



WOBN STAFF APPLICATION 2009-2010

You are receiving this application because you expressed interest in being a part of the *West Ottawa Broadcasting News* staff. If you are selected, you will become a part of a highly recognizable and exciting group of students.

It is our intention to select a staff of the most interesting, diverse, highly motivated, talented, hard working, dedicated, creative and fun people available. If you are selected to be a part of the staff, you can rest assured that you will have an amazing experience in which you learn and apply a variety of new skills and make many lifelong friends.

Please be aware that this will not be an easy class. In fact, it may be your toughest class. At times, the pressure can be intense and the expectations will be very high.

Please check through the following pages, you should have these items:

- Course description
- WOBN application
- Teacher recommendations

Please return your completed application to Mrs. Walcott in B173 (North) by Friday, March 13. If you have already taken Intro to Broadcast Journalism you have priority for the open spots next year. Please register for WOBN when you register for classes in the coming weeks.

You must also submit two teacher recommendations. One recommendation must be from an English teacher and the other one from another content area teacher. Your teachers can return their evaluations directly to you, me or my mailbox.

Thanks again for your interest in WOBN. You will be notified in writing of the status of your application before the end of March, and I will make necessary adjustments to the class lists.

Lindsay Walcott
Adviser
West Ottawa Broadcasting News



WOBN DESCRIPTION

Broadcast journalism students will be critical viewers and producers of media. The ability to access, analyze, evaluate, and produce communication is essential.

WOBN is a staff of broadcast journalists. Students will become critical viewers and producers of television news. Broadcast journalism incorporates reading, writing, speaking, technology, analysis and many other skills. The WOBN staff produces regular programming for West Ottawa High School as well as the West Ottawa School District. It is assumed at this point that we will continue our current programming schedule next year with two shows each day produced by two WOBN teams of approximately 20 students each.

Each staff member will learn all of the jobs and various responsibilities (listed below) because everyone must know how to do each job. Eventually, you will develop an area of expertise and be encouraged to further develop those skills. Everyone rotates through the production jobs and takes their turn putting together a video piece for the show. Other homework for the course includes some additional projects, weekly paperwork and outside of class taping hours (approximately 3 hours a trimester).

WOBN PRODUCTION JOBS:

Producer
Anchor 1 & 2
Reporters
Videographers
Camera Operators
Graphics
Director

Switcher
Slide Producer
Teleprompter Operator
Lights Operator
And much more...

CURRENT STAFF MEMBERS

Please feel free to speak with any of the current staff members about WOBN. You may gladly stop in before school, during first hour, second hour or after school – someone will be around to speak with you.

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NAME: _____

GRADE: _____
(2009-2010)

I. Why do you want to be a member of WOBN?

II. What are your hobbies and interests?

III. In what sports, clubs, or other school organizations do you participate?

IV. List any special skills or knowledge that might make you uniquely qualified to be a member of the WOBN staff?

V. Are you willing/able to spend after school or weekend time to complete work or tape events (Be honest!)?

VI. Your attendance and discipline records will both be inspected. Please comment on and explain any issues that may be discovered.

VII. Is there any other information about yourself that you'd like to share? Please write any additional information about yourself and your potential role at WOBN .

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TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM
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Teacher : _____ Student: _____

Please help us to better judge this applicant's readiness for WOBN. Rate the applicant in the categories below using the following scale:

	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Not Applicable
Attendance					
Writing ability					
Academic ability					
Self-motivation					
Working w/ others					
Takes criticism					
Meets deadlines					
Maturity					
Responsibility					
Trustworthy					
Ability to work under pressure					
Computer skills					
Potential for growth					

Keeping in mind the qualities that we're looking for, please share any additional comments that might help us in considering this candidate's qualifications for WOBN.

Signature of Teacher

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