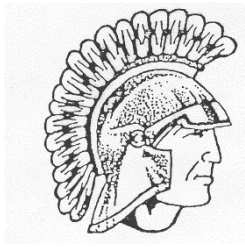
1. There is **NO FOOD** allowed in class unless provided by the teacher.
2. Water bottles or containers with lids are allowed.

#### **Music**

1. You are allowed to listen to music, but **ONLY during studio time with permission and headphones.**
2. You may use your phone for **MUSIC ONLY**, but it must be flipped over with screen side down on the desk.

#### **Cell Phones/Misc. Electronic Devices**

1. These will be taken if seen or heard during non-studio times, such as when the teacher is talking. There is **NO** texting, watching videos, etc. allowed at any time...on your phones. Use the computers for research.
2. If taken, you will need to sign for your phone in the office. The second time, your parent will need to sign for the phone. The third time could result in a referral.



**The Maroon Tribune**  
**2017-2018 Contract**

- I have reviewed the syllabus for the Journalism course and understand the expectations of the class.
- I understand the grading procedures and what is expected of me in the course.
- I understand that if I submit any stories or photographs past the deadlines stated that I will lose points for late submissions. For stories that can be covered for an issue but must be submitted past the deadline, a baseline story with background info must be submitted at deadline with outline of questions to be asked for quotes at the event. Revisions and final copy must be made by the class day following the event.
- **I understand that there is NO EXCUSE for missing a deadline, including sickness (planned or unexpected) or absence (planned or unexpected) from school or Journalism class specifically. Completed articles are to be emailed in a Word attachment to bhsmaroontribune@gmail.com.**
- I understand the behavior requirements for myself and understand that misbehavior could result in removal from the newspaper staff for the remainder of the school year at any time during the school year.

- I understand that I may have to attend school events (both away and at home) to cover activities for the newspaper.
- I understand that, should it be necessary, I may have to work on newspaper during lunch, after school hours and/or on weekends to complete deadlines.
- I understand that ads for the fall semester must be sold **BEFORE December 1** for first semester and **May 1** for second semester and that no credit will be given after that time for late sales.

Please sign below and return by **August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017**.

Parent Signature:

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Parent email address:

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Student Signature:

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Student email address:

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Student cell phone number:

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