



Middle School

2017-2018

Student Council

Information and

Election Packet

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## THINGS TO TURN IN:

- Application
- Required Signatures Form

August 21, 2017

Dear Prospective 2017-2018 Student Council Candidate,

I am so glad that you are considering becoming a member of Franklin Academy's Middle School Student Council! The Franklin Academy Administration and I appreciate the fact that you want to get involved, serve, and connect with your fellow students, staff, and community.

Being a part of Student Council is an honor and a privilege. We are in charge of many important activities throughout the school year. It is required that each member in Student Council attends weekly after school meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 pm-5:00 pm. This is where we will get our work done and discuss school wide/community issues/projects. Tuesday meetings are mandatory meetings for all Student Council members and Thursdays are optional but strongly encouraged. In addition, each Student Council member will have the opportunity to attend district/county/state meetings held at various locations across our district/state. Beyond those meetings, there will be a multitude of optional projects, activities, conferences, and more.

As the advisor, I understand that a Student Council member has other obligations and responsibilities. Therefore, I will work individually with each member to make sure that he/she fully understands the commitment that is being made prior to assuming a responsibility. I want an open line of communication between members, officers, parents and us. I understand that it is my responsibility to provide an opportunity for all members to have hands on experiences that will teach time management skill, planning skills, organizational skill, conflict management, communication skill, personal development, leadership skills and much, much more.

**Please complete the Application and Required signatures Form and return them to Mrs. Principe no later than 3 p.m. on Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. Officers will be required to sign up for an interview when they turn in their application/form.**

Please read the entire Information and Election packet. Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions. Go Bolts!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Principe

Student Council Advisor

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# Student Council Election Information

## Student Council President, Vice President, and Secretary and Class Presidents

Requirements:

- Application and Forms
- Speech on Morning Announcements
- No disciplinary issues
- The position of Student Council **President** must be in eighth grade and has served as a member during the 2016-2017 school year.
- The position of Student Council **Vice President** must have served as a member during the 2016-2017 school year.

**Election Point Division** (On a 100 point scale)

- 30-Interviews
- 30-Faculty/Staff Vote
- 40-Student Body Vote

## Representative Selection

Requirements:

- Application and Forms
- No disciplinary issues

## Election/Selection Schedule

<b>August 23<sup>rd</sup>, Wednesday 6:00 pm-7:00 pm</b>	Student Council Information Meeting (in the cafeteria and parents are strongly encouraged to attend)
<b>August 28<sup>th</sup>, Monday 3:00 pm</b>	Student Council Applications Due
<b>September 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am-3:00 pm</b>	Student Council Officer Campaigning
<b>September 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday and Wednesday</b>	Student Council Officer Interviews (must sign up for an interview when you turn in your application/signatures)
<b>September 7<sup>th</sup>, Thursday</b>	Student Council Officer Speeches on announcements
<b>September 8<sup>th</sup>, Friday</b>	Student Council Officer voting during Social Studies
<b>September 11<sup>th</sup>, Monday</b>	Officer/Representative Announcement
<b>September 13<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday</b>	Mandatory Student Council Retreat (3:30-7:30 pm in cafeteria and dinner will be provided)

# Franklin Academy Student Council Application

**\*Please answer questions on an additional piece of paper**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Adult T-Shirt/Polo Size: \_\_\_\_\_

I'm applying for the position of (please select one):

- Student Council President
- Student Council Vice President
- Student Council Secretary
- Sixth Grade Class President
- Seventh Grade Class President
- Eighth Grade Class President
- Student Council Representative

Current Schedule: Include Class name, teacher's name, and room number.

Period 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Period 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Period 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Period 4: \_\_\_\_\_

Period 5: \_\_\_\_\_

Period 6: \_\_\_\_\_

1. List all sports, clubs, and other extra-curricular activities in which you are involved and any leadership positions held.
2. List any community service volunteer activities or clubs you are in or have been involved in outside of school.
3. Why do you want to be in Franklin Academy's Student Council?
4. What are some ideas you have to make Franklin Academy more enjoyable for students and faculty? How will your ideas change Franklin Academy students and/or staff?
5. If you attended Franklin Academy in previous years, what was your favorite event/activity that Student Council hosted? Why? What would you change to make the event even better?

# Required Signatures Form

## **TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Secure three teacher/staff signatures that support your candidacy for Student Council.

*Teachers/Staff-By signing below you are endorsing the above student to run for Franklin Academy Student Council. If you have any concerns, please let Mrs. Principe know in writing or in person by September 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

1) Teacher/Staff Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Comments:

\_\_\_\_\_

2) Teacher/Staff Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Comments:

\_\_\_\_\_

3) Teacher/Staff Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Comments:

\_\_\_\_\_

## **CANDIDATE/PARENT SIGNATURE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am interested in holding a Franklin Academy Student Council position. I am announcing my candidacy for \_\_\_\_\_ (position). I have read the Campaign Integrity Contract and the Franklin Academy Student Council Responsibilities Contract, and I agree to comply with the standards set in both documents.

Candidate Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Campaign Integrity Contract

During my campaign I will abide by the following guidelines:

- I will not use inappropriate language and images during my campaign.
- I will not deface or remove any other candidate's campaign materials.
- I will behave with dignity, integrity, and respect towards my opponents.
- I will conduct myself with maturity and honesty throughout my campaign.
- I understand that I am responsible for the actions of my personal supporters and campaign helpers.
- I will accept the results of the election with maturity and respect.

*I understand that if I do not abide by these guidelines that my candidacy may be subject to review.*

## Campaign Rules

General Criteria:

- Appropriate language, free of putdowns, negative innuendos, and profanity, is to be used on all of your campaign materials.
- YOU must take down, posters and banners at the LATEST, Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 A.M.
- Materials may **only** be hung in the Middle School hallway, cafeteria on windows, and also in teacher classrooms with their permission with **painters tape** only.
- Handouts including, but not limited to, fliers (no larger than regular paper size 8.5 x 11), pamphlets, stickers, and buttons may be used with the understanding that damages to school property must be cleaned/removed at the expense of the candidate. **No candy allowed.**

Poster/Banner Criteria:

- No more than 5 posters and 1 banner.
- Each poster must be no larger than 2' x 3' -a combined total of this size may be used for 1 or 2 large posters of combined measurements.
- Banners must be no larger than 3' x 7'

Speeches:

- Live speeches will be held on the announcements and cannot be longer than one minute.

*\*Failure to follow these guidelines may result in one's candidacy being reviewed.*

## Franklin Academy Student Council Responsibilities Contract

1. I will be an exemplary student and citizen through my conduct and academic studies. **This is a full time commitment for the entire term of office.**
2. I understand that any suspension from school will cause for my immediate dismissal from my Student Council position, unless an administrator overrules this.
3. I will attend the Student Council Tuesday meetings for the entire year I am in office. If I am unable to be a member at the meetings, I will forfeit my position.
4. I will be in attendance for required Student Council activities, and understand that I will receive demerits if I am unable to attend.
5. I will maintain a GPA of 2.5 or above.
6. I will need, at times, to be available before and after school, and on non-school days.
7. I will show and have respect for others and myself at all times. I will remember who I am and who I represent – Franklin Academy and Student Council.
8. I understand and accept that Franklin Academy faculty members shall monitor the election results and those decisions will be final.
9. I have read and understand the Franklin Academy Student Council Constitution.
10. I understand that if elected/selected, I may receive demerits for various reasons (failure to turn in money in a timely manner, inappropriate behavior, failure to attend Student Council functions, etc.) and that earning 16 demerits will result in probation; 18 results in removal from the organization.
11. I understand that I may be asked to leave campus on Student Council-related errands or field trips, and pledge to behave responsibly, reflecting the best of Student Council, school and myself.
12. I understand that I will be working with equipment and supplies and will be held responsible for any damage and/or waste due to negligence.
13. I understand that if I am going to be absent, I need to inform the advisor **prior to the meeting time** and failure to do so may result in demerits.
14. I understand that I will be responsible for participating in various fund-raising activities and that I am responsible for turning in all monies in a timely manner.
15. I understand that I will be expected to pay Student Council dues in the amount of \$100 by September 13, 2017 (or make a payment if a payment plan is needed). I understand that these dues will go towards my Student Council polo and other miscellaneous Student Council-related expenses.