

**Staff Ed**

## Journalism: is it for you?

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### OK! Here's the breakdown;

**Journalism: school newspaper: the Talon.**

To be in Journalism, you have need 1 of 3 things:

1. The ability to
  - Write
  - Draw
  - Interview/collect information
  - Take photographs
2. Have a desire to do something/everything listed in #1.
3. Both #1 & #2!!!

**Disclaimer!**

The Talon is published monthly to inform, educate and entertain the students, parents and teachers in the community.

We urge readers to write letters to the editor. Letters should be mailed to North Monterey County High School in care of the Talon, given to the journalism adviser in room 7, or placed in the Adviser's box in the main office.

All letters must be signed. We reserve the right to edit for length and libelous comments.

The Opinion section is designed to provide a forum for the opinion of the Talon, its staff members and the community.

Signed commentaries and editorial cartoons represent the opinion of the writer/artist, and do not necessarily reflect those of the Talon staff, the North Monterey County High School faculty, or the North Monterey County School District.

### Our problems:

Our biggest tiff, our pet peeve, is seeing our work mutilated. We spend weeks putting together information and entertainment for the student body. If you don't agree with us then fine, that's alright with us. But no one needs to be writing on the paper that we pay several hundred dollars for. Find binder paper, scratch paper.

We distribute the paper. If you don't want a copy LEAVE IT IN THE CLASSROOM! Someone else may be interested in reading about a dog in a wheelchair! The garbage cans on campus don't need to be filled with newspapers. We don't throw away your homework, you don't throw away our artwork.

And the school newspaper doesn't need to become the bottom layer of Humpty-Dumpty's head! Find something else to plaster over your chicken wire!

With this all out in the open, keep in mind that Journalism is more than a few grey pages.

The Talon is the only place on campus that a student can not only freely express themselves and voice their opinion, but they can hand-deliver it to their peers. It's creativity in itself. It's our art.

### Newspaper during the Fall semester:

Deadline week is hell.

Now that that's out of the way, the facts:

- A paper comes out almost every month
- It's a full paper with a large variety
- It's colorful and full of real, personal emotion.

### Spring semester:

Not a class, but a group, a club.

- Completely after school/lunch/tutorial
- A paper comes out whenever possible
  - A paper would come out regularly if lazy people didn't give lame excuses and would just follow through with what they say they'll do. So unless you're willing to come by and offer your assistance, Shut-it!
- Almost anything goes! If you want something published and want to make it happen cool. BUT MAKE SURE THE EDITORS KNOW!

We want to give a special thanks to the *Pajaronian* for publishing our paper!

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