

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

Tuesday, August 17, 2010

Invitation Letter & Meeting

- Interested students submit signed invitation letter, and attend meeting at 12:15 p.m. in grade 8 classroom

Wednesday, August 18, 2010

Campaigning Begins

- Candidates running for Student Government will campaign throughout school

Wednesday, September 1, 2010

Candidate Speeches & Voting

- School-wide voting for officers (3-8, by individual ballots; K-2 will take one class vote). Ballots due by 2:45 p.m.

Thursday, September 2, 2010

Election Results Announced

- Results of elections for officers announced before dismissal

Friday, September 3, 2010

First Student Government Meeting

- 2:30 p.m. in grade 8 classroom

Wednesday, September 8, 2010

Student Government Installation

- Following morning Mass.

CAMPAIGN GUIDELINES

Run a Christ-like campaign.

In keeping the personal and professional requirements for all student council officers, all campaigns must be conducted in a respectful and thoughtful manner. Any candidate who resorts to insults or personal attacks on other candidates will be disqualified. Run a campaign based on your own merits, rather than on the shortcomings of others. Win or lose, you can feel good about a campaign that is faithful to your values.

Get the attention of your voters.

A simple but true fact: name recognition works wonders. If voters know your name, then your chances of winning increase.

- Put up posters that are eye catching, colorful, and memorable. Come up with a catch phrase that voters won't be able to easily forget. Exercise some caution, however, in creating your posters – they must be appropriate, and in good taste.
- Introduce yourself personally to voters. Talk to them about your ideas. Find out their interests, and see if you can relate these interests to your own plans. However, do not bribe others (i.e. "Here's a piece of candy, vote for me!" or "I'll eat lunch with you if you vote for me."), and do not make promises you cannot keep. Your INTEGRITY matters.

All campaigning materials must be approved by Mr. Ochoa prior to being posted, distributed, etc.

Acceptable materials include:

- Posters
- Flyers
- Bookmarks (handmade or computer-generated)
- Stickers (handmade or computer-generated)

ALL materials must pertain directly to your campaign.

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EXPECTATIONS & RESPONSIBILITIES

ALL Student Government Officers

- understand and embrace the responsibilities that come with being leaders.
- serve as examples to others in the school, modeling Christian values.
- devote both time and energy to brainstorming, planning, and implementing ideas that will contribute to the happiness and welfare of our school community.
- take an active role during meetings and work to make these meetings productive.

The Student Government **PRESIDENT**

- presides (hence the word president) over meetings in an organized, focused, and democratic manner plans agendas (with the help of an advisor, and other officers)
- composes correspondence related to the student council
- serves as the “voice” of the student council (this includes making frequent school-wide announcements at morning recess, after masses, at special events, etc.)
- casts the deciding vote in the event of a tie

Desired qualifications:

- a strong sense of responsibility and duty to others
- effective oral (to include public speaking) and written communication skills
- excellent organizational skills
- creative thinking, resourcefulness, and determination
- understanding of the value of teamwork and cooperation
- goal-oriented

The Student Government **VICE-PRESIDENT**

- acts temporarily as president if the president is absent or unavailable (see above for details of this role)
- works closely with the president in planning and coordinating events
- aids the president in composing correspondence
- encourages frequent and clear communication about student council activities, both within the school as well as in the larger community

Desired qualifications:

- a strong sense of responsibility and duty to others
- effective oral and written communication skills
- ability to work well with others (including adults in the community that you may need to contact)
- excellent organizational skills
- creative thinking, resourcefulness, and determination

The Student Government **SECRETARY**

- works with the president and the advisor(s) to prepare the agenda for the meeting
- takes notes at meetings (as well as individual meetings with advisors and/or the principal) and prepare minutes to document the proceedings of the meetings
- with the aid of the president and vice-president, type correspondence relating to student council
- keeps records relating to the student council (such as a file of important documents, resources, and materials)

Desired qualifications:

- Excellent writing and proofreading skills
- Ability to take fast, accurate, and neat notes
- Strong typing and computer skills
- Excellent organization and time management skills

The **TREASURER**

- maintains financial records relating to the student council
- remains informed (and ready to inform others) regarding funds available for student council use

Desired qualifications:

- Strong math skills
- Interest in planning budgets (with an understanding of short term and long term goals)
- Ability to manage money with confidence and integrity
- Attentiveness to detail