

THE PLAN

Hey all! Hope this message finds you well.

In this space I would generally give an overall plan of how things are going to run and why they are going to run that way and what the end goal will be.

However, things are a little different so I'm taking everything I've done and planned for the last 21 years and kind of throwing it out the door because it's not going to work in this environment.

Having said that, I'm going to be here to teach and help in anyway that I can.

We are essentially going to be running independent study here until further notice. I want to help each of you however you'd like to grow.

I've gone ahead and listed some options to the right here on things you could choose to do. Having said all of that, if there is something you would like to do that is not listed, just reach out and I'll do my best to help you on that path and get you the resources you need.

Each day, I'll be available via and if you'd like to talk through any projects or assignments via phone or video conference, I'll be here for that as well.

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4th Quarter Projects

Here are some project options for you. Feel free to reach out and let me know how I can help you with any of them. When you're ready to get started on one, just Slack me and I'll be glad to help get you started.

WORK WITH THE PHOTO EDITION NEWSPAPER - You all are set to drop a photo edition of the North Star in mid-April. This is mostly an issue the photographers have been focused on but I'm sure they would take any help they could get with designing on Indesign. Also, if you have a good idea for a photo idea with everyone locked at home they could include, please share. This will be worked on in the next few weeks and likely finished by April 9 at the latest.

WORK WITH THE YEARBOOK - The yearbook staff has a lot to do to finish up this year's book and it's going to look a little differently than they had planned. If you are interested in helping them with the yearbook, reach out and let me know and I'll connect you with them.

WORK WITH THE FINAL NORTH STAR (UNDERCLASSMAN AND SENIOR EDITION) - This will be the final paper of the year. We have some flexibility here on date if we need but there's some content to create and pages to make. We will be pushing the March newspaper out online on ISSUU and with stories in web form. We will do the same for this issue in May. Want to help? The crew would love your help.

HELP WITH ADS - I'm sure Emma would love some help finalizing ads for the final two newspaper and closing things out for the year. If you'd like to help her design ads or contact advertisers, please let me know and I'll connect you two.

WEB UPDATES - If there is ever a time to have an updated website, this is the time. There are so many things changing daily and things people want and need to know. If you would like help making sure the community is informed and updated, we'd love your help. This could be work with news stories or sports stories or even work on social. FHNtoday is one of the main ways this school can stay connected so all jobs here are important.

FIRST DAY NEWSPAPER/WEB - We are planning to have a first day newspaper next year and have stuff drop on the web as well that day. We are going to start on some things now and work on them throughout this quarter. Having the FHN Media team be one of the first things people experience at the school is important so I'm glad this is coming back.

LEARN MORE ABOUT ADOBE PREMIERE, ADOBE AFTER EFFECTS OR A MILLION OTHER THINGS - The Lynda tutorials are great ones and you can learn a lot from them. If you have a library card through the St. Charles library system you can logon through their website and get access to video tutorial classes on lots of different programs. If you'd like to become an Adobe Premiere Pro you could start by logging in and taking one of the Essential Premiere training courses and work your way through it. They have video files you can download and follow along. Don't have a library card, no worries! They are offering people a chance to get a card online and I can get you that information as well. Just email what kind of help or guidance you need here and I'll lend a hand.

PITCH AN IDEA - Was there something else you would really like to do for this class? Cool. Let me know what it is and I'll help you with it to make it a reality. There are so many things you could do with video storytelling that the sky is the limit and since we have a little more flexibility this semester, I'm open to whatever you're interested in to help you grow. For this, you could pitch me an idea and we go from there - or, if you don't know what you want to do but you want to do something with the class, let me know that and I'll pitch you an idea.

Lots of great options though depending on what you really want to get out of things. Please know I'm here to help and just an email away.

Take care and look forward to hearing from you.