

Yearbook Page Ideas

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Must Have Pages

The Front Cover

- although the front cover is not one of the inside pages of the yearbook, it is arguably the most important part of the book
- it sets the tone of the book by introducing the theme, which, if done properly, unites the whole book
- it can be a hand drawn illustration, a computer generated image, or a combination of the two
- it is indeed a privilege to illustrate the front cover, something to be proud of, and a noteworthy part of anyone's portfolio

Beginning Page (first page of the yearbook which is a single page spread)

- this page sets the tone for the chosen theme in a visual and conceptual way
- this may include conventional artwork, a computer enhanced design, photos
- cover designs that were not chosen by the class have the potential to be the beginning page

Ending Page (the last page of the yearbook which is a single page spread)

- this page concludes the book and reflects the chosen theme
- should reflect the beginning page

Memorial Page (sps)

- this commemorative page is reserved for the unfortunate death of a student or staff, should such an event take place
- the purpose of this page is much like a funeral, to bring healing in our own lives and to celebrate the life of the person who passed away
- this page is usually planned as a single page spread; and placed with another single page spread that is subdued
- it can be the last page of the yearbook

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May Have Pages, but not necessary

You may choose to not use any of the following and come up with your own ideas. Magazines and yearbooks from other high schools are a good source of inspiration.

This pages depend on your imagination!

Title pages for major sections (single page spreads)

- these are title pages which illustrate the beginning of major sections (graduation, grades, and sports & clubs)
- they should be theme related and look same or similar to other title pages in that section

Staff - administration, teachers, teacher assistants, support staff (secretaries, cleaning staff)

- pictures of the staff at I.R., with their name beside/underneath it

Student Council Page - executive, invited members, grade 9/10/11/12 representatives, and all the participants of Stud Co

- pictures of student parliament members with optional blurbs written by them, as well as ALL members
- student council events
- may include election speeches, parliament meetings, student council events
- Caution: The student council is not just about the executive, but a collection of individuals who make many school events happen. Therefore, the challenge is to be inclusive about everyone who participates.

Grad Poll

- this page has become somewhat of a tradition at Iroquois Ridge
- although it has been in every Ridge yearbook, its up to the graduating class to make it happen
- a grad poll based on various categories
- distribute the grad poll and collect it at the same time at the grad saying form

Captions page with voice bubbles, thought bubbles, shaded tint boxes)

- this fun page is of pictures of people who are doing something, but the caption underneath changes the context of what they are doing
- captions should be funny without being derogatory

Artwork

- carefully collect a cross section of artwork from different grades, different people, different mediums (oil, water colour, sculptures, photography, sketches)
- photograph them and give an artwork credit for the work
- discuss this with the art teachers as major projects are not complete until November

School Zone like Photos

- this is like the teen magazine “School Zone” pages
- fun shots of students taken in the studio theatre or business office

Student Cultures

- highlighting the different kind of groups which go to the school

Sibling and look-a-likes pages

- this page is best done every other year, so as not to repeat the same siblings over and over again
- this can be very hard to do since you want to to maximize the number of sibling groups in a yearbook
- it can be difficult to coordinate schedules
- pictures of people who look very similar (students, staff or administration) can make the siblings page: they may not be siblings, but they sure look like it

Grad Page: “This was me when I was a junior” (dps)

- find pictures from the archives of when students were in the junior grades and juxtapose them with a current picture
- it fun to see how much students have grown, especially the boys
- it can be hard to solicit grads to give you their grade 9 photos

Grad: Baby Pictures

- baby pictures of grads with their names underneath
- solicit pictures of grads using announcement/drop off box combination
- these pictures are irreplaceable; and every effort must be made to ensure that they are returned to the grads

Collage

- meticulously cut photos of many different people
- the cuts must be technically accurate; and faces must never overlap
- Caution: if not done properly, this page looks very bad

Staff baby pictures or pictures when they were in high school

- picture of staff when they were a high school kid or younger, juxtaposed with a current picture of the staff member

Smile page

- a double page spread of students with bright, shiny smiles

Friends page

- essentially a smile page, but friends

Leisure Time

- a variety of photos of students doing fun activities on their own time
- playing cards, hacky sack, skateboarding, etc.

Hard at work

- students studying
- include a variety of settings like the classroom, the library, by their lockers

“The Places Where People Hang Out”

- this can be a variety of places where people hang out at school, the cafeteria, the forum, the library, the parking lot, etc.

Editor’s Page/Yearbook People

- a single page spread of the yearbook staff and editors at work

Retakes/Dazed and Confused

- candid photos of people not at their best (eye blinks, contorted faces, grad portraits)
- possibly include captions on the bottom of the photos
- Caution: if you don’t choose your photos wisely, this page can look very tacky

Events Pages

- any event that take place at the school, before, during or after school hours
- it is better if it involves the whole school so you can get a cross section of junior to senior students
- Caution: You only have one opportunity to take photos, and that’s during the event itself.

Here is a partial list:

- spirit days
- plays
- multicultural nights
- music performances
- assemblies
- link crew events
- synergy events
- dances: Halloween, semi-formal
- Christmas assembly
- spirit rallies for sports teams