

Summer's a great time for podcasts

If there's an overarching goal I've had since I began as the JEA Curriculum Specialist in the summer of 2023, it's to be a liaison between the amazing curriculum content on the JEA website and journalism advisers in the "trenches." Having worked closely with those curriculum resources for two years now, I know just how daunting they can seem, so I wanted those materials to be more accessible.

To help facilitate that connection, I've reached out to dozens of veteran advisers for their help. Over the months and years, I've tried to share their tips and tricks, their team-building ideas and their advice to help make other journalism teachers' experiences just a little bit easier.

This year, though, was a game-changer for me. On a whim, I started a podcast: the [JEA Curriculum Chat](#). It provided a simple formula for advisers to share their journalistic

journey, their favorite lesson and some adviser advice. Since that first episode in August 2024, I have had the privilege to speak with more than two dozen advisers. And while my goal was to be able to share my guests' wisdom with others, I think I've learned more than anyone. Even after 30 years in the classroom, I realized from these conversations that I still have so much to learn.

And you can too.

As you take time to relax after a long school year, consider adding the JEA Curriculum Chat podcast to your summer listening list. Whether you're a new adviser or a veteran, I think you'll get something out of the episodes. Better yet, you'll meet some pretty cool people who love to share their ideas with others.

I'm looking forward to sharing more great content this fall. Until then, have a great summer everyone. | *Jim Streisel, MJE*



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