

Feature Story Ideas

1. Modern day heroes
2. Unusual pets
3. Unusual jobs (or students who meet famous people as a result of their part-time job)
4. Making a comeback—students or faculty who have overcome incredible odds.
5. The rescue team—librarians who save your necks during research paper time.
6. The library—how much is lost each year due to theft, or books not returned, or vandalism. What is being done to curtail this?
7. Brian drain—the most difficult classes
8. Making the grade—feature on the students who make A's in the class or from the teacher no one makes an A from.
9. Favorite classes. Why?
10. The high price of education—classes that cost additional money like photography, art, computer classes...
11. The cost of belonging—activities where you have to pay additional money to represent the school—summer camps, cheerleading uniforms, pompon, dance lines, minor sports, etc.
12. Student entrepreneurs
13. Volunteers—students/faculty who perform service work in the community
14. School traditions
15. Athletic superstitions
16. Selling yourself—athletes who are real press hounds because they need the publicity to attract college scholarships
17. Being recruited—athletes and non-athletes who are heavily recruited by schools, military, etc. Keep track of all the literature received from colleges, etc. Figure postage costs...
18. The school junker—the car that's held together with twine, etc.
19. The neatest car in the school—not necessarily the most expensive but the one with the most personality.
20. Games teachers play to get your attention or to make a point
21. Embarrassing moments in the classroom—for teachers and students
22. Breaking curfew
23. Excuses—those that students give teachers and those teachers give students
24. A day in the life of...your school, the homecoming candidates, the cross-country team, the principal, etc. A journal approach to capturing the day the way it was.
25. Sneak attack—a story about tennis shoes (sneakers) in your school. Consider running a survey to determine the average number of sneakers owned, the average cost, and then figure the total cost of sneakers in your school. It's probably a multi-million business in your school.
26. First dates
27. Long distance romances—how difficult is it to keep them alive? How expensive are your phone bills? How many letters/e-mails written in a week, etc.
28. Techniques for getting noticed by a guy/girl.
29. Excuses given from breaking a date
30. \$5 date
31. \$500 date
32. Over achievers--what drives them to work so hard?
33. Students with parents who work at school and the flip side of that--parental reaction to having their children as students/athletes.
34. Large families--over 12. How large is the grocery bill? Do they ever get new clothes or do they end up in hand me downs? How long do they wait for the restroom in the morning?
35. Heros in hand-me-downs. Junior varsity teams who work hard but seldom have anything new for themselves.
36. Team trainers
37. On the road again--travel with an athletic team to do a color story on what the road trips are like.
38. Bands--students or faculty who have their own bands or play in bands.
39. Famous alumni
40. Leaders and pleaders--organization leaders who have to beg to get people to do things
41. Being clubbed to death--so many clubs and so many choices. Getting overextended in club work.

42. Your first credit card
43. Driver's test
44. Being stopped by the police
45. The class clown--there's always one who is really a comedian. What makes him tick?
46. Unusual hobbies
47. Gameaholics--students who spend all of their time and money on video games or board games
48. Student hangouts
49. Exciting summer trips or spring break trips
50. Students who are taking college credit while still in high school
51. Unusual relatives within the student body
52. Shopping--an obsession
53. Purging the urge to splurge--on shopping, eating, whatever. How do you stop?
54. School rivalries
55. Parents with unusual jobs
56. Tanning booths
57. Strange and unusual piercings
58. Teachers with second and third jobs
59. Married teachers who teach in the same school
60. Car accidents and tickets
61. Being a twin/triplet...
62. Making a difference--people who have been an instrumental influence on students' lives
63. Skateboarders
64. Stressed for success--students who are intent on achieving academic success, college entrance exams, etc.
65. School mascot
66. Parental pressure on coaches to let students play--student reaction to this too
67. Fashion and fads
68. Weather and its impact on school events
69. How much it costs to run a school
70. Being a custodian, cafeteria worker...
71. School epidemics
72. How long it takes to get ready in the morning
73. How much money the school receives in scholarships
74. Cell phones and student use
75. Divorce--impact on students
76. Teen marriages
77. Peer pressure--how students deal with them
78. Homecoming Week/Prom Week
79. Single-parent families
80. What's cooking--spend a day with the cooks and write a color story about their job. Include specifics on how much food it takes to prepare the students' favorite meal. What time do they start their day, etc.
81. Fast food. How often do students eat it? How much do they spend? What's their favorite fast food meal.
82. Cramming--techniques for studying for tests. How often do students feel they have to cram?
83. Procrastination--everybody does it. What rationalizations do students/teachers use to put things off?
84. Students or teachers with outstanding accomplishments
85. Foul-ups behind the scenes at plays
86. Time investment--the number of hours that goes into the preparation of a 12-minute halftime show
87. Student musicians who began at an early age--hours they've practiced, glad they spend that kind of time...
88. Internet and mass media invasion
89. Student involvement in environmental protection
90. Teenage suicide prevention
91. Bench warmers--the athletes who may not see much playing time but are an important part of the game because they keep the team psyched. These are the folks that hold the team together.
92. Student jobs--strange work stories
93. Freshmen fears
94. Tricks played on freshmen or underclassmen
95. Competition and how it affects students