Course Descriptions for Special Courses

**NEWS CREW**: TV production is a rewarding and fascinating introduction to Broadcast journalism, film editing, and communication.  The class is a service class that has the responsibility of producing a daily news report to the school regarding school events, news and public service announcements.  **ALL** students must perform in all stations/positions in class including, but not limited to: News anchor, computer editing, filming, article writing and teleprompter operation, interviewing & creating advertising. Students will be responsible for learning all terms and information necessary to complete course and master standards that will be assessed through a final exam. Please contact Ms. Schulz at [Jessica.Schulz@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Jessica.Schulz@stjohns.k12.fl.us) for more information.

**STUDENT AIDES:** Students will have the opportunity to participate in a Career Research Program while working in a leadership role in the school.  Students assist in locations such as including ESE Classes, Math Classes, Band Classes, Science Classes, Media Center, Front Office and Hickory Creek Elementary Positions.  These are limited positions, so you will rank the locations in order of preference. You must fill out an application and meet the requirements for the class.  There is an online component to the class with assignments.  You must have access to a computer and be willing to submit assignments through Schoology.  Please contact Ms. Romeo at [Sherry.Romeo@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Sherry.Romeo@stjohns.k12.fl.us) for more information.

**CAREER RESEARCH AND PLANNING (GIFTED ONLY ELECTIVE):** The purpose of this class is to allow the gifted students to be creative, problem-solve, collaborate, and more.  Activities are related to possible future career choices, current events and student interests. Please contact Ms. Anagnostou at [Dorothy.Anagnostou@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Dorothy.Anagnostou@stjohns.k12.fl.us) for more information. NOTE: Students must be classified as Gifted and have a current EP to participate in this class.

**WEB (Where Everybody Belongs)**: This is a student-mentoring program designed to allow 8th graders to welcome and mentor 6th graders during their first year in middle school. WEB class supports this mentorship as students develop leadership and communication skills. WEB Leaders plan and coordinate various events and fundraisers throughout the school year to benefit our school and community. Please contact Ms. Amatangelo a [Miriam.Amatangleo@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Miriam.Amatangleo@stjohns.k12.fl.us) for more information.

**YEARBOOK:** Yearbook class is a rewarding introduction to journalism. Students commit to documenting all aspects of the school year. The goal is to cover all events, classes, clubs, and teams. Students will learn how to interview, design yearbook spreads, write copy and captions, and take pictures. Assignments are deadline driven and students will fully commit to the assignment in order to meet the deadline. Students work together on all aspects of the yearbook and will learn to take constructive criticism from the advisor and editors to create the best layouts possible.

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