

Adapting in the Ever-changing Times
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Upholding the standards and keeping up with the ever-changing times to at least reach the competencies in the special programs is not always a cakewalk for teachers. They take the extra mile to do whatever it is necessary to comply to the demands that not only the learners need, but also the people on top of the hierarchy.

The special programs in schools are far different from the regular curriculum. They are expected to at least do something differently with the help of focused and other advanced subjects. In Special Program in Journalism, an extra subject is added that is mainly focused on teaching the students on how to be a responsible journalist. With it are expectations that the SPJ curriculum should develop writers that will contribute into the formation of an annual school paper through the School Paper club.

Locally, we have Ang Munozonian—the official student publication of Munoz National High School. Majority of the writers are SPJ students. The shift from the usual pictures taken by Photojournalism in the pages of the newspapers are not being replaced at times by digital art.

Even in the pedagogy of the teachers in SPJ experienced some changes. But before that experience, a challenge arose. That challenge was to develop teaching materials suitable for the learners especially in their major subjects. Materials were not always available, and if available, they are not tailored for the local students.

That is why the teachers must always be adaptable. Locally, the teachers of SPJ developed an interactive, bank-like database in Google Classroom into which all the teachers have control over. Not only that, they may also allow the students to access materials they may study during their free time.

Having a functional Google Classroom that has enrolled students is a step forward towards digitalization. The fact that the teachers always have a reliable source of materials which they can always access makes their teaching a lot easier. Also, the students of SPJ can now go with the idea that they are adapting to the changing of the times considering that the traditional way of spreading news is now shifting online.