



ST. JOHN'S UPPER ELEMENTARY STUDENT COUNCIL

ELECTION INFORMATION 2014-2015

We are happy to introduce our **Upper Elementary Student Council**. This program will allow students to experience the election process, leadership opportunities, grade-level and school-wide communication and collaborative school and service projects. These experiences will prepare students as they move into Middle School and future leadership opportunities.

Each class in Third and Fourth grade will elect two class representatives (one girl and one boy), for a total of approximately 12 advisory representatives in the Student Council. The entire Fifth grade will participate in a modified election process for Officer Positions (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Publicity Coordinator, and Spirit Coordinator). Please see the attached position description and application.

To be eligible for a Student Council position, students must meet the following conditions and qualifications (*report card information is effective from the previous school year combined with current school year data*):

- Teacher recommendation and/or approval signature on the application
- All Citizenship and Work Habits grades must be "Meets Expectations"
- A GPA of 2.5 or higher, and no "D's" or "F's" on their report card

In the event that a student is elected but does not maintain the qualifying requirements, the next eligible candidate will fill the position. Regular attendance at all meetings is required. Students may only miss three meetings per year. The fourth absence will result in forfeiture of the position. Before students submit an application, they must carefully review the above requirements, and understand the time commitment needed.

Serving on Student Council is both a great responsibility and an honored privilege. Our student body is trusting in the council's ability to represent them and St. John's Episcopal School. Please remember that in any election, there are those who are elected and those who are not. Students are expected to accept victory or defeat with grace and dignity. The election schedule and procedures are as follows:

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| Thursday, September 10 | Election information will be given during our Cardinal Character Assembly. Fifth Grade applications will be available in the Elementary Office. |
| Monday, September 22 | Third and Fourth grade applications will be handed out in each classroom. Completed Fifth Grade applications are due to the Elementary Office no later than 12:30pm. Eligible candidates will receive an acceptance notification, along with campaign rules. |
| Tuesday, September 30 | Third & Fourth Grade candidates will submit their application to their classroom teacher. Fifth Grade candidates may display on campus one 12"x 18" poster (standard construction paper size). Please use blue painter's tape to display posters. NO stickers, candy, or gift items will be allowed for distribution. |
| Friday, October 3 | Third & Fourth Grade representatives will be elected in the individual classrooms. Fifth grade will meet at 8:00am sharp for campaign speeches, with elections to follow immediately afterward. Election results will be announced at the end of the day. |
| Monday, October 6 | Student Council Officers and Class Representatives will be presented to the entire Elementary School at our weekly Flag Ceremony. |
| Tuesday, October 7 | First meeting at lunch in room 8. Meetings will be approximately two times per month at lunchtime. |

Good luck to all our candidates!

Mrs. Monica Barnum
Elementary School Principal

Mrs. Shelley Chretin
Fifth Grade Teacher – Student Council Advisor



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CLASS REPRESENTATIVE / OFFICER INFORMATION 2014-2015

Third and Fourth Grade Class Representatives:

Third and Fourth Grade candidates will complete an application and submit it to their classroom teacher. Once approved, the candidates will give a brief one-minute speech in front of their individual classes prior to the classroom election. No props, please.

One girl and one boy will be elected within their classroom to serve as their classroom representative at all meetings. Representatives give suggestions and ideas from their grade levels, as well as assist other officers with their duties. Representatives are responsible to communicate any Student Council information to their classrooms, and should be a vocal supporter and encourager for events.

Fifth Grade Elected Officer Positions

Fifth grade candidates will complete an application and submit it to the Elementary Office. Once approved, the candidates will give a brief one-minute speech in the multi-purpose room to the entire Fifth grade. No props, please.

When needed, the Officers will work with the Middle School Student Council, and may be asked to "shadow" their Middle School counterparts. While working on their own service projects, the Officers will also be assisting with school-wide service project.

President:

The President shall call the meetings to order, lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the weekly Flag Ceremony, and work with the Advisor to plan events and activities.

Vice-President:

The Vice-President stands in for the President when away. The Vice-President will read the Character Virtue Word of the Month quote at the weekly Flag Ceremony, and work with the President and Advisor to plan events and activities.

Secretary:

The Secretary records the minutes of the meetings and takes roll. The Secretary will follow up with any necessary communication, and will assist the Advisor with any Student Council paperwork.

Publicity Coordinator:

The Publicity Coordinator will lead the effort to make signs and banners for various Student Council events and activities. The Publicity Coordinator is responsible for maintaining the Student Council Bulletin Board in the Elementary School hallway.

Spirit Coordinator:

The Spirit Coordinator will lead the efforts to coordinate various Elementary School Spirit Days. The Spirit Coordinator will also work with the Advisor to coordinate Spirit days with the Middle School Student Council.

ALL Class Representatives and Officers will participate in Student Council events and activities. Representatives and Officers serve as role models within the St. John's Episcopal School community. The Upper Elementary Student Council is a TEAM effort and it is an honor to be a member of this team.