**Making New Friends!**

Welcome back from summer! I hope everyone had plenty of fun – but now you’re back in school, you might want to make friends with all the new people (or not, suit yourself)! So, here’s a few icebreakers that might be cheesy/cringey, but you must start somewhere!

* “I like your outfit/jewelry/hair! Where did you buy it/get it styled?” A common compliment, with a little more added on! Get to know your peers! If you shop at the same places or go to the same salons, you’ve already got the basis of any relationship: something common between you!
* “I love that book/author! What kinds of things do you read?” For the bookworms out there, bond with someone new over a shared favorite genre or favorite author!
* “What’s your favorite animal?” While simple, the way anyone answers can reveal a lot about them! Make sure to stay judgement-free and refrain from saying “ew” if someone has an uncommon favorite animal – it can hurt quite a bit!
* And last but not least, “What’s your name?” The simplest and most common question to ask (that you should always ask, mind you) is always a good introduction to your peers.

**Journalism *Club*!**

Hello, Cougars! Want the chance to write articles like the ones featured in the Potty Mouth, or even to write an edition of the Potty Mouth yourself?

Journalism was a class last year, but the Journalism Club will still be headed by Mr. Philipsen, who also teaches AP Language and Composition and Video Production/KUGR-TV.

If you’re on the fence, here are a few reasons why Journalism will be beneficial for you and your writing!

Journalism combines on-paper literacy and social interaction, helping students develop speaking skills by making them speak to people they normally would not. Journalism also requires students to use their learning and apply it in a way easily understandable to readers, strengthening complex thinking and understanding of pursued topics.

Journalism also rewards curiosity by encouraging students to engage in subjects they are interested in and apply them to the real world, and practice verbalizing and asking complex questions.

The skills used in Journalism can also be used outside of the class, like active listening, self-advocation, and so on! Check it out, Cougars!

**Mr. Philipsen’s Room, 415 (Tech. building), Tuesdays during lunch, First Meeting on Tuesday, August 27th**