

## Student Council Handbook

The Viking Code

Do What's Right

Do the Best You Can

Treat Others as You Wish to Be Treated

# The Student Council of Assumption Academy - a Saint Albert the Great School Partner serves the following purposes:

- 1. To encourage school spirit with themes united in Christ
  - 2. To promote school unity
- 3. To raise funds and donate to charitable organizations
  - 4. To offer opportunities for social involvement
    - 5. To provide service to others

#### General Information

The Principal must approve any and all proposed activities for the Student Council.

#### **Qualifications for Officers and Representatives**

- 1. Must have and maintain a 3.0 GPA or above for all major subject areas in sixth and seventh grade. (NO EXCEPTIONS)
- 2. Must show satisfactory conduct and effort.
- 3. No detentions in sixth or seventh grade.
- 4. Candidates for Officer roles must have at least one year of prior experience in Student Council.
- 5. Must complete the Student Council Commitment Form with signature of student and parent.
- 6. Must have good attendance.
- 7. No suspensions from fourth grade on.
- 8. A parent must sign a commitment form and agree to pick up their student from after school meetings.
- 9. Must turn in two letters of recommendation with surveys from two Teachers (cannot be Moderators).
- 10. Officers must complete an interview with the Student Council Advisory Board.

#### **Selection of Officers**

- 1. The selection will be done by the Advisory Board.
- 2. Selection will take place in the spring to choose officers for the following year.
- 3. In case of a tie, the principal will make the final selection.

#### **Selection of Representatives**

Students in grades 4-8 will complete a process to apply to be representatives for their respective homerooms. They must write a letter to the moderators telling why they would be good for the job. They also must get two form letters of recommendation from two teachers, and a permission slip will be signed by a parent. Selection of representatives will be made from those students who complete all of the steps in the process on time.

### Description of Officers' Duties (may be adjusted by Principal/Moderator if needed)

#### **President**

- 1. Will lead all meetings and functions.
- 2. Will oversee all committees and help to delegate responsibilities.
- 3. Shall lead and unite the school with the dignity of the office.
- 4. Will speak at open houses, graduation, and other functions on behalf of the students as needed.
- 5. Will meet with the Principal monthly, at least a week prior to the scheduled meeting, to get permission and dates for various activities, and discuss ideas. May need to meet again after a meeting if there are issues to be addressed.
- 6. Is responsible for making sure all duties, projects, and efforts of the Student Council are completed.

#### Vice President

- 1. Meets with the Principal monthly, along with the President, to plan and get permission for events/activities.
- 2. Works directly with the President to assist in all duties and step in if/when needed.
- 3. Make sure that each member is participating in activities and meetings.

#### **Secretary**

- 1. Will record minutes at all meetings.
- Will read minutes (of previous meeting) at each meeting.
- 3. Will type all notes from meetings to be kept on file by the Moderator for future reference.
- 4. Works closely with the Treasurer.
- 5. Will make flyers for school activities.

#### **Treasurer**

- 1. Will report balance in the Student Council account at each meeting.
- WIII assist in recording all expenses and income.
- 3. Will collect and allocate all funds as required.
- 4. Will be responsible for counting money from all school events and fundraisers, with the assistance of the Secretary and Office Representatives.

#### **Photographer**

- 1. Keeps tradition and memories alive through pictures.
- Records events in photos and keeps a folder to be shared with the Principal and Moderator(s).
- 3. WIII send emails/videos/photos to Viking AM about Student Council Events.
- 4. Will share photos directly with the Yearbook Staff Advisors.

#### Chaplain

- 1. Helps to incorporate our Faith into the Service of the group.
- Leads opening and closing prayers at meetings.
- 3. Selects prayers for various school events and activities when requested.
- 4. Leads school in prayer at the aforementioned events.

#### Representatives

- 1. Attend all scheduled meetings.
- Report results of all meetings to their respective homerooms.
- Collect ideas from homerooms and present them as appropriate at Student Council meetings.
- 4. Speak to the homeroom teacher and ask permission before making announcements to the class.
- 5. Try not to take more than ten minutes of class time for announcements.
- 6. Makes posters for contests, spirit days, and other school events when assigned.

#### Discipline

- If a member receives one conduct referral, they will be suspended from participation in Student Council meetings and activities for one month. If a member receives a detention they will be automatically removed from Student Council. \*This does not include conduct referrals issued for academic reasons.\*
- 2. Absences will be tracked for all student council members. Students with three unexcused absences will be removed from Student Council.
- 3. If a representative or officer does not carry out the responsibilities or activities assigned to them, they may be removed from Student Council.

#### Attendance

If a Student Council member is absent the day of a Student Council meeting, they are excused from the meeting. If a student must miss a meeting/event for a reason other than absence from school, the parent must notify one of the Moderators in writing - a note or email from their parent to the Moderator is required. If not received, the absence will be considered unexcused. Three unexcused absences will result in removal from Student Council.

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