



## Surfer Yearbook Staff Application

### ABOUT SURFER YEARBOOK

Yearbook is the application elective class that produces the award-winning Surfer Yearbook that captures the stories of our year. Yearbook Staffers are expected to cover news and human interest stories on and off campus. This is a real journalism job working for a real publication, so staff members are expected to brainstorm coverage ideas, take photos, conduct interviews, write copy, follow design and style guidelines, and have meticulous attention to detail on a tight deadline schedule. Surfer Staffers must be self-starters and be able to manage multiple tasks and handle the pressure of meeting deadlines. Creating a memorable yearbook the entire student body will cherish for years to come starts with being able to tell all kinds of stories about all the people in our school using both words and pictures.

During their time as a yearbook staff member, students learn layout design principles, color theory, typography, photography, and a variety of programs used in journalism including Photoshop, copywriting and editing, and how to create unique alternative coverage.. Our students work with Jostens, one of the oldest yearbook publishers in the country, using on a online platform called Yeartech to design and produce our yearbook.

If you are looking to be challenged in a real-world setting, be part of a team, and produce a beautiful publication, Surfer Yearbook is for you.

### Application Process:

**Please follow these directions and return the following items to Ms. Evenson by April 3, 2019 at 1:30pm:**

All applications must be typed. You must include the following in your application packet stapled together **in this order:**

- \_\_\_ Your typed application (Correct cover sheet, typed questions and answers).
- \_\_\_ A Copy of your story, with a headline, typed using Cambria, 12-point font, formatted using the justified paragraph setting
- \_\_\_ A **self-addressed stamped envelope** for letter of notification - letters will be mailed by- April 24.

Coronado Middle School 550 F Ave. Coronado, CA 92118	Place Postage Stamp Here
Your Full Name Your Home Address Your City, State, Zip Code	

**\*\*You may be called for an interview the week of April 8<sup>th</sup>.**

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Attention to detail is a key prerequisite for Surfer Staff members. **NOTE: any application that is not completed according to the specific instructions provided will be rejected.** Please begin your application with a correct heading centered with the following information:

### Cover Sheet

1. Name(first and last):\_\_\_\_\_
2. Current Homeroom teacher:\_\_\_\_\_ Grade next year: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_
4. Email \_\_\_\_\_
5. **Is this application class your 1st Choice or your 2nd Choice?  
(circle which choice).**

Copy each of these questions and type your response below each question:

1. Why do you want to be part of the Surfer Yearbook Staff?
2. List all of your volunteer work and extracurricular activities (sports, clubs, scouts, musical instruments etc.).
3. Describe any skills you have that will be useful as a Surfer Yearbook Staffer?
4. Please read the sample story on the next page. Pay close attention to the format and paragraphing. Write a news story with quotes from real people. Your story should have a beginning, middle and end. One way to ensure you cover the most important information is to include the answers to the following questions:
  - Who is this story about?
  - What is she/he doing?
  - Why is she/he doing it?
  - Where is she/he doing it?
  - When is she/he doing it?
  - How is she/he doing it?
5. Choose one of the following topics:
  - A school event
  - An interesting person
  - A sporting event
  - A club

### To Students and Parents:

CMS always has many students who are interested in and applying for Yearbook. Ms. Evenson will select individuals whose passion, hard work, and dedication to creating a well rounded publication will enable them to succeed in this rigorous class. Any application that is not filled out according to the instructions will be rejected. Please sign below to acknowledge that you have read and understand the Yearbook application process.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## SAMPLE STORY

### High Fives Give Hagan Hope

by Bobby Hawthorne

340 words

It's good that Hagan Hoppess runs cross-country because when she learned last September she had cancer, she knew how to deal with it: Take it one step at a time.

"As my coach always said, 'We can't start out sprinting. It's a long run, so let's stay together, pace ourselves, and we'll end up winning in the end.'"

So that's what Hagan did. The cancer — Ewings Sarcoma — was located on her pelvic bone. Surgery was not an option, so the Frisco junior endured 31 rounds of radiation and 14 rounds of intense chemo over 28 weeks.

"Of course, I wanted to get everything done with quickly, but I realized that wasn't possible," said Hagan, an honor student who'll serve as class president next fall. "We couldn't just get everything over with at one time. We had to stay together, pace it out and take it one step at a time."

Her track and cross country coach, Sam Reiter, was present when the cancer was diagnosed, and her teammates never left her side during her six months of radiation and chemotherapy. They presented her the first place trophy they earned at an invitational meet and wore their "High Five for Hagan" bracelets all the way to the State Meet in Georgetown.

Though her parents first balked at letting her go, fearing she might pick up an infection, Hagan was there to cheer on her teammates at State.

This September, she will be joined by her younger sister, a competitive cheerleader who promised Hagan she would train and run with her during the 2011 cross-country season. They'll wear their "High Five for Hagan" bracelets and their Team Hagan T-shirts, inscribed with Romans 5:3-5: "Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope."

"My coach was there when I was diagnosed, and my teammates have been at my side throughout the entire ordeal," said Hagan. "I can't wait to get back with them and start running again."