

2009-10 FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS CAMPAIGNING GUIDELINES

*You are not a candidate for office until all your credentials have been checked and you are declared a candidate by the elections committee. Applications are due to Ms. Simmons (1612) or Mr. Gatlin (3614) no later than 2:45 pm on Monday, September 14, 2009.

*Failure to abide by the following rules will disqualify you from seeking office.

*There will be a mandatory meeting of all persons running for office on Tuesday, September 15 in Ms. Simmons room 1612 during the first half of SMART lunch. Please see Ms. Simmons (1612) or Mr. Gatlin (3614) by Monday, September 14 if you will not be able to attend. If you do not attend the meeting, you may not be allowed to run for office!

*Campaigning for offices begins on Wednesday, September 16, and ends Friday, September 18! Elections will be held on Monday, September 21, and Tuesday, September 22 during SMART lunch in the Auditorium. You are urged to campaign in the designated space.

*Run-offs will be held for any position in which a candidate does not win with at least fifty percent +1 of the votes. If this occurs, students will vote again on the two candidates with the most original votes. The candidate with at least fifty percent +1 of the votes after the run-off will be the winner of the position. Run-offs will take place on Thursday, September 24, during SMART lunch in the Auditorium.

*Candidates should meet in Ms. Simmons's room (1612) at 7:05 a.m. on Wednesday, September 23 to hear the results of the initial elections. Run-off candidates should meet in Ms. Simmons's room (1612) at 7:05 a.m. on Friday, September 25 to hear final results.

*Students who are elected to be on Student Council must attend the General Student Council meetings. Please watch the scrolling announcements and check your email for the next meeting.

RULES FOR CAMPAIGNING

***Anyone not abiding by these rules may be disqualified from the election.**

1. Depending on the number of applicants, you may display only three posters to promote your campaign. No posters may be larger than a sheet of poster board. We suggest that you use lightweight paper rather than heavy poster board because Panther Creek does not allow the use of heavy-duty tapes such as duct or plastic tape. Use only paper tape to mount your posters. Tape should go diagonally across the corners of your posters or in an "L" shape in photo corner style. You must get all posters approved by your class advisor with their signature and date before hanging them.
2. You may only hang your posters in the designated Student Council elections areas.
3. You are responsible for removing your campaign posters when the election is over.
4. You may NOT give any favors to your fellow students during the campaign. Absolutely no favors (money, candy, gum, etc.) are allowed. Campaign stickers are also prohibited. You may, however, give your fellow students badges or buttons.
5. You must campaign in a positive, fair spirit. Negative campaigning is prohibited! Any personal references about your opponent, any derogatory remarks about school or any group, all types of profanity, and any inappropriate language or messages (e.g., references to drugs or alcohol) are examples of negative campaigning and are strictly forbidden.
6. Ballots will be counted by an elections committee and the Student Council Advisors.
7. Elections are student elections; therefore, every aspect of the campaign must be student-centered. Parents are not permitted to participate in any part of the on-campus campaigning, including the displaying of any campaign posters, signs, or materials.