

Swartz Creek Middle School Student Council

Representative Application Packet

This packet contains information for students wishing to become involved as *Middle School Student Council Representatives* for the 2009 – 2010 school year. Students **MUST read all portions** of this document carefully, **complete all necessary pages, obtain all required documents to be returned with the application AND meet all deadlines** contained in this packet. **Do NOT submit individual pages/documents – submit the entire packet at one time!**

Eligibility for Student Council Class Representative

- A class representative must maintain a **2.0 grade point average**.
- A class representative's experience within the Middle School may not include disciplinary referrals related to insubordination, classroom disruptions, truancy, substance abuse, or gross misdemeanors.

Application Packets Must Include the Following . . .

- **Student Petition Sheet:** Students in **YOUR GRADE ONLY** may sign your petition sheet. A total of **30 signatures** are required for the petition to be considered valid. ***Students may sign a total of ONLY 7 petition sheets. Students signing more than seven petitions will invalidate those petitions.***
- **Student Council Questionnaire:** This is your chance to demonstrate quality writing and thinking skills. The Student Council Questionnaire will provide the advisor with valuable information concerning your skills as a student leader.
- **Letters of recommendation:** Each candidate must submit ***two letters of recommendation*** from **ADULTS OTHER THAN RELATIVES!** Letters may not be written by parents, grandparents, aunts/uncles, etc. Seventh grade applicants may ask their 6th grade teachers. Seventh grade students need NOT request a letter from elementary teachers.
- **Student Council Parent Permission Slip:** Each candidate **must submit a signed permission slip.**
- **Student Report Card:** Each candidate **must submit a photocopy of her/his last year's second semester report card.**
- **ALL paperwork must be submitted fully completed** in order to be reviewed by Mrs. Telliga. ***Partially completed packets will NOT be reviewed and those students will not be eligible for Student Council.***

2009 – 2010 Student Council Application Timeline

- **Summer 2009** - Students may begin picking up packets during schedule pick up, or access online.
- **Friday, September 11 - 3:30 pm** – Deadline for submission of **completed packet** to the Student Office.
- **NO packets will be accepted after the deadline.**

Completed packets due to the Student Office
by 3:30 pm, Friday, September 11.

Student Council Representative Responsibilities

1. Attend **ALL** meetings. **Three unexcused absences** will result in dismissal from the Council.
2. Serve on **one standing committee and at least one activity/event committee** during the year and contribute **time** and **effort** to help make each Student Council sponsored activity the best it can be.
3. **Act responsibly** at all meetings and activities/events and as a **leader at SCMS**.
4. Keep grades as high as possible. A 2.0 is required, but higher is encouraged.
5. **Good citizenship** is a **must**. Student Council is a team.
6. Solicit input from your team. You **ARE** their representative.
7. **Attend all committee meetings** and perform all assigned responsibilities at activities/events.

Please return this section in your application packet, which is due in the Student Office on or before 3:30 pm, Friday, September 11, 2009.

Student Council Parent Permission Slip

Student Name: _____

We are aware that our daughter/son is a candidate for Student Council membership at Swartz Creek Middle School. We have gone over member responsibilities and understand that these positions require effort, diligence and leadership qualities. We also understand that failure to perform the specific duties that have been outlined may result in our son's/daughter's dismissal.

We further acknowledge the fact that parents are an integral part of Student Council's success and whenever the need arises, we will be willing to provide transportation for our daughter's/son's meetings and special events. We also realize that we may be asked to volunteer to chaperone special events.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Name _____

Team _____

Date _____

Student Council Petition

Directions: Only student in ***YOUR grade*** are permitted to sign your petition. Students are permitted to sign ***ONLY seven*** petitions. Signatures must be ***legible- illegible signatures will not be counted!***
Only completed petitions will be accepted.

Student Signatures

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| 1. _____ | 16. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 17. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 18. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 19. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 20. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 21. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 22. _____ |
| 8. _____ | 23. _____ |
| 9. _____ | 24. _____ |
| 10. _____ | 25. _____ |
| 11. _____ | 26. _____ |
| 12. _____ | 27. _____ |
| 13. _____ | 28. _____ |
| 14. _____ | 29. _____ |
| 15. _____ | 30. _____ |

This petition must be turned in with your packet to Student Office by 3:30 pm, Friday, September 11.

Student Signature

Date

Student Council Questionnaire

Directions: Please answer the following questions utilizing your best writing and thinking skills. Give the questions serious thought before answering. You must write your answers in ink, or you may “type” them. Answers which are not legible will be considered incomplete. Only completed questionnaires will be accepted. You may use the back of this sheet to finish answers or you may use a separate sheet of paper.

1. Please explain why you would like to be a Student Council representative this year. How would you personally contribute to the Council?

2. Tell about yourself. What schools have you attended? What type of leadership experiences have you had both in school and in the community?

3. If you could make ONE improvement at SCMS, what would it be and why?

4. How do you respond when people don't agree with your ideas?

5. Student Council raises money every year to benefit our school. Please explain how you think this money should be used and why.

*Swartz Creek Middle School
Student Council Activity Goals*

Keep this sheet for your use!

Do NOT submit with Application Packet!!!

1. To provide opportunities for students to gain leadership skills and an appreciation for responsibility and accountability.
2. To provide ways in which students may broaden their interests and develop new experiences.
3. To foster healthy student-student, student-teacher, student-administration, and student-community interaction.
4. To provide a channel of communication through which students can contribute to the school program.
5. To develop an interest in current issues that involves all segments of the student population.
6. To promote more student body involvement through pep assemblies, “information” assemblies and other whole-school events.

**Have you completed the ENTIRE Application Process?
If you're reading this, you've done the most important
part of the process, which is reading ALL of the packet.
The completed packet is due in the Student Office on or
before 3:30pm EST, Friday, September 11, 2009.**

