

Student Council Is Coming Back to Hope!!!

After a 2 ½ year absence, Student Council is returning to Hope! Students in grades 3-8 are eligible to run for office to represent their class and our school.

What is the Student Council? What does the Student Council do?

The purpose of Student Council is to learn about student government, to represent our school, to provide acts of service in our school and throughout the community, and to conduct fundraisers for school improvements. Examples of past activities are organizing and running food drives, deciding on spirit dress days, selling Candygrams at Christmas, running "Penny Wars" with the proceeds going towards the purchase of water bottle filling stations, and serving as a representative for your class when Mrs. Heit gives tours to prospective families.

Duties and Responsibilities of Elected Representatives and Officers:

Students in grades 3-7 may run for Class Representative. Two representatives will be elected in each class. Eighth graders may run for the office of president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer. One student will be elected for each of these offices. Below are the duties and responsibilities of each office:

- **Class Representative (3rd-7th Grades)** - Attend all meetings and actively participate in activities and projects sponsored by the student council. Assist with Open House evenings (if needed) and serve as greeters in their classrooms when visitors or prospective families are in the building.
- **Treasurer (Eighth Grade Only)** - Attend all meetings and actively participate in activities and projects sponsored by the student council. Count and record all money collected and earned by student council events, activities, and charitable drives.
- **Secretary (Eighth Grade Only)** - Attend all meetings and actively participate in activities and projects sponsored by the student council. Take meeting attendance and take notes at each of the meetings. At the beginning of each meeting, read the minutes from the previous meeting.
- **Vice President (Eighth Grade Only)** - Attend all meetings and actively participate in activities and projects sponsored by the student

council. Work directly with the president to lead student council and assist in conducting meetings. If other officers are absent, the vice president will take over those roles. Works with the president to keep all council members active and involved.

- **President (Eighth Grade Only)** - Attend and actively lead and conduct student council meetings. Work with the advisors to prepare an agenda for each meeting. Vote when there is a tie.

Staff advisors are Mrs. Neafcy and Mrs. Heit. Student Council meetings will be held on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month from 7:40-8:10, location TBD. Those that are elected are committing to attending the twice monthly meetings and attending and assisting with events run by student council.

I want to run for Student Council! What's next?

1. Fill out the attached form, have it signed by a parent and your teacher, and return it to the school office.
2. Create a campaign poster to hang in your classroom. The poster should be no larger than 18"X24". Your teacher will let you know where to hang it. Eighth graders running for office may create two campaign posters and hang one in the upstairs hallway and one in the downstairs hallways. Posters may be hung up anytime between October 10-14.
3. Write a campaign speech and give it to Mrs. Neafcy no later than Monday, October 24. You will read your speech on Wednesday, October 26. Candidates in grades 3-7 will give their speeches in their classrooms, and candidates for eighth grade officers will give their speeches after chapel on October 26 to the students in grades K-8. Students will vote that same day.
4. If you are elected by your classmates, attend the first Student Council meeting. Date and time for first meeting TBD.

Student Council Intent to Run

Name _____ Grade _____

Position _____

Parent Signature _____

Teacher Signature _____

Return this form to the office no later than Friday, October 7, 2022. Late forms will not be accepted.