

SMS CLASS OFFICER ELECTIONS

Students running for class office must get 100 signatures in their grade only, as well as the signature of 10 teachers.

Class Officers / Grade(s)

6th Grade Representative, (4 officers)

7th Grade Representative, (4 officers)

8th Grade Representative, (4 officers)

*The students with the top 4 totals win a spot to represent their class

Petitions, a final copy of your Letter of Intent/Speech, Resume, and Contract are due to Mr. Arnett by 10/11.

Any student who fails to submit the required documents on time or meet the necessary campaign rules will not get their name on the ballot for voting on 11/7.

CAMPAIGN RULES

- 1. Hand in your required documents to Mr. Arnett by the due dates and attend the Campaign meeting in room 123 from 3pm-4pm on 10/11. If you are absent on or have a concern about this date please see Mr. Arnett immediately to come up with an alternate plan.**
- 2. You will be allowed to hang up 25 campaign fliers in the school following agreed to guidelines presented at the campaign meeting. Mrs. Gottlieb must first approve your advertisements.**
- 3. You may only hang your fliers from 10/30-11/7.**

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As per the Student Council Constitution:

Section I

Qualifications for Elected Positions or Appointed Positions:

- A. Each candidate must submit a **petition** signed by 100 students at SMS; included on the petition must be the signatures of 10 teachers making the total 110.
- B. Each student running for a position must have a **letter of intent** of approximately 100 words or a page long. This letter must describe and express their reasons and desires for holding their particular office. It is to be handed in with the petition and contract.
- C. Students must have also signed the **contract** stating that they will abide by all rules set down by the Student Council during the election process and hand it in with their petition and letter of intent.
- D. In order to run for Class Office a student must take part in 1 Somers Middle School extracurricular activity. The activities include clubs, sports, or band or chorus.
- E. All paperwork must be handed in on time unless the student has a legal absence in which case the student must hand in forms upon their return, but before speeches are held.
- F. Election candidates must present their platforms at an assembly of the Student Council, with their grade present. Speeches must follow the election guidelines.
- G. Elections may be by secret ballot. The advisor will count all ballots, and the results announced the following day.
- H. An elected officer may hold office for one full school year.

Section II

Elected Officer Responsibilities and Consequences

All officers must regularly attend scheduled class meetings as well as actively participate in Grade Level functions and activities. If they have a legitimate reason to miss it is understood however they must communicate this to the advisor. There are two after school meetings a month and two lunch meetings a month. If an elected officer cannot fulfill their obligations procedures to remove and or replace this individual may be taken.

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Section III

Powers and duties specific officer's positions

There shall be 4 **class representatives** from each grade who shall make up the SMS Board of Leaders. They will be voted into office on Election Day as a class officer. Their duties shall be to attend all grade level meetings and to facilitate communication between student council and each grade level. They shall make reports to the council for their grade as needed. As a group they will determine each other's duties as they see fit.

Section IV

The Election Process

In order to run for grade level office students must meet certain requirements. These requirements must be met at least 3 weeks prior to Election Day to guarantee that a student's name will be on the ballot. These requirements are:

- **Join an SMS club, sport, music ensemble.**
- **Attending the campaign rule meeting and follow those rules.**
- **Attending 2 Student Council meetings prior to Election Day.**
- **Have 100 signatures from their grade.**
- **Have 10 adult signatures from SMS staff.**
- **Complete the necessary paperwork (petitions, letter of intent/speech, resume, recommendation if needed)**

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PETITION

Student Signatures for Class Officers

1.	26.
2.	27.
3.	28.
4.	29.
5.	30.
6.	31.
7.	32.
8.	33.
9.	34.
10.	35.
11.	36.
12.	37.
13.	38.
14.	39.
15.	40.
16.	41.
17.	42.
18.	43.
19.	44.
20.	45.
21.	46.
22.	47.
23.	48.
24.	49.
25.	50.

Teacher Signatures for Class Officers

1.	4.
2.	5.
3.	

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PETITION (continued)

Student Signatures for Class Officers

51.	76.
52.	77.
53.	78.
54.	79.
55.	80.
56.	81.
57.	82.
58.	83.
59.	84.
60.	85.
61.	86.
62.	87.
63.	88.
64.	89.
65.	90.
66.	91.
67.	92.
68.	93.
69.	94.
70.	95.
71.	96.
72.	97.
73.	98.
74.	99.
75.	100.

Teacher Signatures for Class Officers

6.	9.
7.	10.
8.	

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CONTRACT

I _____ plan to run for CLASS OFFICER for the 2017-2018 school year.

I recognize that:

- I cannot change the office I am running for.
- I cannot change the speech I have written.
- My speech cannot contain unrealistic promises.
- If elected, I will fulfill the duties of the office as outlined in the constitution.
- I will follow the school rules and TUSKER guidelines.
- If I disobey any of the school policies I may be dismissed from my elected position as necessary by Student Council.

Signed,

(Print Student First and Last Name)

Signature

Advisor Notes area (do not write)

Date handed to Mr. Arnett: _____

Notes: _____

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Letter of Intent/Speech

Each student running for a position must have a letter of intent of approximately 100 words or a page long. This letter must describe and express their reasons and desires for holding their particular office. It is to be handed in with the petition and contract. This will be read to the group before elections.

RESUME: Please list all the activities, clubs, sports, and musical ensembles along with any special duties you have had while at SMS that would make you a good fit for Class Officer.

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RECOMMENDATION FORM

For students with a grade point average of less than 80%, please ask a current teacher to fill out below and hand it to Mr. Arnett in person.

If elected:	Yes	No
Does this student have the time to devote to his or her position?		
Does this student exhibit leadership qualities?		
Do you believe this student can balance schoolwork and a leadership role?		
Comments:		

Dear Teachers,

Thank you for your time. Please return this to Mr. Arnett in person (room 123).

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