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## Pottsville Area High School Tide Lines Editorial Policy

Tide Lines is an accessible public forum, which provides information and entertainment in addition to various viewpoints on debatable issues in the form of editorials and columns. Funds for production come from advertising.

Letters to the Editor, guest columns and all material submitted for publication must include the writer's name, signature and class or position. Typed, double-spaced letters are preferred, but legible, handwritten submissions are acceptable.

Tide Lines will not print anything deemed libelous, obscene or in poor taste, in accordance with the Supreme Court's justified standards. Rights are reserved to postpone, edit or withhold from publication anything submitted which does not meet the specifications.

The meaning of any submission will not be altered, but we reserve the right to correct spelling, grammar and punctuation when necessary. Additionally, Tide Lines refuses to print criticism, which is not constructive and not supported by facts. The editors and adviser will make the final decision on all material appearing in Tide Lines.

Letters should be addressed to the Editor, taken to the Publications Room and given to a member of the staff or to the adviser.

As an open forum, Tide Lines sells advertisements for publicity and to pay the printing costs. The basic rate is seven dollars per column inch. We will refuse any advertisement that makes reference to illegal or controlled products, services, substances or paraphernalia. We reserve the right to refuse any other advertisement deemed inappropriate to the Pottsville community.

As a responsible newspaper, Tide Lines will not intentionally invade the privacy of any person and will make every effort to correctly spell names and make accurate class and position identifications.

Accurate reporting of fact is the goal of the staff.

Opinions will be clearly marked and found on the editorial pages or as designated on other pages. Corrections will be printed when mistakes are found or brought to the attention of the staff. Original stories will carry bylines, although stories rewritten by someone other than the original author will not receive a byline.



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**Commentaries and opinion columns are the expressed opinion of the author and not those of the Pottsville Area School District, faculty or School Board.**

**Members of the staff are guided by the Canons of Journalism of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, a code of ethics, which outlines the principles of responsibility, fairness and accuracy.**

**Tide Lines editorial policy reflects these philosophies of scholastic journalism. We will do our best to uphold our policy at all costs, unless it violates the basic protections of journalists or the freedom accorded all Pennsylvania journalism in the Pennsylvania School Code.**