

**Robert Louis Stevenson Middle School**  
**Devil's Digest** (1 Year) – 4<sup>th</sup> Period & 6<sup>th</sup> Period  
**Mr. Harrington**

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Course Description:

Seventh grade students are going to learn (or re-learn from the Sixth Grade "Modern Media" course) a variety of multimedia skills and then utilize these skills to produce a weekly school video magazine called "Devil's Digest." It is broadcast every Wednesday morning following the start of school to the St. Helena community and over the internet.



Please visit the "Devil's Digest" class site to view a sample of the student's work:

<http://rlsbluedevelils.org/Documents/DevilsDigest.html>

Course Content

By the end of the course, students will have a working knowledge of the following multimedia **applications**:

- iMovie (video editing)
- iTunes (music/video archive)
- GarageBand (music composition)
- iPhoto (photo archive & editing)
- iDVD (cvd creation)
- Photo Booth (podcasts/photos)
- Live Type (graphic animations)

By the end of the course, students will have acquired the following **skills**:

- Script writing
- Storyboard creation
- Digital camcorder operation
- Filming techniques
- Lighting
- Editing and developing videos
- Audio integration
- Broadcast the Films
- Create DVDs.
- Green Screen

Class Structure

Over the first month, the students will learn a range of multimedia skills by recreating model pieces developed by the teacher. They will then begin the process, every other week, of developing and contracting a topic, storyboarding how they see the production unfolding, scheduling a shoot, filming, editing and meeting their contracted deadline. RLS students and the St. Helena community are then able to view their production after the start of school, every Wednesday morning, on the internet. The students then begin the entire process over again.

Partners

Although I may be guiding the classes, most of the learning and support will come from the students themselves. Although students can elect to produce videos for Devil's Digest on their own, I urge students to partner with other students. You will find that if you are unable to make a shoot because of a previously scheduled appointment, the partner will be able to cover for you. Also, you will probably find it more enjoyable.

Class Conduct...Just 2 Rules!

- The moment the bell rings be in your seat.
- If a fellow classmate is giving a presentation or is answering a question - Don't Talk. I guarantee that the same respect you are showing him/her will be afforded to you.

Also:

- Bathroom (Bladder Control) – Go to the bathroom prior to entering class.
- Water: If you are thirsty, get a drink on the way to class.
- Roaming the Room – The only students who should be out of their seats are those who are helping others. If you want to help someone, just ask me first.
- Food & Drink – Never. Any item that can be placed in your mouth will be considered food...including gum, mints and cough drops.
- Music – You are expected to listen to music when trying to match a clip to your film.
- Other Class Assignments – Other class assignments are not to be done during class time..

### Missed Assignment Guidelines

- You are responsible for all missed work due the day following your return. Acquire the phone number of surrounding students. The burden of determining missed assignments and turning them in on time is your responsibility.
- Late work will not be accepted unless previously authorized by the instructor.

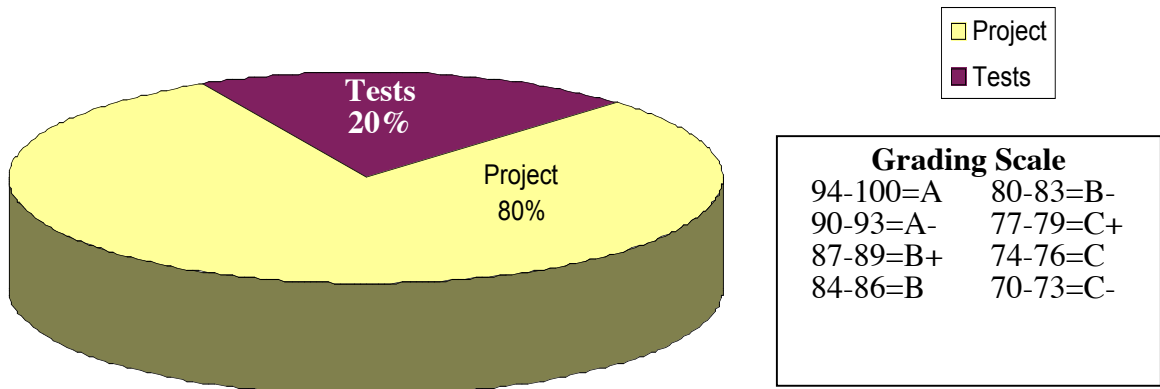
### Missed Tests

- \* If a test is missed due to absence, it is the responsibility of the student to schedule a time to take the test within 2 days of his /her return.

### Extra Credit:

None

### Grading Policy (for the benefit of the students, these percentages are subject to change)



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### Required Materials:

- A binder or folder to hold reference materials distributed in class.

### Availability

I am available to assist you at break, lunch or after school.