Course Title: **Yearbook**  (7th grade)

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**Course Description**:

This course is designed to provide students with the opportunity to learn journalism skills, such as design layout, editing, publication, photography skills, and distribution techniques. The students will be responsible for creating, promoting, selling, and managing the financial aspects of the school yearbook.

**Materials:**

Students will need a **notebook or steno pad** just for Yearbook in which to keep journal assignments, vocabulary and notes about the technology of producing a yearbook**. Students may bring their own cameras to use**, if they will be responsible for keeping them in a safe place when not in use.

**Classroom Activities**:

Students will plan and produce the yearbook. They will learn how to organize time and assignments in order to meet deadlines. The students will handle all the jobs of the yearbook with assigned jobs for the year. However, students will have a chance to experience all aspects of the journalistic process.

This class will work with the Jostens Company with a representative who will guide us through layouts and handle the publication process. We will be responsible for getting pictures and captions to the company by predetermined deadlines. **It is very important that students stay focused and work responsibly so AMS can have the best Yearbook possible.**

**Grading:**

Grades are based on percentages.

50% Major Assessments: Page Design, Meeting Deadlines

30% Mid-level Assignments: Partner Work, Individual Jobs

20% Practices: Weekly check-off, class participation, and writing,

picture and lay-out assignments

*The Yearbook Staff is a very important part of the school. They have a large responsibility to present the 2015/2016 school year as a memory for the student body. We need to take this seriously – but we will have fun!*