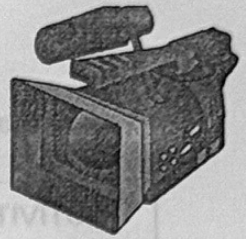




2025-2026 News Crew Application



Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Homeroom (4th Block) Teacher: _____

The LCMS News Crew is taking applications! It will be open to students on any grade level who are interested in researching, filming, editing, and reporting news. Please make sure that you meet the requirements listed below.

1. You must exhibit behavior that meets our Blue Tide Way expectations. These expectations are outlined in the student handbook.
2. You must have a signed parental consent form.
3. You must have two teacher recommendation forms.
4. You must be able to meet deadlines and work well with others.
5. You must be able to participate in News Crew while maintaining good grades and meeting your teachers' deadlines.

We have a limited number of spaces available for each grade level, so not all applications will be chosen to be part of the team.

Please submit your completed application to Mrs. Peterson (Rm 702) **by 3pm on Friday, September 5.** Any applications turned in after the deadline will, unfortunately, not be accepted.

Which parts of the News Crew are you interested in most? (Choose all that apply.)

Anchor(in front of the camera) Writer Camera Crew Editing/Publishing

	Yes	No
Do you feel comfortable speaking in front of crowds/classmates?		
Have you ever done any video or photo editing?		
Do you feel that you work well with others?		

Why do you want to join the News Crew? Please write your answer in complete sentences.

Please list any extracurricular activities that you plan to participate in during the 2025-2026 school year.

ACTIVITY (club, sport, etc)	SEASON (fall, spring, winter)	DAY OF THE WEEK

News Crew Parent Approval

Please go over all of the important information listed below and have your student initial on the blank that they understand.

_____ Deadlines are important! Club members must be self-driven and able to meet deadlines so that our LCMS News Show can be a high-quality publication.

_____ News Crew Members will be responsible for upkeep of our filming and editing equipment.

_____ Grades still matter! Students must maintain passing grades in all of their classes. They must continue to turn in their work in a timely manner and meet their teachers expectations.

I give my child _____ permission to join the News Crew for the 2025-2026 school year. We have reviewed all of the responsibilities that go along with handling equipment, meeting deadlines, and filming.

Parent(s) Name(s): _____

Parent Signature and Date: _____

Best Contact Number: _____

Practice Script:

Students will need to practice this script before the audition. You need to be ready to read either part with excitement and inflection. Audition dates will be announced soon.

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Two-anchor script — ~3–5 minutes

Roles:

- _____ (Anchor 1)
- _____ (Anchor 2)
(Swap names as you like.)

Cold Open (5–10s)

[ON THEME MUSIC. SCHOOL LOGO / BLUE TIDE GRAPHIC ON SCREEN. CUT TO DESK.]

Anchor 1: Good morning, Long County Middle School!

Anchor 2: Today is **Monday, September 8th**, and this is **Blue Tide News**.

Anchor 1: I'm _____.

Anchor 2: And I'm _____. Let's tide you into the news!

Headlines (20–30s)

Anchor 1: Here are today's top headlines: **Club Rush: Which one will you choose?**, **Progress Reports Coming Soon**, and **Chicken Day: Should it ONLY be on Wednesdays??**.

Anchor 2: We'll also have sports, weather, birthdays, and what's for lunch.

School Announcements (45–60s)

[OVER LOWER THIRD: "Announcements"]

Anchor 2: First up: **Win Time** starts soon. Each Tuesday, you will have a chance to get help with missing assignments or difficult concepts. Students who are all caught up and doing well will be allowed to go outside during this time. Teams and Clubs will meet **Thursdays in their assigned room..** Don't forget to bring **any required materials..**

Anchor 1: The Drama Club's presentation of **High School Musical** is this **Thursday Sept. 11** at **7pm**. Tickets are **\$7** and available in the mornings in the gym or during the day in the front office.

Anchor 2: Attention **8th Grade:** **High School Field Trip** is happening next month. Make sure you bring your elective choice paper..

Anchor 1: Yearbook reminder: **Cost for a yearbook** is \$40. They are on sale until April 10th. Submit your order and payment online at www.yearbook.lifetouch.com. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Nunn, or Mrs. Lester.

Club Spotlight (30–45s)

[B-ROLL/PHOTOS IF AVAILABLE]

Anchor 1: Today's Club Spotlight is The Science Club. They are meeting next Thursday at 3:15 in Rm. 608. They are planning a Family Science Night where families can come participate in fun science themed activities.

Anchor 2: The advisor for Science Club is Ms. Jimenez. New members are welcome — come join the fun!

Weather (20–30s)

[CUT TO SIMPLE WEATHER GRAPHIC]

Anchor 1: Today's forecast: **Partly cloudy** with a high of 96 and a low of 73.

Anchor 2: Afternoon thunderstorms are expected tomorrow. Make sure to pack your umbrella or jacket to keep you dry on your walk from the bus stop.

Lunch Menu (15–20s)

[OVER LOWER THIRD: "What's for Lunch?"]

Anchor 2: In the cafeteria today: Chicken sandwich and french fries, **fruit**, and cookies..

Anchor 1: Tomorrow they will be serving spaghetti and meatballs, broccoli, buttered roll, and fruit.

Quick PSA / Character Moment (20–30s)

[LOWER THIRD: “Blue Tide Tip”]

Anchor 2: Today's tip: Make sure you are getting to class on time. Please keep the traffic moving by walking on the right side of the hallway and not stopping to talk in the middle of the hallway.

Anchor 1: We are ready, we are responsible, and we are respectful — that's the Blue Tide way!

Date: _____

News Crew Candidate: _____

Optional Segment — Teacher Feature / Student of the Week (30–45s)

[B-ROLL / INTERVIEW CLIP]

Anchor 1: This week's Student Feature: **Tyler Rosa**, who is in 7th grade, received a positive office referral for being kind and helping a student in need. When asked why he chose to help the student, he said “They were struggling and I felt like it would only take a few minutes to lend a helping hand.”

Anchor 2: Tyler received 10 tickets and a treat off the concession cart. Congrats and good job on demonstrating good citizenship!

Closing (10–15s)

Anchor 1: That's all for today's Blue Tide News.

Anchor 2: Make it a great day, Long County Middle School —

BOTH: Go BlueTide!

[ROLL CREDITS / THEME MUSIC OUT]

Daily Producer Checklist (for your crew)

- Update **date** and **headlines**
- Confirm **announcements** and **deadlines** with office
- Verify **sports scores/schedule**
- Pull **weather**



Teacher Recommendation Form - LCMS News Crew



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Teachers, please give this completed form to Mrs. Peterson.

Please DO NOT give the form back to students to turn-in. Thank you!!

All recommendation forms are due by Friday, Sept 5th.

Date: _____

News Crew Candidate: _____

Teacher: _____

Please rate the candidate on the following categories: (5=Excellent, 1= Poor)

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Able to work well with others	1	2	3	4	5
Shows leadership qualities	1	2	3	4	5
Considered to be dependable and reliable	1	2	3	4	5
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Shows a desire to learn and to improve	1	2	3	4	5
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