

HLWW Newspaper: The Laker Chronicle – Submitted by Julia Anderson

A school newspaper is a great way to develop students' writing, time management, interviewing, and collaboration skills. A newspaper featuring school events can generate excitement and buy-in to other school activities. The Laker Chronicle would showcase HLWW excellence in sports, music, in the classroom, and all other activities.

The only cost to the school would be to pay an advisor for 45 minutes per week. We don't need buses, cameras, uniforms, anything of that nature. We have already found a free publishing site.

In order to have money for the school newspaper we could take the money allocated to pay teachers to write articles for the Harold Journal and use it to pay the advisor. Then students in the newspaper could write articles to send to the Harold Journal instead of having the teachers write them.

Many colleges look for participation in school newspapers, and many parents would love to have their child participate in something as beneficial as a school newspaper. This could help increase the enrollment numbers of our district. Another aspect that could increase enrollment is that the newspaper will show off the best aspects of our school.

The newspaper could advertise for upcoming events in the school as well as upcoming board meetings. Many school newspapers sell advertising to local businesses. This showcases the great town and generates funds for the paper without the school budgeting more money toward it.

The Laker Chronicle could have a connection with the writing, photography or other classes at HLWW. Students could submit their classroom work to the newspaper for publication, or those who are involved with the newspaper could get some class credit for their articles. Maybe classes could "edit" news articles as part of their curriculum. Meeting with teachers from related courses could generate even more ideas, ultimately benefiting HLWW classes, the students involved with the paper and the school itself.

Please let me know if I can provide further information.

Thank you