

# 2024 State Journalism Championship



## #7 Newspaper Feature Writing

Time Limit – 1:15

### Directions:

Students will assume the role of a reporter for a school newspaper and write a feature story based on the information below. Entries will be evaluated on originality, reader appeal and interest.

### When you are finished:

1. Type or print your name on your entry.
2. Save your document as a PDF using a filename of your choice. **\*\*Remember where you saved the file.**
3. Go to this link <https://secure.nsaahome.org/nsaaforms/jo/login/student/index.php>
4. Complete the form, hit LOGIN
5. Choose file. **MUST BE A PDF FILE**
6. Click UPLOAD
7. When done, please raise your hand for the proctor to confirm the upload was successful.

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From the given information, write a feature story as you would for the high school newspaper. You may use statements attributed to individuals as direct or indirect quotes. You may not change the meaning of a statement.

You are a reporter for *The Edge*, the student newspaper of Edgemont High School.

Edgemont High School, located in the northwestern corner of the state, has an enrollment of 3,011 students in grades 9-12.

Following multiple appearances on the 'Jeopardy!' game show last spring, Edgemont math teacher Daniel Barker announced another appearance on the show, which by special arrangement will be aired early for students 4 p.m. Oct. 6 at the school's theater. Barker will participate in the 'Champions Wildcard' tournament, which will feature winners from seasons 37 and 38 as well as current winners from the 'Second Chance' tournament, with four winners earning spots to the 'Tournament of Champions' in December.

### **Daniel Barker, Teacher and Jeopardy Contestant**

'Jeopardy!' invites contestants who win between one to three games into a 'Second Chance' tournament, and the winner from the tournament will then qualify for the 'Tournament of Champions.' My original plan was to have a viewing party, provided all the students can attend. The show airs at 7 p.m. when the spring musical takes place, so I was able to ask 'Jeopardy!' to give me early access to the episode 4 p.m. in the theater on the sixth. Swing by and it'll be good time.

**Roberta Barker, Daniel's mom and fellow English teacher**

I am so proud of Daniel being invited back to the show. He has been a steadfast learner of history and facts for as long as I can remember. I love that he is able to share his trivia talents with the world!

**Mallory Dean, Principal at Edgemont**

Mr. Barker represents his school well and we wish him the best of luck. As the quiz bowl sponsor, you can see why our team is very competitive with Mr. Barker at the helm. It is quite an honor to be asked back on the show. His personality is infectious and his love for students apparent. We cheer when we hear him give Edgemont a shoutout!

**Brittany Beekerman, Quiz Bowl Student President**

Our team will be cheering Mr. Barker on. He does so much for this school and our team. He is going to crush the competition! We are sure of it. My fellow quiz bowlers and myself will be at the theater for the special viewing party. We will be selling Barker Barks t-shirts and desserts. We are just so proud of our teacher.