

# Cutline Writing

2013 KSPA REGIONAL CONTEST

## Assignment

You are to write five captions for the spreads in the yearbook. Background information and quotes for each photo have been provided for you. For each caption, clearly label the slug or title of the photo at the top of the caption.

Students may write in pen or pencil. Students may use dictionary, thesaurus and A.P. style manuals. The use of personal listening devices (i.e. iPods), recording devices, and personal computers during the contest is prohibited.

## Description

You are a staff member of Ad Astra High's yearbook. Your editor has asked you to write five captions for photos that will be in one of the yearbook spreads.

## School Info

Name: Ad Astra High School  
Location: Aspera, Kansas  
Mascot: Box Turtles  
Enrollment: 850 (grades 9-12)  
School Colors: Green & Gold  
Yearbook: The Honeybee  
Newspaper: The Star

## Contest Info

This is an on-site contest.

Please attach your assigned contest number in the upper right-hand corner of your entry.

**Do not** put your name on the entry. If you do, your entry will be disqualified.

Students are not to request help or advice from anyone other than the KSPA Executive Director. All work must be that of the contestant.



### 1. Musical

- Callie Bane and Julie Finn, juniors, actresses in the musical *Oliver*.
- The musical runs Feb. 19-23
- Bane and Finn are members of the Chorus
- They practice every day from 3-5:30 after school
- Auditions were Jan.10, after Winter Break.
- “I auditioned for the musical because I’ve always loved singing and acting. Even though I’m a member of the chorus I feel important to the show and can’t wait for opening night.” --Julie Finn, junior

### 2. Candle Lighting

- Ad Astra High held a candle light vigil for a student in a coma after a car accident.
- 300 students gathered in the Ad Astra Auditorium Feb. 10 for the vigil.
- The injured student, Josh Radan, was in a head-on collision Feb. 8 driving home from an Ad Astra basketball game.
- Students pictured: Kelly Rowland and Claudia Craigg. (left and right, respectively.)
- “The school came together to support a classmate because it is so tragic that someone so young was involved in a horrible accident. It’s been a huge wake-up call for all of us and we’re all constantly thinking and praying for him.” --Craig, senior
- “It means a lot that the students and school are supporting Josh. We thank everyone for their kind words and all the help during this trying time.” --Nancy Radan, Josh’s mother.

### 3. Party

- Ad Astra Student Government hosted an after party for the winter dance.
- The party was held in the Ad Astra gymnasium
- The dance was held at a convention center in town
- There were games, raffles, a costume contest, a photobooth and prizes including an iPhone and Xbox.
- Student Government has been planning the event since November. Wanted to have a non-drinking option for students.
- “A lot of students like to host parties where there is drinking, but I’m glad there was another option where I didn’t have to worry about that.” --Madeline

Task, freshman (pictured right)

- Shelly Long, sophomore, is pictured left. The two girls competed in the costume contest and karaoke.

### 4. Welding

- Derek Lee, senior, works on his final project for Metalworking and Design II.
- Lee is in Mr. Harclerode’s Metalworking and Design II class.
- Lee’s final project in the class is to design and create a metal cabinet that can be used in the classroom.
- Final projects are expected to take the whole semester.
- Lee submitted his design to Mr. Harclerode the first week of classes. He worked on the design over winter break because he knew he was taking the class this semester.
- All of the final projects are showcased May 12, the week before finals and graduation and the presentation is open to students, faculty and parents to view.
- “After taking Metalworking I, I realized I really liked doing this kind of work. I had only done woodworking before so I liked the different challenges working with metal brings.” --Derek Lee

### 5. Dance

- Sarah Gregory (front) and Cheyenne Bolton (back) dance during halftime of the Ad Astra versus Sunflower High School basketball game.
- The game was Feb. 15 at Ad Astra High.
- The dance team, the Sparklers, has been around for 15 years.
- Gregory, a senior, is the team’s captain.
- The song they performed to was Michael Jackson’s “Dont Stop Till You Get Enough”
- “I choreographed the dance for this performance along with our coach. The three captains, including myself, take turns choreographing with our coach. This dance is one of our favorites and we will use it in the spring show in March.” --Sarah Gregory
- “Sarah did a great job coming up with a fun and energetic dance for the halftime show. All of our captains this year have a lot of experience with choreography and it shows in all of our performances.” --Rhonda Sliff, Sparklers coach.

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