



**Journalism Is Fun!**  
*Editorial By Ginny Carey, Executive Editor of the GPMS Gazette*

Journalism is a choice elective, and taking this class is one of the best choices I have ever made! It feels like a real job,.. except where your boss is actually nice. The people in Journalism are so sweet. This elective has helped me grow as a person and it makes me feel grown up. E-mailing people as well as going around school gives me a sense of responsibility. This class has helped me discover things about myself I didn't know I could do. If you are shy, Journalism will fix that; it's the perfect way to break out of your shell. Journalism has taught me how to be professional, and I have made so many friends through this class. When I send in a college or job application I can say people all over the world have seen my work. This class is an amazing choice to take and I promise you won't regret it!

**GPMS Press Corps & Journalism – What's the Difference?**

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The GPMS Press Corps is a group of EPIC students who lend their skills to creating and

updating content for: *The GPMS Gazette*, *The GPMS Yearbook*, the marquee message board on Wildcat Drive, and various pages on the GPMS website!

While all GPMS Journalism students are members of the Press Corps, students from all grade levels are welcome to join, as an extracurricular activity. So, you do not have to be in a Journalism class to be in the Press Corps.

Journalism class is different from most other classes, because there are no tests, quizzes, nor textbooks, and (most uniquely) students in journalism volunteer for the assignments they want to take (which include: writing, art, photography, advertising and/or page design). Journalism grades are based on effort, since students are always working on a variety of different assignments, with different due dates.

Journalism students earn grades for what other members of the Press Corps do for fun (though some teachers offer extra credit for completed/published work - check with your teachers!); unlike other members of the Press Corps, students in Journalism need to complete a set quota of assignments each grading period, to earn a passing grade, which they pick from a list of open assignments.

If you are in 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and you want to take Journalism as a class, be sure to mark it as your first elective choice when you are registering for next year's classes!

If you are in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and you are interested in joining the Press Corps this year, please come by room C112 for an application!

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# GPMS Journalism

Next year, you can earn grades by doing something other students do for fun!



Assigned laptops, but no assigned seats. Friends, front marquee, photography, *GPMS Yearbook* design, advertising, art, web content and *The GPMS Gazette* are just some of the adventures GPMS students have in Journalism class!  
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