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PARKER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL 2021-2022

**Parker Junior High School
Flossmoor, Illinois
Student Council
Application for Candidacy**

I, _____, hereby submit my application for the office of _____ of the Parker Junior High School Student Council.

I understand I may only run for 1 officer position.

I understand that this is an application only, and does not assure me of actually being a candidate.

I understand that my candidacy is based on approval by the staff of Parker Junior High School and that I will be evaluated according to the qualifications outlined on the attached page.

If approved as a candidate, I will comply with the regulations governing Council campaigns. I will also make a campaign speech, which will be recorded and played during enrichment time.

Student Signature

Homeroom Teacher Signature

Parent Signature

**Student Council Officer Candidate
Teacher Recommendations**

As part of your application for candidacy, you must obtain recommendations from THREE of your past or present teachers. NOTE: you may NOT get a recommendation from the Student Council Sponsors, Ms. Kerr or Ms. Chandler. These recommendations MUST be turned in with your application.

TEACHERS: By signing this sheet, you are recommending the following student as someone whom you feel would make a good Student Council officer. Please feel free to also make any appropriate written comments.

Student: _____

Office: _____

1. **Teacher Signature** _____

Comments:

2. **Teacher Signature** _____

Comments:

3. **Teacher Signature** _____

Comments

Parker Junior High School
Student Council Elections

Qualifications of an Officer:

A Student council officer shall be chosen based upon a students' outstanding performance in the areas of **Service, Leadership and Character.**

- **Service:** This quality is defined through the voluntary contributions made by a student to the school or community, and with a positive, courteous and enthusiastic spirit. All officers are required to not only attend 2 monthly meetings, but must be able to participate in school events and fundraisers. If an officer misses 2 meetings, this will result in the release of their Student Council position and duties.
- **Leadership:** Student leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem solvers, promoters of school activities, idea contributors, dependable, and persons who exemplify positive attitudes about life. Leadership experiences can be drawn from school or community activities while working with or for others. All Student Council officers must present themselves in school as positive role models. This means they will work well with peers and faculty and uphold the PJH Handbook of expectations and guidelines.
- **Character:** The students of good character uphold principles of ethics, are cooperative, and demonstrate high standards of honesty. Students are also reliable, and show courtesy, concern, and respect for others.

Discipline and Dismissal:

- When a student council officer has fallen below the expectation by which the member was selected and/or has violated school rules or the law, disciplinary measures will be followed in a specific manner, except in the case of flagrant violation of school rules or the law.
- Infractions are issued, and a letter is sent home, when an infraction occurs. The first infraction serves as a warning. After two infractions, a member is placed on probation. When a third infraction occurs, the officer is dismissed of all duties.

Basic Responsibilities of the Officers: (please keep in mind, that DANCES are pending this year)

8th grade positions

President

- Plans, with advisors and other officers, the Student Council activities
- In charge of Student Council meetings
- Represents the Council in meetings with the Principal, Assistant Principal and/or Dean(s)
- Makes sure that Council work is being completed
- Oversees ALL committees and makes sure that they are properly doing their duties

Secretary

- Helps the other officers with their responsibilities
- Keeps a written record of Council meetings
- Writes notes and letters for the Council as needed
- Works with committees to carry out specific projects and activities
- Is in charge of the following committees:
 - Advertising Committee
 - Decorating Committee
- Acts as a spokesperson to his/her class concerning activities for their grade level

7th grade positions

Vice – President

- Helps the other officers with their responsibilities
- Substitutes for the president at meetings that he/she cannot attend
- Works with committees to carry out specific projects and activities
- Is in charge of the following committees:
 - 7th and 8th grade Dance Committee
- Acts as a spokesperson to his/her class concerning activities for their grade level

Treasurer

- Helps the other officers with their responsibilities
- Keeps an accurate record of the Council's income and expenses
- Takes charge of the cash box at Council activities where money is collected
- Stays after most Council functions to count and secure the money that was earned
- Works with committees to carry out specific projects and activities
- Is in charge of the following committees:
 - Treasury Committee

6th grade position

Sergeant – at – Arms

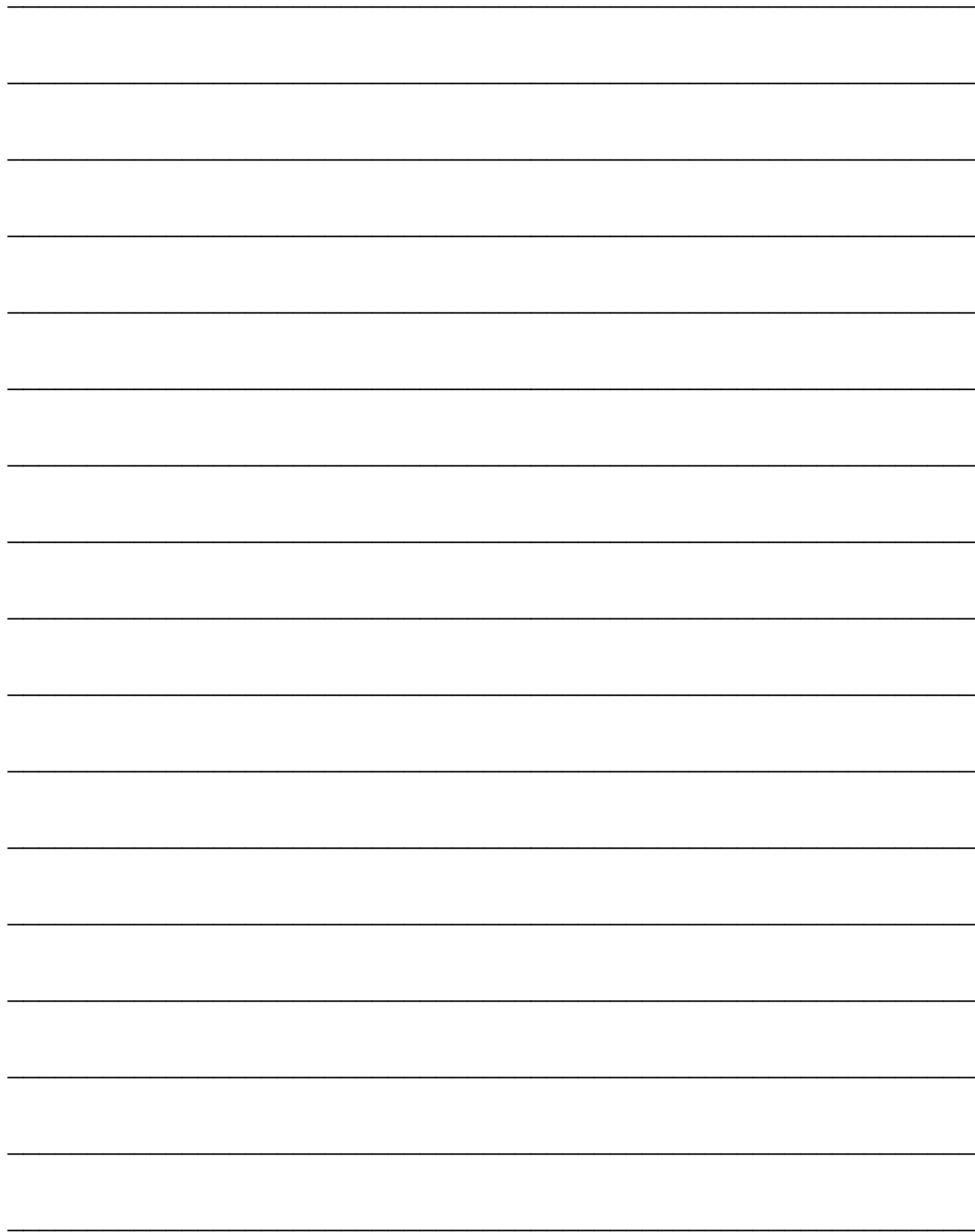
- Helps the other officers with their responsibilities
- Arranges any special equipment needed at the meetings
- Makes sure that the meeting room is set up
- Assists the president in keeping the meeting orderly
- Takes attendance at meetings
- Works with committees to carry out specific projects and activities
- Is in charge of the following committees:
 - 6th grade Dance Committee
- Acts as a spokesperson to his/her class concerning activities for their grade level

Rules and Dates for Officer Election:

- o All students running for office are to see their homeroom teacher or Canvas for an application.
- o All completed applications and posters are due NO LATER THAN 7:45 am, **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th**. They must be turned into RM 78. Candidates will be announced **on THURSDAY, September 9th**. If the application and posters are not turned in by that date, that student will not be allowed to run for office.
- o Applications are packets that must include:
 - o A written or typed speech explaining why you would like to be an officer
 - o Teacher Recommendation Sheet
 - o 25 Peer signatures
 - o Signed application for Candidacy
- o Each person must run as an individual – there are not party tickets
- o Campaign posters:
 - o Each student may use up to 2 posters – student made ONLY/NO commercially made posters
 - o Posters may be up to 22 x 28 (regular poster size)
 - o MUST be reviewed by Mrs. Kerr before they are displayed, so get them done and turned in for approval early!! (Due no later than WEDNESDAY, September 8th with your application)
 - o All posters will be hung in their grade level hallway on the strips provided.
 - o You may have no more than 2 friends help you put the posters up beginning after school on **FRIDAY, September 10th**
 - o Posters MUST be removed by 2:33 pm on **MONDAY, September 20th**.
 - o Students may verbally support a candidate, but please *do not* use handouts, stickers, buttons, candy or clothing to endorse a candidate

Campaign speeches

- o Students must submit a video of their speech no later than WEDNESDAY, September 15th to run for a student council position. All videos must be emailed to jarmellino@sd161.org and no longer than 3 minutes in length.
- o Individual videos will be compiled into one grade level video and will be viewed during enrichment on September 20th. Voting will take place in the respective homeroom.
- o If a student does not have access to the technology necessary for making a video, please see Mrs. Kerr to set up a time to record your speech.
- o The winners of the officer positions will be announced **TUESDAY, September 21st**.



Student Council applicants must also obtain 25 peer signatures. This is an opportunity for you to introduce yourself to other students and explain to them why you want to join the student council. This may not be passed around during class.

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| 25. | GOOD LUCK!!!!!! |