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## Yearbook 1-2-3 Course Syllabus 2022-2023

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**Course Objectives:** In this time of social distancing and virtual classrooms, the yearbook will be more important than ever as a way to foster a sense of community and shared experience at Waltrip High School. In this course students will:

- Communicate in a variety of forms such as print, digital, and online media for a variety of audiences and purposes
- Plan, draft, and complete written and visual communications on a regular basis, carefully examining their copy for clarity, engaging language, and the correct use of the conventions and mechanics of written English
- Become analytical consumers of media and technology to enhance their communication skills
- Apply journalistic ethics and standards
- Refine and enhance their journalistic skills, research self-selected topics, and plan, organize, and prepare projects in different media forms.

**Daily Required Materials:** Students are required to attend class with their:

- Laptop computer with access to the Canvas and StudioWorks
- Pen and Paper
- Assigned Readings

**Homework Assignments:** Homework will be assigned regularly. Consistent failure to complete homework assignments will result in slower learning, below level mastery of objectives, poor grades and parent/teacher/student conferences

**Late Work:** Assignments are late if they are not submitted by 11:59pm on the due date. Students will be given at least one opportunity to submit late work following an

absence. Grade penalties and the amount of time allowed to complete the assignment are as follows:

**Academic Honesty**: Except during designated group work, you are expected to complete homework, class work, and tests on your own. Using ideas or quotations from other works without accurate and clear citations will be considered plagiarism and result in a zero for the assignment. When in doubt- <u>cite it</u>! Integrating outside sources into writing is a key part of publishing.

**Attendance and Participation:** Attendance and participation are required; it is difficult to learn the content and understand the issues if you are not present in class for discussion. Your class participation and attendance can be a deciding factor if your class average straddles two grades.