

**Detroit Red Wings®**

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## **WINGS TO HOST 63 MICHIGAN STUDENTS AT HIGH SCHOOL JOURNALIST DAY PRESENTED BY MOS**

**... High School Students to Watch Practice, Tour Press Box and Participate in Q&A Sessions with Media Members, Wings Management, Players and PR Staff ...**

**DETROIT** – Sixty-three high school reporters from Detroit to Kalamazoo to Charlevoix and various areas in between will attend the Detroit Red Wings' annual High School Journalist Day, presented by Michigan Office Solutions (MOS), on Friday, Feb. 13, in the Olympia Club at Joe Louis Arena. Student participants, who range from high school freshmen to seniors, will have the opportunity to experience a day in the life of a sports reporter covering the Red Wings.

High School Journalist Day will open with a Q&A session at 9:45 a.m. featuring a four-member media panel of reporters who frequently cover the Red Wings. Kevin Allen of *USA Today*, Michael Caples of *Michigan Hockey*, Dana Wakiji of *FoxSportsDetroit.com* and Ken Kal, the play-by-play voice for the Red Wings, will share their personal experiences as well as offer advice on breaking into sports journalism.

Students will then tour the Joe Louis Arena press box and watch the Red Wings practice. During the practice, students will be permitted to snap photos and jot down observations. The tour and practice will be followed by lunch in the Olympia Club.

The first of three mock press conferences will begin at 12:15 p.m. Students will have 30 minutes to ask head coach Mike Babcock questions ranging from hockey-related topics to his thoughts on sports journalism. Special assistant to the general manager and former Red Wings star Kris Draper will be on hand for the second 30-minute press conference to discuss the front office aspects of professional sports and his playing career, while three Red Wings players will field questions about themselves and the team's performance for 45 minutes in the third press conference of the day.

All student participants will receive a drawstring bag, folder, notepad and pen, courtesy of MOS, and the Detroit Red Wings.

Students will be encouraged to write an article or put together a broadcast piece using the information they collect during High School Journalist Day for their school newspaper or broadcast outlet. After the stories have been published and submitted, the top three entries will be selected by the Wings' PR department. The grand prize winner will have his or her story posted on [www.DetroitRedWings.com](http://www.DetroitRedWings.com) and will get to spend a 2015-16 Red Wings practice, lunch and home game shadowing *USA Today* hockey reporter Kevin Allen. The second place writer or broadcaster will win two tickets to a 2015-16 home game and the third place writer will receive a puck or photo signed by his or her favorite player.

**Media wishing to cover this event must RSVP to Alex DiFilippo at [alex.difilippo@hockeytown.com](mailto:alex.difilippo@hockeytown.com) or 313-471-7531 no later than Thursday, Feb. 12 at 4 p.m. Please provide reporter and photographer names. Reporters will need to pick up their credential at the West Press entrance. Media can interview students during the Wings practice at 11:00 a.m. or following the event at 2:15 p.m. Mike Babcock will be available to the media at approximately 12:45 p.m. following his Q&A session and the three players will be available at approximately 1:45 p.m.**

**About the Detroit Red Wings:**

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