

2011-2012 STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF STUDENT COUNCIL. THE EXPERIENCE IS DEFINITELY WORTH YOUR TIME AND EFFORT IF YOU ARE READY TO COMMIT YOURSELF TO A YEAR OF SERVING YOUR CLASSMATES. PLEASE KNOW, FIRST AND FOREMOST, THAT STUDENT COUNCIL IS NOT A "BLOW-OFF CLASS" AND MUCH WILL BE EXPECTED OF EVERY MEMBER.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CAMPAIGN DATES:

FRESHMEN & SOPHOMORES - TUESDAY APRIL 5TH – FRIDAY, APRIL 8TH
JUNIORS - TUESDAY, MARCH 29TH – FRIDAY, APRIL 1ST

ELECTION DAY:

FRESHMEN & SOPHOMORES - FRIDAY, APRIL 8TH - DURING ADVISORY
JUNIORS - FRIDAY, APRIL 1ST – DURING ADVISORY

ELECTION RESULTS WILL BE POSTED AND ANNOUNCED AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY ON FRIDAY, APRIL 8TH

IF YOU HAVE NO INTENTION OF CAMPAIGNING, YOU PROBABLY WILL NOT HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN. EVEN THE MOST "POPULAR" STUDENTS WILL LOSE THIS ELECTION DUE TO THEIR APATHY TOWARDS THE PROCESS.

INFORMATION FOR CAMPAIGNING

- 1 YOU MUST HAVE A 2.5 GPA TO RUN FOR COUNCIL.** YOU MUST MAINTAIN A 2.5 TO REMAIN IN COUNCIL.
- 2 GIVE THE TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS TO TEACHERS WHO KNOW YOU WELL.** DO THIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THEY ARE DUE VERY SOON.
- 3 PREPARE A ONE MINUTE SPEECH FOR YOUR CLASSMATES.** YOU WILL DELIVER THIS SPEECH LIVE ON ELECTION DAY.
- 4. SIGN UP IN THE NORTH WING OFFICE ASAP FOR AN INTERVIEW SPOT ON TUESDAY, MARCH 29TH.** YOU WILL INTERVIEW WITH A PANEL OF FACULTY/STAFF MEMBERS. THERE WILL BE NO MAKE UP INTERVIEWS, SO PLAN ACCORDINGLY.
- 4 THERE ARE ONLY 8 POSITIONS OPEN PER CLASS.**
- 5 YOU MAY CHOOSE TO RUN WITH RUNNING MATES.** THIS IS ACCEPTABLE, UP TO THREE PEOPLE PER PLATFORM. YOU MAY COMBINE POSTER TOTALS AND MONEY TOTALS IF YOU CHOOSE THIS ROUTE.

CHANGES FOR THIS YEAR'S ELECTION

SELECTIONS THIS YEAR ARE NOT BASED SOLELY ON VOTE TOTALS, ALTHOUGH CLASS OFFICER POSITIONS WILL STILL BE DECIDED IN THIS FASHION. THE FOLLOWING FORMULA WILL BE USED TO DETERMINE ELECTION WINNERS:

POPULAR VOTE: 50% OF THE CANDIDATE'S TOTAL SCORE

INTERVIEW: 30% OF THE CANDIDATE'S TOTAL SCORE

TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS: 20% OF THE CANDIDATE'S TOTAL SCORE

IT IS VITAL THAT YOU GIVE TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORMS TO TEACHERS WHO WILL MEET THE DEADLINE. IF YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS ARE NOT IN BY THE DEADLINE, YOUR CANDIDACY IS IN JEOPARDY.

RULES FOR THE 2011 CAMPAIGN PERIOD

- 1 CANDIDATES MAY SPEND UP TO \$50.00 FOR AN ELECTION CAMPAIGN.** KEEP ALL RECEIPTS OF PURCHASES, ETC. IF ASKED TO TURN THEM IN. DONATIONS OF GOODS ONLY MAY BE MADE TO THE CANDIDATE; HOWEVER, THEY MAY **NOT** BE MADE BY A FAMILY MEMBER OF THE CANDIDATE.
- 2 CANDIDATES MAY DISTRIBUTE AS MANY STICKERS / FLIERS (UNDER 3" X 5") AS THEY WISH.** HOWEVER, EACH CANDIDATE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN MATERIALS LITTERING THE SCHOOL. DO NOT STCK THE STICKERS ON THE WALLS – YOU WILL CLEAN THEM. ALSO DO NOT STUFF LOCKERS WITH FLYERS IF THEY ARE GOING TO BE THROWN ALL OVER THE FLOORS. VIOLATION OF THESE RULES WILL RESULT IN A TEN-PERCENT DEDUCTION OF OVERALL SCORE.
- 3 IF CANDIDATES CHOOSE TO DISTRIBUTE CANDY OR FOOD, THEY MUST ADHERE TO THESE EXPECTATIONS:** ONLY STORE BOUGHT FOOD/CANDY CAN BE DISTRIBUTED. NO PRODUCTS CONTAINING NUTS MAY BE DISTRIBUTED. NO SELLING OF FOOD/CANDY IS ALLOWED.
- 4 CANDIDATES MAY DISPLAY NO MORE THAN A TOTAL OF 3 ELECTION POSTERS.**
(NORMAL POSTER BOARD SIZE)
- 5 NO OFFENSIVE AND/OR OBSCENE LANGUAGE WILL BE ALLOWED.**
- 6 CAMPAIGNS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN A PROFESSIONAL AND POSITIVE MANNER.** DO NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, MOVE ANOTHER CANDIDATE'S POSTERS OR CAMPAIGN INFORMATION.
- 7 USE OF THE P.A. SYSTEM OR RIDGE TV IS NOT ALLOWED.**
- 8 ALL CAMPAIGN MATERIALS MUST BE APPROVED IN THE NORTH WING OFFICE** BEFORE BEING DISTRIBUTED OR HUNG UP.
- 9 POSTER LOCATIONS INCLUDE THE CAFETERIA AND ALL BRICK AREAS OF THE SCHOOL. DO NOT USE TAPE ON PAINT WALLS, GLASS, OR WINDOWS. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TACK STRIPS AROUND THE BUILDING.**