

**Thank you for your interest in joining the *Rampage* staff!**

**There are several parts to our application, so make sure you read carefully.** The entire application MUST be turned in to a member of the Rampage staff on Wednesday, March 6 at the end of a timed writing session (with the exception of teacher evaluations, which **are turned in by the teachers** directly to Ms. Van Thiel).

WRITTEN APPLICATION: Fill out the next page of the application to the best of your ability. Include all relevant information and write legibly or type.

TEACHER EVALUATIONS: Please give the evaluation forms to your current **English teacher** and **another teacher of your choice** as soon as possible. The teachers should submit the forms directly to Ms. Van Thiel, not to you.  If the teachers do not turn in the recommendations by March 6, Ms. Van Thiel will remind them to turn in the forms.

WORKSHOP AND TIMED WRITING: In order to try out to be a Rampage staff member **you must attend the after school news writing workshop from 3-4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5 in the Media Center and the press conference and timed writing from 3 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6 in the Media Center.**  On Tuesday we will cover the basics of news writing and how it differs from essay writing and creative writing.  The following day we will hold a mock press conference and you will write a news article.  Bring paper and a pen or pencil on both days. All members of the staff write and take pictures, so it is essential that we assess each candidate’s writing skills.

APPLICATION ATTACHMENTS: **You must attach one printed photo** to your application. It should be a candid shot with at least one human subject (no pets or plants). You also have the **option** to attach a final draft of writing that represents your best work, an editorial cartoon, or both.

***Rampage* Staff Writer Application**

**Please complete the application below and submit it on Wednesday, March 6 before you begin your timed writing.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ID #\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Current Grade: 9 10 11**

**Current English Teacher:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**The teacher you gave your other evaluation form to:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Why do you want to join the *Rampage* staff? What do you hope to gain from your experience as a *Rampage* staff writer?**

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**What assets and qualities do you have that would help *Rampage* next year? In other words what will *Rampage* gain by having you as a staff writer?**

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**Please list your extracurricular activities for this year and planned extracurriculars for next year. Do you have any experience handling money for an organization (i.e. Treasurer for a club)?**

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**Which part of Rampage (a certain page, photos of the week, newsletter, etc) most interests you and why? This can be an online aspect of our work or part of the print publication.**

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**You MUST attach a photo to this application as well. See the first page for guidelines.**

**Feel free to attach a piece of writing that you feel represents your best work, or an editorial cartoon.**

***Rampage* ENGLISH Teacher Evaluation**

**Please fill in the blanks below and give the evaluation form to your teacher.**

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

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Please answer the questions as accurately and as thoroughly as possible and return this form by **Wednesday, March 6**. Thanks, WENDY VAN THIEL

**Does this student possess qualities and characteristics that make her/him a valuable asset to *Rampage?***

**Is there anything specific that makes this student stand out in your mind?**

**In addition, please rank the student in the following areas on a scale of 1-10, (10 means the student is strong in this area and 1 means s/he is weak).**

**Leadership \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Responsibility \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Social Skills \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Creativity\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Strong sense of ethics\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Ability to take constructive criticism\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Ability to communicate through writing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Ability to communicate verbally \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**I recommend this student: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Enthusiastically**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_ Strongly**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_ With Reservation**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_ I do not recommend this student.**

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**Ability to take constructive criticism\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Ability to communicate through writing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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