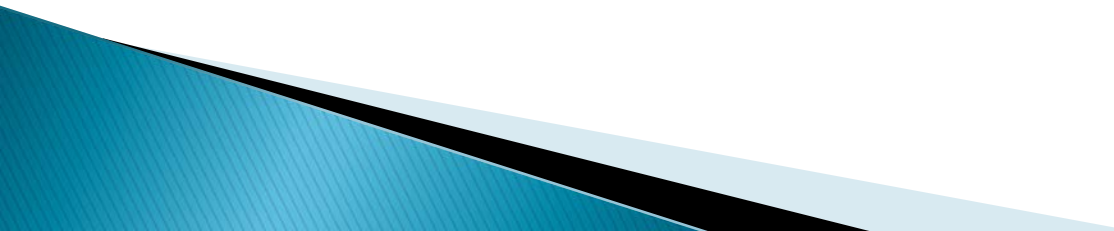


# Student Council

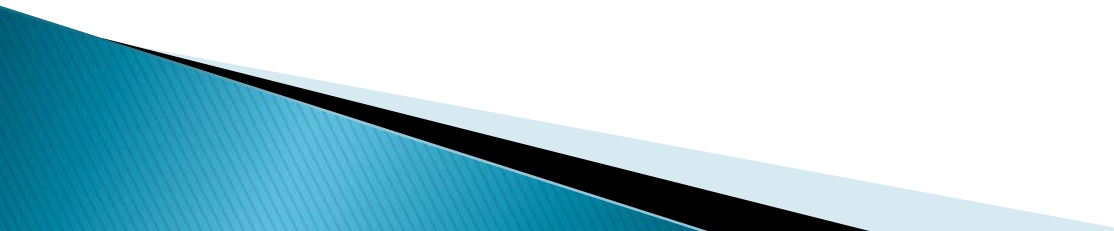
# What is Student Council?

## ▶ Provide an open forum

- A major duty of student council members is to provide a forum where other students can raise problems and questions about the school and its operations, and act as a liaison between the student body and faculty or administration.
  - If a student raises an issue with the student council, members are responsible for discussing the issue, making a recommendation, and bringing the problem and potential solutions to the school staff.
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# What is Student Council?

## ▶ Service

- To provide leadership for other students, members of a student council often participate in service projects.
  - They might volunteer at a local community clean-up, sponsor school beautification efforts, or organize a food drive at school to benefit a local homeless shelter.
  - It is up to council members to identify the area where they can be of the most help and to form a plan to serve other members of the community.
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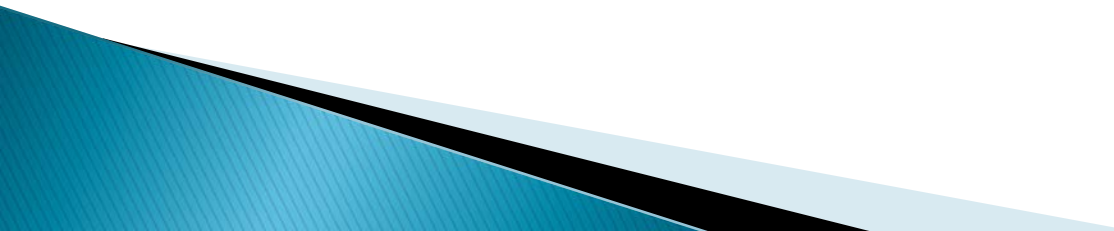
# What are the positions?

Offices	Grades eligible to run
President	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Vice President	7 <sup>th</sup> or 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Secretary	7 <sup>th</sup> or 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Treasurer	7 <sup>th</sup> or 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Historian	All Grades
Chaplain	All Grades
Representatives	Two students from each grade

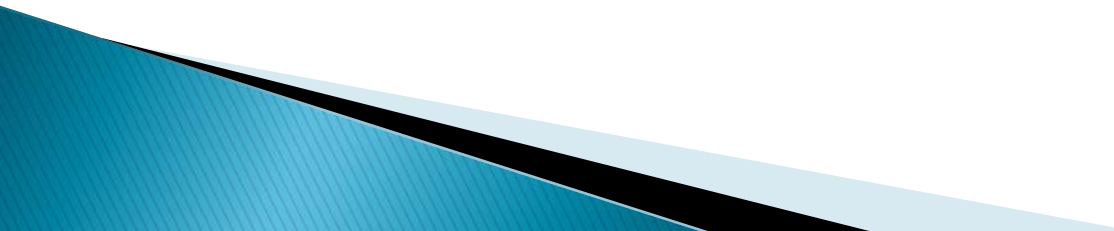
# Sign Up Date and Location

- ▶ Sign Up in Mrs. Trowbridge's or Mrs. Culp's room, Room 122.
- ▶ October 11<sup>th</sup> -October 14<sup>th</sup>

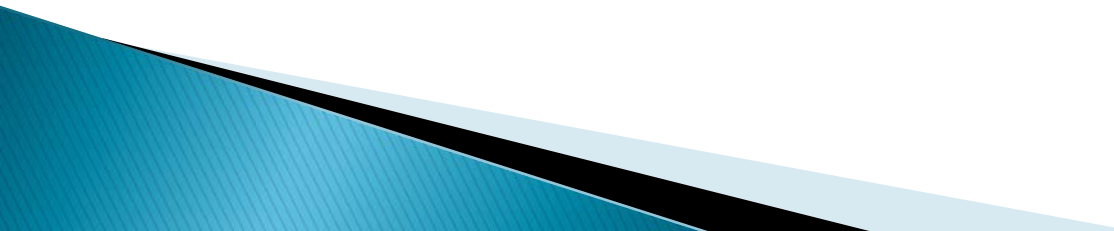
# President– 8<sup>th</sup> grade only

- ▶ Lead all meetings
  - ▶ Give assistance, guidance, and praise
  - ▶ Act as a facilitator during discussion
  - ▶ Maintain frequent contact with faculty and administration
  - ▶ Obtain approval for events
  - ▶ Work with advisor on all planning
  - ▶ Participate in student council sponsored activities/events
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# Vice President– 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade

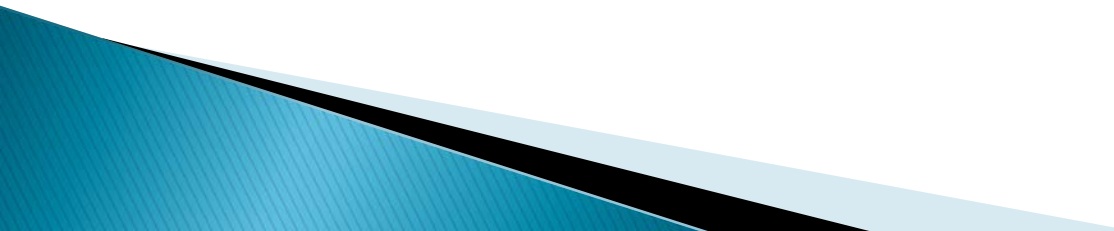
- ▶ Work closely with President
  - ▶ Assume President's duties when needed
  - ▶ Work with President and Treasurer in preparing calendar and budget
  - ▶ Assist the President in preparing meeting agendas
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# Secretary– 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade

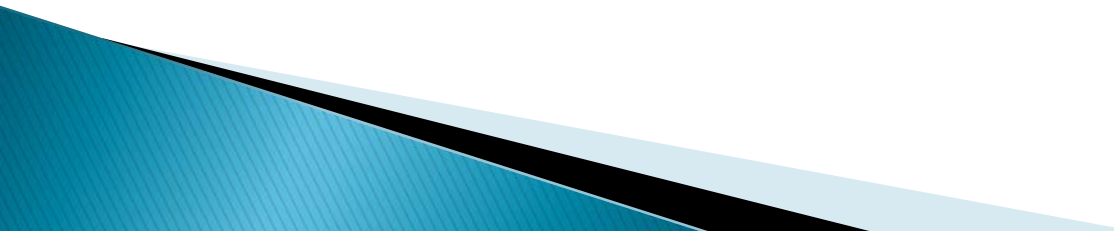
- ▶ Keep an account of minutes at every meeting
  - ▶ Keep an accurate account of attendance at every meeting
  - ▶ Help maintain student council files
  - ▶ Maintain contact information for people who work with the council
  - ▶ Responsible for “Thank You’ cards
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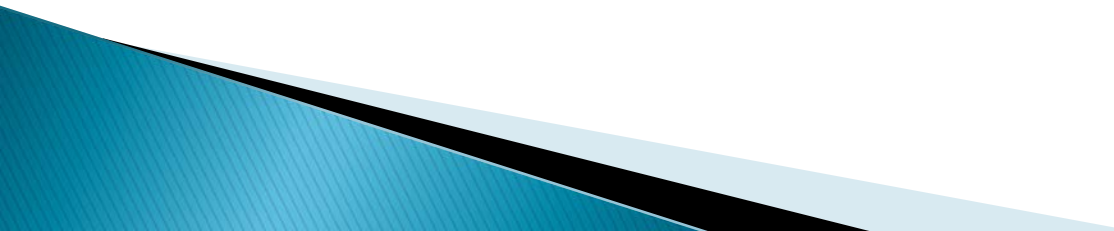
# Treasurer– 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade

- ▶ Oversee council expenses and revenues
  - ▶ Maintain an accurate and detailed financial record
  - ▶ Give monetary advice to the council
  - ▶ Authorize payment/deposits
  - ▶ Work with President and Vice President in preparing calendar and budget
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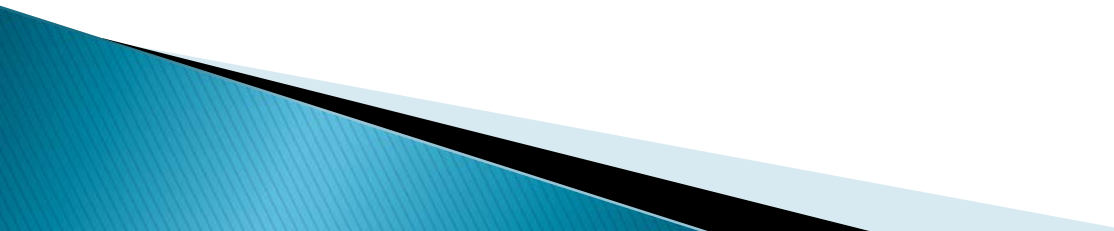
# Historian– 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade

- ▶ Keep student body informed of events, fundraisers, and service projects
  - ▶ Responsible for communication between schools
  - ▶ Help maintain student council webpage
  - ▶ Keep records / pictures / scrapbook of all Student Council Events
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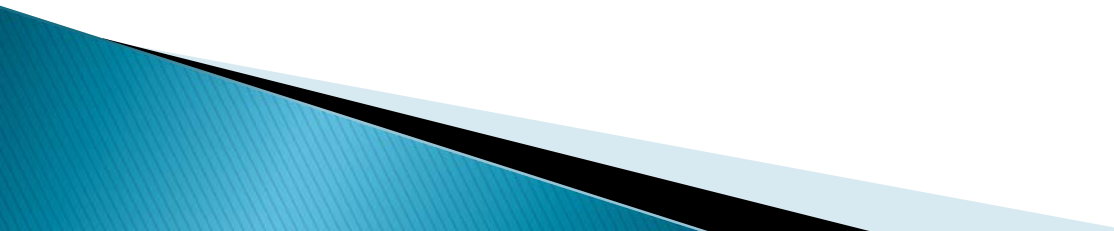
# Chaplain– 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade

- ▶ Open meetings in prayer and pledge.
  - ▶ Keep students informed of people who can help during times of need.
  - ▶ Responsible for communicating concerns for students to appropriate staff.
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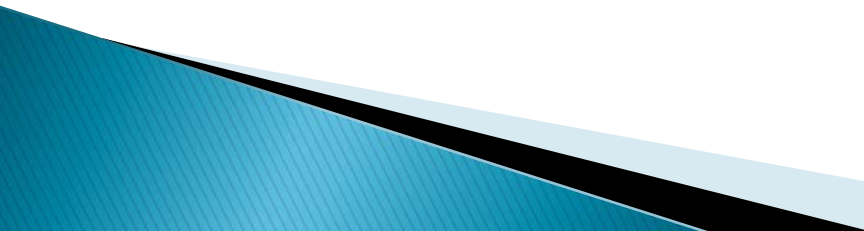
# Representative– 2 per Grade

- ▶ Voice of your class
  - ▶ Communicate concerns of students during council meetings
  - ▶ Be a part of the “Welcome Committee” for new students
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# All Student Officers

- ▶ Actively work as leaders on Student Council AND support all Student Council activities
  - ▶ Attend all Student Council meetings
  - ▶ Set a positive example of character for all Sterlington Middle School students
  - ▶ Complete all responsibilities required for the position
  - ▶ Be a part of all community service projects that Student Council participates in
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# Campaigning– October 17<sup>th</sup>–21<sup>st</sup>

- ▶ Posters are a good idea for campaigning
    - Half sized posters are recommended
  - ▶ There will be certain areas in the school that will be designated for each office position.
    - Please keep posters in those areas only.
    - Any negative campaigning on social media will result in disqualification.
  - ▶ No candy or snacks should be passed out for campaigning purposes.
  - ▶ You may not TOUCH another person's poster.
  - ▶ All campaign materials must be approved and initialed by Mrs. Trowbridge or Mrs. Culp.
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# Speech– October 19<sup>th</sup> –20<sup>th</sup>

- ▶ You are required to present a 2–5 minute speech to the entire student body.
- ▶ Your speech should include:
  - The office you are running for
  - The actions you are planning to take while in office
  - Why you would be to best person for the position.
- ▶ Remember...
  - Student Council is about character. Attacking another candidate or comparing yourself to someone else in your speech does not demonstrate good character.