

# Do you Want to Be part of the SMS Student Council?

## About the Seminole Middle School Student Council

- ➡ Do you want to make a difference this year?
- ➡ Do you want school to be an even more fun and exciting place to be?
- ➡ The SMS School Student Council plans and organizes events for middle school students.

## Who Can Participate?

- ➡ The SMS Student Council will consist of students in Grades 6-8. Members must complete an application. At least six students from each grade level, based on the eligibility requirements. The executive committee is then selected from the classroom representatives.
- ➡ We are looking for some dynamic, enthusiastic, and committed middle school students to join the Student Council for this year. Qualities necessary for any member on student council are:
  - **Leadership skills** – Are you willing to lead committees and be a representative for your class?
  - **Creative** – Are you able to think of new and exciting activities and fundraisers for the student council?
  - **Communicative** – Are you able to share ideas with other student council members, your class and all middle school members?
  - **Team player** – You could be working with a team to generate ideas and organize events for the Student Council.
  - **Responsibility** – You may be responsible for running activities throughout the school and you must be reliable.
  - **Commitment** – This is a year long activity and if you volunteer now, you will be expected to come to all meetings for the remainder of the year. Meetings will be held on the first and third Tuesday of every month.

## Benefits of Participating

Student council membership helps to build character, leadership, decision making, organization skills and responsibility.

## When & Where Does the Club Meet?

A brief (15 minute) informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 18, 2019, in Room 551, at 4:15 p.m. Students joining student council will be supervised by Mrs. Selden. Future meetings will be held on the first Wednesday every month from 4:20 p.m. until 5:20 p.m.

## Staff Advisor & Additional Information

For additional information about the FMS Student Council, please contact Mrs. Selden.

## 2019-20 Student Council Application Timeline

- ➡ September 18 - Students may pick up an application during the informational meeting held at 4:15 in Room 551. If you are unable to attend the informational meeting, please see Mrs. Selden in Room 551.
- ➡ Thursday, September 26 @ 4:10 p.m. – Deadline for submission of completed packet to Mrs. Selden (Room 551)
- ➡ NO packets will be accepted after the deadline.
- ➡ Students will be notified about their selection by September 30, 2019.

**Completed packets due to Mrs. Selden by 4:10 p.m., Thursday, September 26**

# SMS Middle School Student Council

## *Representative Application Packet*

This packet contains information for students wishing to become involved as SMS Student Council Representatives for the 2019-20 school year. Students **MUST** read all portions of this document carefully, complete all necessary pages, obtain all required documents to be returned with the application **AND** meet all deadlines contained in this packet. Do **NOT** submit individual pages/documents – submit the entire packet at one time!

### Eligibility for Student Council Class Representative

- ➔ A class representative must maintain a passing grade in all courses and should have earned passing grades during the last 20 weeks of the prior school year.
- ➔ A class representative's experience within the Middle School may not include disciplinary referrals related to insubordination, classroom disruptions, truancy, substance abuse, or gross misdemeanors.

### Application Packets Must Include the Following . . .

- ➔ **Student Council Questionnaire:** This is your chance to demonstrate quality writing and thinking skills. The Student Council Questionnaire will provide the advisor with valuable information concerning your skills as a student leader.
- ➔ **Student Council Parent Permission Slip:** Each candidate must submit a signed permission slip.
- ➔ **Student Council Recommendation Form:** Each candidate must include two recommendations from current and/or past teachers or staff members.
- ➔ **ALL** paperwork must be submitted, fully completed in order to be reviewed by Mrs. Selden.

Partially completed or late (*past the deadline*) packets will **NOT** be reviewed and those students will not be eligible for Student Council.

## **Student Council Representative Responsibilities**

1. Attend ALL scheduled meetings. Three unexcused absences will result in dismissal from the Council.
2. Serve on one standing committee and at least one activity/event committee during the year and contribute time and effort to help make each Student Council sponsored activity the best it can be.
3. Act responsibly at all meetings and activities/events and as a leader at Seminole Middle School.
4. Keep grades as high as possible. A 2.0 is required, but higher is encouraged.
5. Good citizenship is a must. Student Council is a team.
6. Solicit input from your team. You **ARE** their representative.
7. Attend all committee meetings and perform all assigned responsibilities at activities/events.
8. Students must be very responsible people who are willing to work hard. As student council members, you will be called to serve other students by representing their issues. The council does not have the power to change policies, only to voice student opinion



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# STUDENT COUNCIL QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name:

Current Grade:

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**Directions:** Please answer the following questions utilizing your best writing and thinking skills. Give the questions serious thought before answering. You must write your answers in ink, or you may “type” them. Answers which are not legible will be considered incomplete. Only completed questionnaires will be accepted. You may use the back of this sheet to finish answers or you may use a separate sheet of paper.

1. Please explain why you would like to be a Student Council representative this year. How would you personally contribute to the Council?

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2. Tell about yourself. What schools have you attended? What type of leadership experiences have you had both in school and in the community?

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3. If you could make ONE improvement at Seminole Middle School, what would it be and why?

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4. How do you respond when people don't agree with your ideas?

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# STUDENT COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS

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**Please include two recommendations from current or past teachers or staff members.**

## RECOMMENDATION #1:

I recommend \_\_\_\_\_ for Student Council. He/she possesses the following qualities that would make him/her a qualified candidate for Student Council: \_\_\_\_\_

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## RECOMMENDATION #2:

I recommend \_\_\_\_\_ for Student Council. He/she possesses the following qualities that would make him/her a qualified candidate for Student Council: \_\_\_\_\_

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