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Dear Readers,

This issue was incredibly hard to finish! We lost a member of our staff, interviews fell through, we worked with new guest writers, in combination with us all having a severe case of Summer Fever, it was super hard to get any work done. Thankfully we were able to buckle down and get it done! Also, we in the process of finding new people for our staff, if you like to write, take pictures, or have fun, then The Pirate Speaks is for you. We would love for you to come join our staff.

Stereotypes and labels are something that we are going to have to deal with for the rest of our lives; unfortunately they aren't something we can just stop. The only thing we can do is not let them affect us. After all, who really cares what some random kid in your math class thinks, or what that rude girl you barely know called you in English class. Bottom line, labels only matter if you let them stick.

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Getting to Know Mrs. Worrell

By: **Emily Waters**

The Pirates Speaks sat down with the Human Anatomy and Physiology teacher and Teacher Of the Year, Mrs. Barbara Worrell in order to get to know her. She discussed her career, hobbies, and even her wishes!

TPS: How long have you been a teacher?

Mrs. W.: Twenty-nine years.

TPS: What do you enjoy about your job?

Mrs. W.: You guys!

TPS: Where would you go in a time machine?

Mrs. W.: I would never go back, because that's the past. So probably forward, but I don't know for sure where in the future.

TPS: What three words would you use to describe yourself?

Mrs. W.: 1. Ethical 2. Hard-working 3. Consistent

TPS: What three things would you take with you on a deserted island?

Mrs. W.: 1. Husband 2. Matches 3. Food

TPS: If you were given three wishes how would you use them?

Mrs. W.: 1. People would come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.
2. People would not worry about little things.
3. That little children would never suffer.



Photograph: Dr. Lundy Brantley, principal, gives Mrs. Barbara Worrell her award for Teacher of the year.

TPS: Who is your hero?

Mrs. W.: My mom, she's always there.

TPS: Complete the following sentence, "Pirate Pride is ____"

Mrs. W.: Pirate Pride is doing your best, absolute best, and never settling.

Double Trouble

By: **Carrie Brower**

Despite the stereotypes, twins can be very different. To help us prove them wrong, The Pirate Speaks interviewed Todd and Tiara Jenkins. Despite their many similarities, Todd and Tiara are very different. For example, Todd says, “Tiara is extremely loud, and I’m not so loud.” Tiara says, “He’s messy and I’m clean.” Todd and Tiara are both active and are interested in the same sports. They both consider Todd as being the “good” twin and Tiara as the “evil” twin. Their differences are more than just their personalities and the way they act. Physically they are different, too. Todd is taller, but Tiara is stronger. Tiara is the oldest, but Todd made sure to say “only by fifteen minutes.”

Todd and Tiara are very different, but in many ways are quite similar. They both love having a twin. Tiara says, “I get to brag about me having a twin. It’s fun because we think alike and laugh at the same things.” “We think alike and we sometimes say the same thing at the same time,” said Todd. No matter how similar people may look in appearance, everyone is their own person. Even though they share the same DNA, doesn’t mean they are exactly alike.



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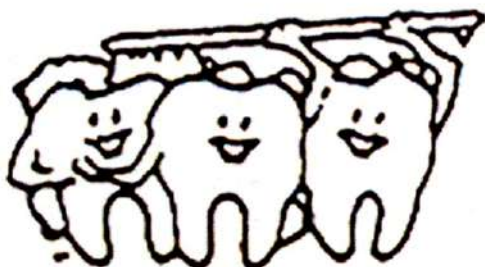
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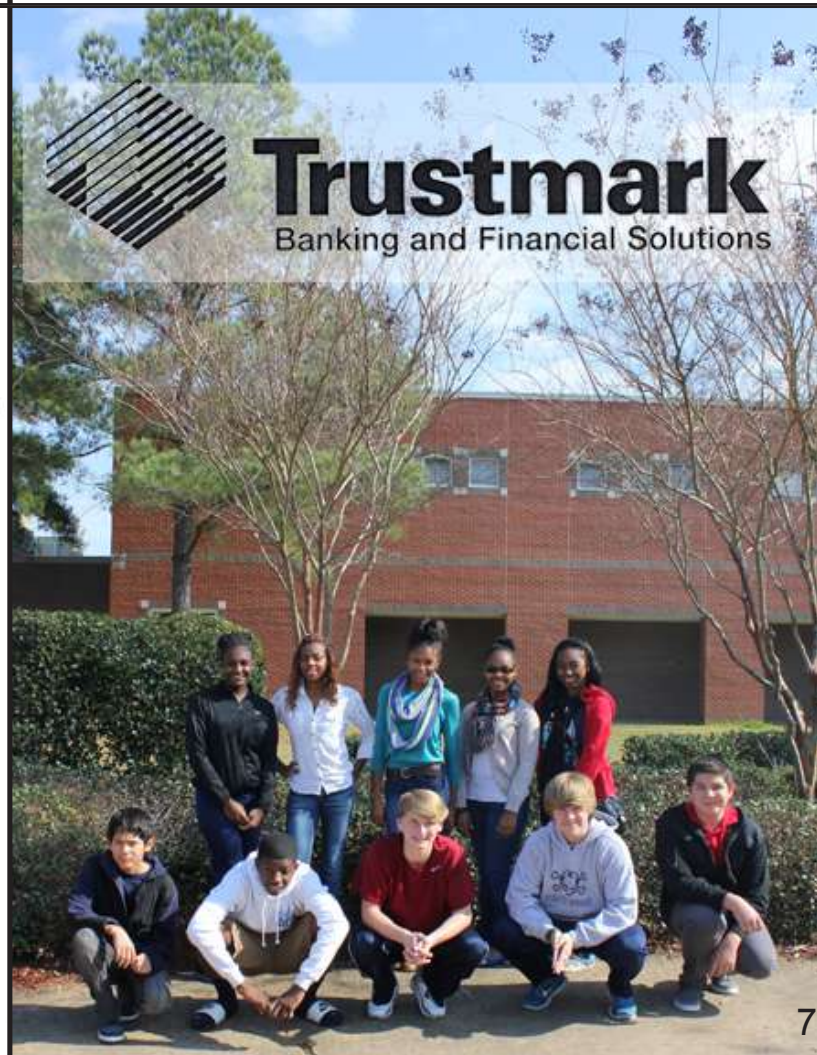
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Health is not based on appearance

By Sam Sarrett

Contrary to popular belief, health is definitely not based on looks.

The skinnier a person is doesn't exactly mean that the individual in question actually does exercise, or actually eats healthy foods. The popular ideology, it seems, is to skip a meal every now and again to reduce weight. This ends up being just as ineffective as it is detrimental to your body.

Here's why: when one skips a meal, his or her body isn't getting the right nutrients it needs to function correctly. Therefore, one may try to make up for the lost nutrients by eating more the next meal. Not only that, but the body needs to eat at least three times a day to function properly. Skipping meals can lead to health concerns like anorexia, fatigue, mood swings, and even obesity as an adult.

The PHS Health Council is providing information on healthy eating each Wednesday during morning announcements. Listen for "Buzz on Nutrition" and learn more about nutrition that will help you make healthier eating choices.



Source: <http://mpbonline.org>

Love-N-Valentine's

By: Nadia Dilworth

It's the love that we have on this wonderful day;
The love that we don't want to ever go away.
Two hearts combined to make one dream
Of true love that has just become
Hearts of chocolate and bundles of flowers;
Us staying together is our desire.
Valentine's Day is something no one escapes
When you love someone truly from day to day.
From you to me
We were truly meant to be.
"I really think you're the one I need"
Is something we say
On this Valentine's Day.
You are mine to love and adore!
Happy Valentine's Day from truly yours.

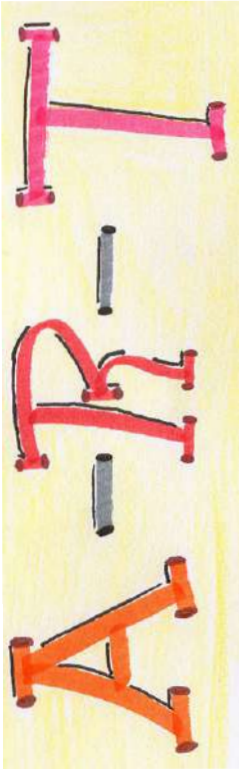


Thinking Outside the Box

By KATIE SIMS

The Art Department, which has been at PHS since the early 1970s, opens a door that would be closed in its absence.

The art program here is active in many contests and art showings. The department participates in Youth Art Month, when handmade signs can be seen lining Pirate Cove; the Art Department also enters some small state contests. They compete in things like Scholastics and participate in Doodle for Google annually. The students also compete in small nationwide competitions.



There is a variety of trips the art program takes. Sometimes they take students to visit art departments at different colleges to show the students what the different programs have to offer; trips have also been made to visit some artists while they were doing their work in a particular field. The department has trips it takes for the NAHS, National Art Honors Society; but those are for members only.

It is sometimes hard for teenagers, well anyone, to “step outside the box”, but through the art program, students are given the chance to do just that; and after Art I, students may proceed to Art II and then to the area of their choosing and hone in on their skills in that particular area, but to make it to the higher levels, it helps to keep a positive attitude. When asked ‘What is something kids love about being in art?’, Mrs. Felicia Lee, one of the art teachers at PHS, replied, “It allows students the freedom to be who they really are.”

Dr. Lundy Brantley, principal, believes that analytical skills learned through art are instrumental in helping students score well on state testing.

Pearl High School has an open door that would not even exist if it were not for the art program.

“I believe the art program here at PHS contributes to a myriad of benefits to our school, community, and administration. The art program teaches “out of the box” thinking to our students. Not only are students learning how to produce quality art, but the students are learning how to analyze art which in turn allows the students to learn analytical skills that can be applied to every area of school and life in general. This helps our community in that if a student is analytical, then the student is more versatile for our work force. As far as a benefit to the administration, the analytical piece that I mentioned goes along with state testing in that it can help raise our test scores. Our Art Program at PHS is definitely second to none!” - Dr. Lundy Brantley



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Fourth Nine Week's Resolution

What your classmates said about ending this school year well

By: *Madison Byrd*



"Asking out AK." -Paxton Bounds 10th

"By passing Biology," -Taylor Spann 11th

"I plan to become an accomplished musician and composer." -Tim McGuire 12th

"Looking the best out of everybody." -Nicolas Dean 11th

"Passing A&P." -Bella Kyzar 10th

"Win X-Factor." -Tevin McGuire 9th

"Having an A in English 3." -Kayla Wilson 11th

"Getting to semi-finals WGI World Championships with Indoor Percussion." -Jimmy Bailey 12th

DROPPING THE

Labels (stereotypes) are a common thing through out high school and life in general; everyone gets grouped according to how they look, dress, speak, and the type of people they hang out with during and outside of school. Labels can be extremely hurtful, and they can have a very negative effect on a person's self confidence. The Pirate Speaks asked a few students to share with us the things they have been labeled and then turn the label into something positive. The identity of these students has been kept anonymous.

Stuck-up



"I get classified as stuck-up a lot, but really I'm just **shy**. I'm just not the kind of person who can go up to a random group of people and just have a conversation."

Spoiled



"People think I am spoiled because of the type of clothes I wear and some of the things I own. Honestly, I am just a really **hard worker**. I have had a job and have been saving since I was 13."

Rude



"I get call rude a lot, but I'm not; I'm just **honest**. I am not the type of person to sit back and let things happen. I am not a door mat, you can not walk all over me!"

**Space
Case**



"I get called a space case at least twice a day. The thing is I have a lot going on at home, and sometimes I just get lost in thought. I wouldn't say that I am a space case, I would say that I am a **dreamer**. Dreaming of a better tomorrow."

LABELS

By: **Emily Waters**

Dumb

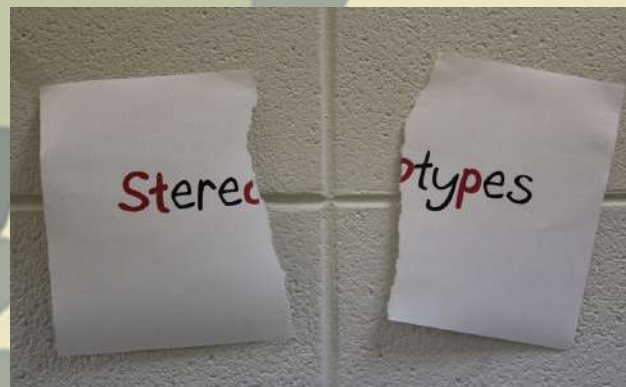


“I get referred to as dumb all the time. I ask a lot of questions in class, so people just assume that I’m stupid. The thing is, when it comes time to get our tests back, I’m doing pretty well. I would say that I am **academically reserved.**”

Weird



“Sometimes people call me weird, but the thing is, I’m just me; I’m **unique.** I like to have fun, and to be quite honest I don’t care what anyone else thinks, as long as I’m happy.”



The Simple Bare Necessities

By: **Carrie Brower**

When asked what the necessary items for school were, the students at Pearl High school got creative. Answers ranged from the tangible pencil and paper to the more abstract items such as positive attitudes and common sense.

What do you consider to be a school necessity?

“A pencil.” -Ahkala Trigg, 11th

“Brain.” -Mrs. Barbara Worrell

“Food, oxygen, and books.” -Becca Brock, 10th

“Swag.” -Sarah Allen, 10th

“Drill clothes.” -Brianna Colson, 10th

“My teddy bear.” -Bella Kyzar, 10th

“Tolerance.” -Mikki Boyd, 12th

“Myself.” -Paxton Bounds, 10th

“My colors.” -Michael Ponce, 9th

“My hair band.” -Brandon Ehrhardt, 12th

“Headphones.” -Malik McNair, 10th

“Soccer stuff.” -Kelli Green, 10th

“A smile.” -Jordan Nichols, 12th

“A good attitude.” -Mr. Smithhart

“My Jeep.” -Allen Dilley, 10th

“Hot Cheetos.” -Brandon Sebren, 10th

“A good source of entertainment.” -Dana Brown, 12th

“Intelligence.” -Deon Stevens, 10th

“Sarcasm.” -Emily Brennan, 10th

“My own source of food.” -Meishauna Chatman, 11th

“Nothing.” -Cody McWilliams, 11th

“Cologne.” -Tyler Weathersby, 10th

“A bag of chips, Gatorade, and a Nutter Butter.” -Mark Ratcliff, 10th

“The willpower to come to school every day focused.” -Tayler Boggans, 11th

STRANGEST Thing In Your Backpack

By: *Madison Byrd*

The Pirate Staff asked fellow classmates what the strangest thing in their backpack was and got intriguing answers.

“Toothpaste.” -**Amber Stephens 11th**

“A combination lock.” -**Austin Prejean 9th**

“An old check.” -**Kaetlyn Nolan 9th**

“Drawings from Katie.” -**Kelsey Cadere 10th**

“Stinky shoes for track.” -**Emily Thomas 9th**

“Broken crayons.” -**Deon Stephens 10th**

“Eye shadow.” -**Haley Cobb 10th**

“Tuna.” -**River Weghorst 10th**

“Drill cards.” -**Jenna Skeen 9th**

“Wrist weights.” -**Ben Husbands 10th**

“Toothbrush.” -**Balraj Dhaliwal 9th**

“5 boxes of gum.” -**Jospeh Hanes 10th**

“Hairbrush.” -**Kayla Wilson 11th**





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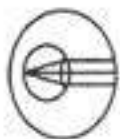
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From Drum Major...

To ROTC...

*Getting to know Candace Jackson:
Beyond the Drum Major image.*

Candace Jackson, recognized as one of the three Pearl “Pirate” Band Drum Majors, has a lot more to her story than students may know. From playing the clarinet for seven years, to being a Commanding Officer for ROTC, to swinging a racket on the tennis court, she is not your average girl. She is widely known as being Drum Major, but this was her first year directing from the stand. From having to discipline people (which she didn’t quite enjoy), to being able to watch the band grow, she was truly making an impact on the underclassmen. “I love participating in all of my extra-curricular activities.”

Candace hopes to attend Louisiana State University, and become an engineer in the Navy. Being the youngest of six siblings, it’s no wonder why she would wish to have invincibility as her super power! “Older siblings are pretty tough, after all,” Candace said.

If she could eat dinner with anyone in history, she’d pick Estelle Getty, who played Sophia Petrillo on the hit television show *The Golden Girls*. Currently, however, her favorite actor is Bradley Cooper. Even though there are several movies she enjoys, she adores *500 Days of Summer*. “I could watch that one over and over again,” she stated with a beaming smile.



If Candace were an animal, she believes she would be an ocelot. Barely bigger than an average house cat, ocelots are endangered wild cats with beautiful fur coats, resembling cheetahs.

To Academics...

By: *Madison Byrd*



The quote she lives by is: “Dress shabbily, they remember the dress. Dress impeccably, and they remember the woman” by Coco Chanel.

Candace’s advice to underclassmen to help them enjoy high school is to get involved and to not just sit around and do nothing with their time. She encourages others to find something they enjoy and stick to it.

Candace believes she has grown spiritually and mentally over the past four years of high school, and knows she will continue to grow in the years to come.

“Dress shabbily, and they remember the dress.
Dress impeccably, and they remember the woman.” -Coco Chanel

Life On and Off the Court

By: Tayler Boggans

Wesley Jackson, senior, is not your typical high school athlete. Playing guard all four years in high school, Wesley realized that basketball is his passion, but that there was much more to life.

Wesley has been playing basketball since the age of seven; he jokingly mentioned how he was shorter than everyone then and felt only three feet tall. Coach Maurice Haralson said, “Wesley has changed tremendously since the 7th grade when I first met him, on and off the court. It has been a pleasure knowing Wesley and watching him grow into a positive young man today.”

Other than playing basketball, the senior enjoys listening to music, working out and taking care of his eight month old nephew.

“My favorite subject is history because I love learning about the past and how it can affect our future. I’m also so surprised that this is the first year that I’ve actually enjoyed English!”

Wesley said that his idea of a role model is, “a person you can look up to and who takes care of their responsibilities and does the right things at all times.” He said his mom and his big brother are his role models.

He also tells us that his favorite foods are shrimp and pizza; his favorite movies are *Coach Carter* and *Sunset Park*.

If he could be any of the seven dwarfs from Snow White, he said “I would be Happy and Bashful because I am very shy at times but always happy.”

Wesley then left us with his favorite verse from the Bible: “Heaven and Earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.”-Mark 13:31



A role model is
“a person you
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and who takes
care of their
responsibilities
and does the
right things at
all times.”

Life... More Than A Dance

By: KATIE SIMS

Haley Shedd, a sophomore and dance team member, gave *The Pirate Speaks* the inside scoop from her favorite ice cream flavor to some of her own goals in life.

Q: How does your family affect you?

A: They encourage me to be a good person and to do my best.

Q: What is your favorite thing about being on the dance team?

A: Football games, dancing on the sidelines.

Q: How long have you been on the high school dance team?

A: Since eighth grade.

Q: Did you start dancing before you were on the team?

A: Yes, started dancing in fourth grade.

Q: What song describes who you are perfectly? Who sings it?

A: "Fearless" by Taylor Swift.

Q: What is your favorite quote/saying?

A: "Dance like there's nobody watching," by William W. Purkey.

Q: In life, what motivates you most?

A: My nana.

Q: Do you plan to continue being on the dance team in college?

A: No.

Q: Name one color that describes you.

A: Pink, it's a fun color.

Q: What are some goals you hope to fulfill before you leave PHS?

A: Dance captain; all A's.

Q: Who is your hero and why?

A: My mom; she motivates me; she's a good person.

Q: If you could go any place in the world, where would it be and why?

A: The Bahamas; I like the beach.

Q: If you were given three wishes, how would you use them?

A: 1) Be rich; 2) marry a doctor; 3) have world peace.

Q: What ice cream flavor represents you?

A: Chocolate, I love chocolate!

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Girly

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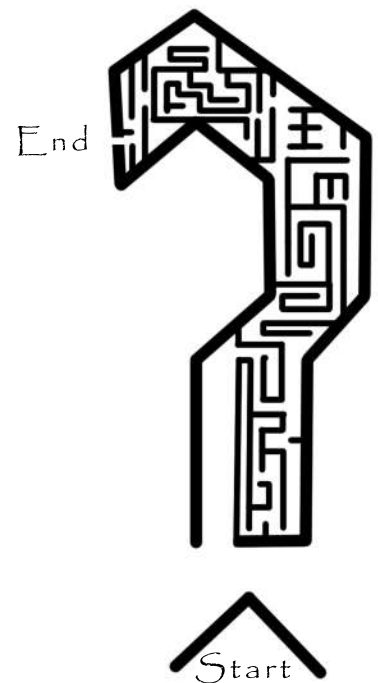
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Fun Page

What has roots as nobody sees,
Is taller than trees
Up, up it goes,
And yet never grows?

A box without hinges, key or lid
Yet golden treasure inside is hid

Voiceless it cries,
Wingless it flutters,
Toothless it bites,
Mouthless it mutters.



March

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Spring Break

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See you!

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March 10- Daylight Saving (Start)
March 17- Saint Patrick's Day
March 29 - Good Friday
March 31 - Easter



The PHS NJROTC Cadet Ball was held on Saturday, 12 January 2013, in the PHS commons. Candace Jackson was elected Queen and Billy McWhinnie was elected King. Members of the Queen's Court from left to right, seated: Paris Freeman, Bianca Williams, Bobnitra Kelly, Taylor Spann, Tiffany Hicks, Tessa Courtney, Genesis Brunson, Sarah Allen. Back row: Christian King, Kyle Lowry, DeWayne Jefferson, Blake Neeley, Billy McWhinnie, Candace Jackson, Cody McWilliams, Victor Gonzalez, Tyler Spann, Devin Patterson.

Come Join Our Crew

By: The Pirate Speaks' Staff

Everyone on The Pirate Speaks' Staff came together and wrote down all of their favorite things about being a part of this wonderful magazine.

“Hi, I’m Emily. The editor. Newspaper is **great!** It’s so much fun, and you get to make friendships that will last a lifetime. I love this paper almost as much as I love the people on it.”

“Hi, Katie here. The newspaper staff is a *great place* to express yourself and get the opportunity to meet and talk to new people!!!!”

“Hey! I’m Carrie. This is my first year on the staff, but I was immediately welcomed with open arms. I love everyone on the staff and I feel like we are one big family.”

“You walk in, immediately welcomed by friendly smiles. They crack a joke and you laugh along, and jump into writing the latest article or perhaps going to the cafeteria to take a poll. I will tell you from personal experience that being on the Newspaper staff is wonderful, I never even felt out of place, and I was the only freshman in the room. We act like a big family, never letting anyone fall behind.”

-Madison Byrd

“I have been pondering on the question myself, and my peers as well. Why join the newspaper staff? The answer lies in my advancement in usage of graphic design programs, specifically Adobe’s finest graphic program “Photoshop”. Ever since I was at the age of around 10 or so, I have had a fascination of the world of graphic design, and built up my experience and skill in the art. But why have experience and skill, when I have no place to put them to use? That is where newspaper comes into play. With my graphics expertise, I conquered the tedious advertisements, sailed through the calendars, and designed the fun pages with my crafty ways.”

-Dan Jordan



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The Pirate Speaks Newspaper Staff Application Form

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dependable, reliable | <input type="checkbox"/> Meet deadlines | <input type="checkbox"/> Have a positive attitude |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated to doing my best | <input type="checkbox"/> Plan ahead | <input type="checkbox"/> Accept criticism well |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooperative, team player | <input type="checkbox"/> Good writing/grammar skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Willing to learn |
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Your name _____

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1. Who do you know that is currently on the newspaper staff?
2. Why do you want to be on the paper staff?
3. What skills or experience do you have that would be helpful for the staff?
4. List any honors or awards you have received.
5. List any student organizations or extracurricular activities in which you are involved.
6. What are your strengths?
7. What are your weaknesses?
8. What are your educational and career goals?
9. What, if any, discipline problems have you had during high school? Explain.

The Pirate Speaks Newspaper Staff Application Form

Students must apply to be considered for the newspaper staff. Submit this completed form and your writing sample to Mrs. Carter, Room B219.

All newspaper staff members will (a) sell and design ads; (b) interview, research, and write articles; (c) take and edit photos; and (d) use software to design pages.

Your grade will reflect (1) ad sales, (2) participation, (3) quality, (4) quantity, (5) deadlines, and (6) other assignments.

Only students who are dependable and have a strong work ethic are selected for the staff.

Read the following and circle Yes or No.		
I have a driver's license and a vehicle that I can use for newspaper assignments.	Yes	No
I have someone who can provide transportation for me to complete newspaper assignments.	Yes	No
I understand I am required to sell a minimum amount of ads.	Yes	No
I understand that attendance (class and scheduled events) is <u>required</u> and that if I am absent or unable to attend an event for which I am scheduled, I will personally talk with my adviser and make arrangements for someone else to do my job.	Yes	No
I understand that I will be responsible for completing assignments by a deadline even if I am absent and that I will earn grades for meeting deadlines.	Yes	No
I understand that I will earn grades based on the quality and quantity of my work.	Yes	No
I understand that I will earn grades for my participation in class and school events.	Yes	No
If selected for the staff, I will represent the staff and the school in a positive manner, be dependable, exhibit a strong work ethic, be a team player, and work well with my peers/adviser.	Yes	No
I understand that I may be removed from the staff for unprofessional behavior, unsatisfactory performance, misuse of time/equipment, poor representation of the staff, school rule infractions, or any other behavior that affects the well-being of the staff or the quality of the production.	Yes	No
I understand that I must maintain an 80 overall average to remain on the staff.	Yes	No

On a separate sheet of paper, submit a sample of your writing:

Write an article (100-150 words) that could be published in The Pirate Speaks (examples: a feature about a student or an article about an event, news, etc.).

- You may type or handwrite the article.
- Write in third person (Do not use "I", "you", "we", etc.).
- Write factual information.
- Do not include your opinion. You may include other people's opinions as long as you quote them.

I understand and accept the required responsibilities for serving on **The Pirate Speaks** staff.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Staple your writing sample to this form and submit to Mrs. Carter, Room B219.