

## Voorhees High School Yearbook Application Commitment to Excellence

*Valhalla*, Voorhees High School's full-color yearbook, has an established tradition of excellence in scholastic publications. Each year, the staff's goal is to define and record the school year in a poignant and provoking photographic historical record that creates lasting memories of student life, sports, academics, clubs, our school community, and most importantly, the people who breathe life into our school.

Members of the yearbook staff are entrusted to plan the yearbook from cover to cover. Under student leadership, we decide all content, interview, photograph, write, design and represent Voorhees High School, a role that we take very seriously. We schedule and conduct underclass picture days, club picture day, and distribute the pictures. We also sell and design advertising. We conduct surveys, assemble all senior photos and data for senior superlatives. In short, we do it all. It's a lot of work, a lot of fun, and it's an incredible real-world publishing experience. It's a fast paced, deadline oriented team of hard workers. Truth and trust are key elements of our mission for the yearbook.

By applying for a position on the Voorhees yearbook staff, you are accepting a trusted role in recording our school's history, becoming a member of a team and a co-curricular activity that will require full attention in class along with time spent out of class and on the weekends for each deadline.

To join the Yearbook staff you must be enrolled in Yearbook I, Yearbook 2 (for returning staff), or Yearbook Independent Study (with special permission) and complete the following application.

Students must have application complete before they request to be signed into the class.

For more information, contact Yearbook Adviser Ms. Courtney Thibeault at [cthibeault@nhvweb.net](mailto:cthibeault@nhvweb.net)

# Voorhees High School Yearbook Application

Please complete the following and return to Ms. Thibeault prior to, or with your course signature sheet.  
Please type or print clearly

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_

**Position:** (circle one)      1. NEW STAFF                      2. RETURNING STAFF

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle how many days have you been absent from school this year so far (circle one): 0 days   1-5 days   5-10 days   10+ days  
(if more than 10, please explain below.)

**PART 1: Personal Statement:** In a typed, personal statement, tell us about yourself. Be sure to answer the following questions in your personal statement:

1. Why do you want to be a member of the yearbook staff?
2. What experience do you have?
3. What do you hope to learn in this class?
4. What other activities do you plan to participate in next year?
5. Returning staff: Identify leadership position(s) for which you would like to be considered.

**PART 2: Two Teacher Recommendations:** Please list the names of the two teachers or other school administrator you have asked to complete a recommendation for you.

1. Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Subject \_\_\_\_\_
2. Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Subject \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** By signing below, you agree to fulfill the Commitment to Excellence on the yearbook staff should you be chosen, and to represent the Voorhees High School yearbook, *Valhalla*, in an honest and timely manner to the best of your ability and understanding.

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

**Parent Endorsement:** By signing below, I endorse my child's desire to be a member of the Voorhees High School yearbook staff, and I am aware of the Commitment to Excellence requirements.

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

## Voorhees Yearbook Teacher Recommendation

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Subject \_\_\_\_\_

Using the following scale, how would you rate this student's ability in the following areas?

5-Superior 4-Good 3-Average 2-Poor 1-Not a good candidate

- \_\_\_\_\_ Attendance (3 or fewer absences and/or tardies)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Timeliness (in turning in work, meeting deadlines, returning forms)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Written communication skills
- \_\_\_\_\_ Responsibility
- \_\_\_\_\_ Self-Discipline
- \_\_\_\_\_ Judgment
- \_\_\_\_\_ Overall impression

Comments:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher/Administrator's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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