

# STUDENT COUNCIL APPLICATION

## Spring 2019

Dear 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders,

Are you interested in participating in leadership opportunities at Cornerstone? Do you want to help make decisions and make a difference? Here is your chance to be on Student Council for Spring 2019!

Student Council members will meet for 30 minutes every week in Mrs. Rasmussen's room (Rm. 6) for 8 weeks. The meetings will generally be on Fridays from 2:30-3:00 p.m. Also, students will briefly miss class to fulfill duties, like making announcements to other classes, organizing events, etc... Student Council members will be responsible for making up missed work.

Fourth and Fifth Grade elects two students as class representatives and one alternate. Third Grade elects one student as representative and one alternate. The class representatives then run for office.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class representatives run for **Communications Lead**
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade class representatives run for **Events Chair**
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade class representatives run for **President**

Officer descriptions are as follows:

**Communication Lead**- Creates fliers or other communication to parent in the What's Happening each week

**Events Chair**- Coordinates donations, schedules, and fundraisers.

**President**- Leads Student Council meetings, Spirit Days and makes weekly announcements

Anyone who is not elected as an officer will continue to serve as a class representative. After the election of officers, appropriate alternates move up to become class representative. For example, if a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student class representative is elected president, then the alternate for that 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom moves up to become class representative in the president's place, etc. Student Council is composed of:

- 3 third grade class representatives
- 4 fourth grade class representatives
- 4 fifth grade class representatives
- 3 officers (President, Events Chair, and Communication Lead)

## **CAMPAIGN RULES:**

**Candidates:** Student Council members from Fall 2018 are not eligible to run again until Fall 2019. Candidates for office must be present at the election assembly on Friday, February 22, to qualify for ballot consideration.

**Teacher Review:** Each teacher will review the student applicant to be sure they are prepared for the demands of Student Council. All applications to be submitted to classroom teacher on **February 12<sup>th</sup> by 8:30 AM.**

**Posters:** Candidates are allowed only one (1) 1-sided poster. Posters must be made on poster board no larger than standard poster board size (approx. 22" x 28"). No extraneous items are to extend beyond the borders of the posters. Candidates may put up their poster no earlier than Tuesday, February 19th, at 8:00 AM. Any posters put up before this time will be taken down. ***Posters may be hung only on the fence along the walkway leading to the MPR; candidates may not tape posters on walls, doors, bulletin boards or posts in the halls.*** Candidates must take down their poster by the end of the school day on Friday, February 22nd.

**Campaign Materials:** With the exception of the posters, no campaign materials of any kind are allowed, including stickers, flyers, t-shirts, buttons, candy, or any other campaign props. Absolutely no "give-aways" or "small favors" are permitted.

**Speeches:** Speeches should be 1-2 minutes. Speeches should explain why the candidate would be a good leader and what the candidate would do for the students of Cornerstone if elected. During the speech, audience participation, as well as signs, electronic devices or any other props of any kind will not be allowed. Elected class representatives who will be campaigning for office will be required to present their speech for approval to the Student Council Advisor on Tuesday of Campaign Week (February 19) during lunchtime in the MPR or Room 21. Speeches must be approved by the Student Council Advisor. No changes can then be made to the speeches unless requested or expressly approved by the Student Council Advisor.

**Violation of any of these rules will result in disqualification.**

**Questions?** Please contact Julie Strassner at [JGStrassner@aol.com](mailto:JGStrassner@aol.com) or

(310) 874-4237. Good luck!

Sincerely,

Julie Strassner

Cornerstone Parent Board Parliamentarian and Student Council Liaison

## ELECTION TIMELINE:

Friday, 2/8	Student Council Applications are available via Edlio. Applications will be available from your teacher upon request.
Tuesday, 2/12 8:30 a.m.	<p><b>Students must turn in applications to their teachers <u>by 8:30 a.m.</u></b></p> <p><b>Applications will not be accepted after this time.</b></p> <p><b>NO EXCEPTIONS.</b></p> <p><b>**Teacher reviews and approves applicant</b></p>
Wednesday, 2/13 to Friday, 2/15	<p>Candidates give speeches to their own class.</p> <p>Each class elects class representatives.</p>
Tuesday, 2/19 to Friday, 2/22	<p>Class Representatives campaign for office.</p> <p>Only one poster may be displayed per candidate.</p> <p>Posters can be displayed no earlier than 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 2/19, and must be taken down by the end of school on Friday, 2/22. See Campaign Rules (above) for more details.</p>
Tuesday, 2/19 Lunch period 12:30- 1:15	All class representatives must present speeches to Mrs. Rasmussen, Student Council Advisor for approval during lunch in the MPR or Room 21.
Friday, 2/22	<p><b>Election day.</b> Final candidate speeches will be given at the outside amphitheater or MPR at 8:45 a.m.</p> <p>Parents are invited to attend the elections assembly.</p> <p>Candidates must be present at election assembly for ballot consideration.</p> <p>Elections will be held after speeches.</p> <p>Results announced after lunch.</p>



**STUDENT COUNCIL APPLICATION-Submit February 12, 2019**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Write a 1-2 minute speech describing why you would be a strong student leader for Cornerstone. See Campaign Rules for more details. Attach a separate sheet of paper if needed.

*We have reviewed the above and understand that all deadlines for applications and speeches must be met and all rules must be followed in order to qualify as a candidate for Student Council.*

Student \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Contact Info:

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

