Frequently Asked Questions: Elections

Question: What is the difference between an elected and appointed position?

Answer: Elected positions are positions that your run for during election week. Appointed positions are positions that are interviewed for after the election week. Appointed positions tend to be more skill based.

Question: Can I run for an appointed position after if I lose in an elected position?

Answer: Yes!! We highly encourage it! However, appointed positions become more competitive because everyone who lost will go for appointed.

Question: What position can I/should I run for?

Answer: It depends on what grade you're in. Seniors are the only students who are able to run for Student Body Officers (Student Body Pres, Student Body VP, Student Body Secretary, and Social VP).

Question: How much time outside of class should I expect in student government?

Answer: It depends on what events we have happening. For example, during Homecoming week, you can expect about 4 hours throughout the week, but for the week after Homecoming, you hardly do anything outside of class.

Question: What do you do in Student Gov (certain positions?)

Answer: We have a link on the blog (under Term 3) of all of the position descriptions and what duties each position requires.

Question: When can I put posters up?

Answer: You can start putting posters up at 7am on Monday, March 30. However, you must make sure all of your posters and flyers have been approved by Makenna BEFORE you hang them up. Makenna will be approving posters Friday, March 27, from 2:15-3 in Baker's room (U20), and Monday, March 30 from 7-7:30am in Baker's room (U20).

Question: When is my packet due?

Answer: March 24, by 3:00 in the Main Office

Question: What counts for service hours?

Answer: Any school or community service that you do where you don't receive credit for doing it from anyone else. Text Makenna for further questions.

Question: Is 10 activities per term difficult?

Answer: No, not really. There are SO many activities to go to every week, it's not hard at all! You just cannot procrastinate this to the last week of the term.

Question: What affects my grade in Student Government?

Answer: Attendance is a huge chunk of your grade. You are also required to go to certain things throughout the year like assembly set-ups/take-downs, dance set-ups/take-downs, and some events (like the basketball games against Provo or certain state games). Plus, you will be graded on any projects/jobs that are assigned (ex: for Sub-for-Santa, everyone is required to go visit 3-5 businesses to ask for donations).

Question: How is my schedule affected if I get into Student Government?

Answer: Student Government is 2nd period, so if you get in, the counselors are super helpful and will move around your schedule to accommodate you.

Question: If I am running unopposed, do I still need to make posters?

Answer: It's up to you! I would suggest making at least one poster so you can advertise that you won, so everyone knows.

Question: What if I have some special connections?

Answer: As far as special connections go, you must make your connections available to everyone else, or disregard your special connections and receive those goods like anyone else in the general public would be able to.

Question: How can my friends help? (What can't they do?)

Answer: They can help talk to people, but they are not aloud to purchase goods for you, interrupt classes, or be disrespectful to the school or other candidates.

Question: Can I use social media during my campaign?

Answer: Yes you can, but we will be monitoring it regularly. All of the social media rules are listed in the election packet. You can use Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. You can't be disrespectful, bash on the school or other opponents, or post anything that's inappropriate.

Question: When and where will the list of who's running for what be posted?

Answer: The deadline for declaring your position is March 20, so the the list will be posted by the end of school the following Monday, March 23, outside of Baker's room and on the blog.

Question: If you do 5 community service hours, do I also need to do 5 school service hours?

Answer: No, you just need 5 total service hours, they can be either community or school or both.

Question: What are the requirements for the appointed positions?

Answer: It depends on the position. See the position descriptions on the blog under Term 3. Some examples are for Art Specialist, you have to bring in samples of your work and ideas for t-shirts, for video coordinators, you bring in a sample video announcement, etc.

Question: What's the difference between elected and appointed positions?

Answer: Elected positions are the positions that everyone votes for, and the appointed positions are more skill-based positions that are interviewed for by the newly-elected Student Body Presidency.

Question: What events can I go to?

Answer: Any Timpview-supported event. (Ex: any concerts, plays, athletic events, service events, etc.)

Question: Does HOSA service count for service hours?

Answer: No, because you are receiving credit for HOSA. Your service hours must only count for Student Government.

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