

SJS Student Senate

Election Requirements

Students will need to submit the following to be eligible for the election:

- Permission Slip: This form must be signed by the student and parent.
- Campaign Poster: The poster must be appropriate and neatly organized. The poster must be larger than an 8"x10". On the poster highlight what qualities and characteristics make you a worthy candidate. Don't just write "Vote for Tiffany" on a poster. That's not going to help much. Think of something clever that will distinguish you from the other candidates.
- Speech: You must have a TYPED speech and print two copies. One copy will be submitted to Mrs. Howard and the second copy will be yours to use on Election Day. Keep your speech interesting and focused. It is recommended that you memorize or are very familiar with the speech to avoid simple reading from the paper.
- The permission slip, poster, and speech must be submitted on **Monday, September 14th** to Mrs. Howard. If all the requirements are not met you will NOT be eligible to run. In addition, you must be present on the day of the election in order to run. Exceptions may be made for unique circumstances, which are determined by staff.

What to Expect:

- Each candidate will give a speech in his or her homeroom on **Wednesday, September 16th** during Study Hall. Students will vote and the ballots will be turned into the homeroom teacher. Each homeroom teacher will tally the votes and submit the top 3 names. Students will be notified of the results the following school day.

Rules for Campaigning:

- You may NOT give or promise any favors to your fellow students during the campaign (for example: money, candy, gum, etc.). Campaign stickers, flyers, brochures, and pamphlets are also not allowed. Rather, brainstorm ideas and activities that students would be interested in and that would benefit our school. However, those ideas must be realistic.
- You must campaign in a positive, fair spirit.
- You are responsible for removing your campaign poster when the election is over.

"Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try."