

La Mesa Junior High School

YEARBOOK APPLICATION 2018-2019

The La Mesa Yearbook program is open to both seventh and eighth grade students (this is the application for next year's seventh graders only). If you are chosen, Yearbook would be your elective class. A limited number of students will be selected from a competitive application process.

This application is due no later than Thursday, May 3, 2018. You must submit this application in person to Mr. Jacobson, personally, or send to  
YEARBOOK SELECTION, c/o MR. JACOBSON, 26623 MAY WAY,  
SANTA CLARITA, CA. 91351.

**Late applications will not be considered.**

**Please read each of the following statements. Your initials after each one indicate that you understand and agree to that statement:**

1. All members must uphold the high standards of La Mesa Yearbook and represent the school with dignity, pride, and integrity. Yearbook students are given a great deal of responsibility, and are both leaders and role models. I understand that any student not maintaining high personal, academic, and behavioral standards both on and off campus may forfeit his/her position. \_\_\_\_\_
2. I understand that my job description may include attending and taking photos at events such as Summer Check-In, the first day of school, Back-to-School Night, athletic events, school dances, awards ceremonies, brunch and lunch activities, and other school functions that require time beyond the classroom. \_\_\_\_\_
3. I understand that sometimes Yearbook activities on campus may occasionally cause me to miss all or part of another class, and that I am responsible for all the work missed during that time. I also understand that some activities require working before school, at brunch, at lunch, or outside of the school day. \_\_\_\_\_
4. I understand that Yearbook may occasionally take me out of class time for all or part of a class period. I understand that Yearbook may also take up my time in the evenings or on weekends, which is why it is so critically important that I place my academics and homework as a high priority. For this reason, I understand that I currently must hold (according to most recent report card), and I agree to maintain, at least a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) with NO D's or F's throughout the school year. I understand that failure to maintain a 2.0 GPA could disqualify me from the Yearbook class. \_\_\_\_\_

**I have attached a copy of my most recent grade report \_\_\_\_\_**

*I hereby agree to all of the above statements and will do my best to follow each of them:*

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The following signature indicates that your parental unit(s) has read and understands the requirements for being in Yearbook. This signature also indicates approval of your parental unit(s) to apply to be a member.

Parental Unit Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (please print clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

Current School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

All candidates are strongly encouraged to ask a fifth or sixth grade teacher for a letter of recommendation that addresses the qualifications of the candidate. Have your teacher send a letter to Mr. Jacobson via US Mail at the address listed above,  
or via email to [noahdad@earthlink.net](mailto:noahdad@earthlink.net).

See the attached sheet for more information on recommendations. A letter regarding your application status will be sent to you via the address you have provided before school ends here at La Mesa.

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### Incoming seventh grade Application

### Getting a teacher recommendation

#### INSTRUCTIONS/INFORMATION FOR THE STUDENT

- Please choose a teacher who has had you in a class recently (fifth or sixth grade)
- Coaches, youth group leaders, and other adult members may also write a recommendation. The letter should not come from a family member.
- Teachers are busy, particularly near the end of the year. It may be a good idea to follow up your request for a recommendation with a quick thank you note or email to your teacher to verify that the recommendation has been sent.
- All communications between the recommending adult and Mr. Jacobson remain confidential.

#### INSTRUCTIONS/INFORMATION FOR THE ADULT

- Please send your recommendation via email (this is the best way) to [noahdad@earthlink.net](mailto:noahdad@earthlink.net) or via US Mail to Yearbook Selection, c/o Mr. Jacobson, 26623 May Way, Santa Clarita, CA. 91351.
- I need an honest evaluation of the student, including character, ability to work in a group, ability to work independently, artistic ability, and writing skill. Because I ask for honesty, I honor strict confidentiality. Your feedback will never be shared with the student or his/her parents.
- The recommendation should be sent via email or postmarked no later than May 3, 2018.

## Questions for Yearbook applicants

Please answer these on a separate piece of paper.

1. **Computer Experience** - Describe your previous experience working with computers. Describe the software applications you have used (examples: Microsoft word, Adobe Photoshop, Excel, etc.) as well as the type of work you have created using these applications.
2. **Digital Photography** - Have you ever used a digital camera? If so, describe your experience. Have you used software to edit or adjust photographs? If so, what software?
3. **Deadlines** - A large part of Yearbook is the ability to meet deadlines. Please explain the steps you take in your own life to stay organized and keep deadlines.
4. **Your Contribution** - Why is the school yearbook important? In what ways do you think you can positively impact and contribute to the publication of the La Mesa Yearbook?
5. **Staff Member** - Why do you feel that you would be an asset to the yearbook staff? What special skills, interests, or personality traits would make you a valuable yearbook staff member?
6. **Other involvements** - Tell me about the other commitments that you have in your life. What clubs, sports, jobs, or other activities are you currently involved with?