

BAYSHORE STUDENT COUNCIL 2017-2018

September 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians and Bayshore Students,

Student Council election time is upon us! Student Council is a great organization. We help out at assemblies, sponsor canned food drives, contribute money we earn to charity, sponsor spirit days, and much, much more. We are taking applications from fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students who are interested in running for a Student Council office. Fifth and sixth graders are invited to run for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Fourth graders are invited to run for the office of Sergeant-At-Arms. A complete description of all offices is listed on the back. Grades 3rd – 6th will have two class representatives. Class representative elections will be held in their classroom.

Student Council officers need to be caught up on their homework, be free of disciplinary problems (two conduct reports during the year will be cause for removal from office), and be willing to be a positive role model for the school. It is a time commitment of a minimum of an hour once or twice each month, normally Thursdays after school. We realize that many students have other activities that they participate in, but they must be able to make sure that they have time in their schedules to commit to our meetings.

This application is due in the Student Council basket in the office no later than Monday, September 18th.

On Thursday, September 21st, we will have a meeting with the candidates after school from 3:35 – 4:15 in room 22 (Mrs. Derks' room). Campaigning begins on Monday, September 25th and ends with speeches and voting on Wednesday, October 4th.

In order to have a fair and orderly campaign, every student running for office must observe the following rules:

- Negative campaigning is prohibited.
- Campaign posters or signs must be approved by Mrs. Derks or Mrs. Rose, before they may be hung up.
- Two campaign posters may be no larger than 18"x 24".
- Posters or signs must have proper grammar, punctuation, and spelling.
- Taking down or moving other candidate's posters is prohibited.
- Putting up posters must be done during the beginning of the day, end of day, or lunchtime. Do not ask your teacher to give you class time to do this.

Any violation of these rules will result in being dropped from the election.

Thank you for taking an interest in Student Council. We look forward to an exciting campaign.

Mrs. Derks & Mrs. Rose

Bayshore Student Council Application 2017-2018

Name _____

Teacher/Grade _____

Circle the student council position for which you are applying:

President

Vice President

Sergeant-At-Arms

Secretary

Treasurer

I have read the election guidelines and I understand the following:

- This is a full year commitment.
- You will probably miss some class time, lunch with friends, and recess time.
- You will be responsible for representing your whole class and your school.
- You will need to make up any work you miss because of student government responsibilities.
- You could be removed from office if you do not follow school rules and/or if you do not do your job.

Student Signature: _____

I have talked to my parent(s)/guardian(s) about my interest in student council and have signed permission to run a campaign for this office.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

I have talked to my teacher about my interest in student council and they have signed my application.

Staff Signature: _____

Please return your application to the Student Council basket in the office by **Monday, September 18th**. Draft of speech must be attached, but it will be returned to you.

2017-2018 Student Council Officer Duties

The PRESIDENT will:

- Be enrolled in 6th grade
- Conduct bi-weekly Student Council meetings
- Help organize Student Council events
- Make morning announcements once week/month

The VICE PRESIDENT will:

- Be enrolled in 5th or 6th grade
- Act as President in case of absence
- Help organize Student Council events
- Make morning announcements once week/month

The SECRETARY will:

- Be enrolled in 5th or 6th grade
- Take notes and attendance at each business meeting
- Type the notes for printing in the school newsletter
- Read the previous business meeting notes at each meeting
- Read and respond to any mail
- Help organize Student Council events
- Make morning announcements once week/month

The TREASURER will:

- Be enrolled in 5th or 6th grade
- Collect and count any money received from Student Council
- Create a financial report and read at bi-weekly meetings
- Help organize Student Council events
- Make morning announcements one week/month

The SERGEANT-AT-ARMS will:

- Be enrolled in 4th grade
- Obtain order in the meetings
- Make sure meetings start on time
- Monitor all speakers at the meetings

Student Council Campaign Guidelines and Timelines:

Monday, September 18 th	Deadline to turn in COMPLETED application packets.
Thursday, September 21st,	We will have a meeting with the candidates after school from 3:35 – 4:15 in room 22 (Mrs. Derks' room).
Monday, September 25th	Campaigning begins
Wednesday, October 4th	Campaigning ends and speeches at 2:30 in the MPR. Voting in the classrooms afterwards.
Thursday, October 5th	Introduction of 2017-2018 student council officers during the morning announcements.

*** Applications **must** include a **typed** draft of a maximum of a 2-minute speech telling how your skills will contribute to Student Council activities.

SPEECH IDEAS:

Here are some ideas you may want to include in your speech:

Introduce yourself. Then list a few of your ideas and goals for the Student Council position listed above, and the things you would do to reach these goals.

What skills and/or leadership experience have you had in the past and how would you use this to benefit Student Council?

Explain in detail why you want to be a part of the Bayshore Student Council.

Posters

Create and hang **two** 18" x 24" campaign posters. One will be placed in the main hall and the other in the cafeteria:

Poster guidelines:

- 1 photo and your name
- Name of Office you are running for
- A campaign slogan

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your child has expressed interest in running for an officer position on Student Council. On Thursday, September 21st, from 3:35-4:15 there will be a **mandatory** meeting in Mrs. Derks' room (Room 22) for all potential candidates. We will discuss the election process and campaign day information.

Please fill out the permission slip below and have your child **bring it to the meeting**.

Thank you,

Mrs. Derks and Mrs. Rose

Student Council Advisors

My child, _____, has permission to attend the MANDATORY Student Council meeting on Thursday, September 21st from 3:35-4:15 in room 22 at Bayshore. I understand that I will need to provide transportation for my child at 4:15 or my child will walk/bike home (indicate below).

Please check one:

My child has permission to walk/bike home at 4:15 pm on September 21st.

My child will be picked up at 4:15 pm on September 21st.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date