**Journalism Project: Website Design**

**Purpose**: As the technological dissemination of information continues to grow, it is important for potential journalists (or those going into any communications field) gain experience in web design. This project is designed to develop technological skills, especially in regards to the distribution of information (Learning Expectation 3). The project will also allow students to harvest individual interests and develop writing styles. Lastly, the Web Design project will allow students to interact with their community (Learning Expectations 5A, 5B, and 5C).

**Directions**:

1. Create an account at [www.weebly.com](http://www.weebly.com) (other acceptable websites are blogspot and wordpress)
2. Copy and paste your profile article to the main page
3. “Play” with the colors, fonts, media, and pages buttons to learn the system. Customize this page however you’d like. If you have an interest in education, veterinarianism, sports, etc., you may customize it into that theme. Then, the articles you post or comment on should follow that theme. This can be used as a portfolio when applying for jobs/internships, and it’s more focused than digital portfolio. Note: your website does NOT have to have a theme; it can be general, but I encourage you to make it unique to you (e.g. colors, themes, fonts, pictures that YOU like).
4. Create a “page” for each of the following:
	1. News Articles
	2. Feature Articles
	3. Photojournalism
5. Create a “Blog” Page (this is where you will journal your responses to worldly or local news stories)
6. When you have completed steps 1-5, “Publish” the webpage by clicking the orange “Publish” button in the top right corner. When you first publish, it will ask for a domain name. You may use whatever domain name you’d like; however, use the first option – NOT the second or third options. Your URL will be something like: [www.missdaigle.weebly.com](http://www.missdaigle.weebly.com)
7. Send the URL to: missdaigle@gmail.com, and I will be using this as a way to develop our student newspaper as well as view your articles.