

Instructions for Application Student Council / Class Government

Thank you for taking the time to apply for either Student Council or a class leadership position for the 2019-2020 school year. Please follow the steps below in filling out your application packet.

1. Read and sign the "Personal Commitment Statement found in this packet. One of your parents/guardians must also read and sign it as well. This tells the Student Council moderator and/or class moderator that you are willing to take the time required and make the commitment to be a part of Student Government.
2. Fill out the "Application for Student Government" form. Please be sure to put some time and thought into your responses on this sheet as moderators will be given a copy of your responses.
3. Initial and sign Student Government Agreement Form and the Student Government Attendance Policy. Have one of your parents/guardians also initial and sign the form.
4. Fill the "Student Name," "Teacher/Administrator name," and "Class" lines of all "Recommendation for Student Government" forms.
5. Give a copy of the "Recommendation for Student Government" form to five different teachers and an administrator (Mr. Nolan, Mr. Kinne, or Mr. Casler-Gonçalves). In addition, have each teacher and administrator initial and date the back side of your "Application for Student Government" form. This is to help you out in case one of your forms does not end up getting turned in. Do NOT collect the recommendation form from your teacher - they will return it to Mr. Gregory.
6. Prepare a speech that will be delivered either on BGTV for Student Council Executive Committee candidates or in front of your classmates on Grimes Day for class officer candidates. Use your responses from the application to help formulate your speech. It should address the question: Why should we choose you as a Student Government leader? Your moderator will keep your speech until it is time to read it on Grimes Day or tape it for BGTV. If you wish to practice the speech, make a copy of it. Be sure to use complete sentences and talk about who you are and what you can bring to your class and/or the school. You must NEVER put another candidate down or talk negatively about the school, teachers, administrators, etc. during your speech. Speeches may be typed or handwritten on a separate piece of paper. Please paperclip your speech to the application packet. Do NOT staple it.
7. Make sure all parts of this packet are filled in and signed. Then return the packet to Mr. Gregory.
8. Once your paperwork has been approved, Mr. Gregory will contact you regarding your candidacy. Candidates are expected to campaign positively. Before hanging up posters, have them approved by Mr. Gregory. You may put up posters in teachers' classrooms with permission. Please do not give out "handouts" or "treats". Never put another candidate or classmate down. Put downs and negativity may result in your disqualification.
9. Voting for the Student Council Executive Committee and officers takes place on Grimes Day following the awards ceremony. Your class will go to a common room at which point candidates for class officers will deliver their speeches.
10. All election results are announced on Grimes Day following the Moving Up Ceremony. Following Grimes Day, newly elected officers should make a point of connecting with Mr. Gregory to receive further instructions and a summer schedule.

**Your completed application packet must be turned in to Mr. Gregory by May 23 at 3:00 p.m.
Late packets may not be accepted or able to run for office.**

Student Council & Class Officer Personal Commitment Statement

Each year Student Council and Class Officers struggle with a conflict of commitments. Student Council and Class Government are just like a team sport in that at certain times during the school year our activities MUST take precedence over other activities such as work, hanging out with friend, attending sports events, watching TV, and/or any other number of activities that may come into conflict with Student Council scheduled activities. You will know dates for major events well in advance, at least two-three weeks minimum, to allow for personal planning.

By signing this commitment statement, you are agreeing to participate in activities planned by Student Council throughout the school year. Be aware that most of the work will take place before or after school.

I, _____, agree to commit to Student Council and my class' planned activities, placing them over other personal commitments when there is a conflict. I recognize that my failure to do so may result in my removal from my student government office. I realize the responsibility and commitments placed upon me if I am elected, and I feel that my conduct since arriving at Bishop Grimes has been such that I would be worthy of the trust of my fellow classmates.

I promise to serve and represent Bishop Grimes and its community members to the best of my abilities while conducting myself at all times in an attitude and manner in accordance with the Gospel values given to us by Jesus Christ.

Student Signature

Date

As the parent/guardian of _____, I understand that my son/daughter is applying for candidacy for a Student Government position. If he/she is elected, I agree to support my son/daughter in his/her commitment to Student Council and class planned activities by helping him/her to place this commitment over other personal commitments when there is a conflict. I recognize and understand that my son's/daughter's failure to do so may result in his/her removal from Student Council or class government.

Parent Signature

Date

Application for Student Council

Name _____ Home Phone: _____

Student E-mail _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Phone #: _____

Graduating Class: 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024

Circle which position you are running for:

Student Council Executive Committee (Jr/Sr only) Class Officer

* The make-up of the Student Council Executive Committee is the President and Vice-President, which are elected positions voted on by the entire student body, the remainder of the Executive Committee is comprised of each of the class presidents.

Current Overall Average for 2018-2019: _____

(You must have a B average or better to run as a class officer.)

Are you re-enrolled for the 2019-2020 school year? _____

(You must have your re-enrollment paperwork and deposit turned in to run as an officer.)

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability. You may use a separate piece of paper.

1. Why do you want to be a member of Bishop Grimes' Student Government?

2. What can Student Government do to make Bishop Grimes a better place?

3. Identify an important issue facing Bishop Grimes' students in general? How can Student Government be a vehicle to help address and resolve this problem?

4. What special qualities do you feel God has given you that will help you lead your class and this school? (List at least two.) How have you used these qualities in the past?

5. List one or two leadership characteristics you lack, and tell me how you know you lack these characteristics.

6. What would you do to increase school spirit?

7. What is one of the best things about being a student at Bishop Grimes? What makes you proud to be a BG student?

Please list any activities that you are/are going to be involved in next year:

Extra- or Co-curricular (Band, Choir, Sports, Art Club, etc.):

Non-School Activities (Jobs, Church groups, etc.):

Any other Leadership roles you may have experienced:

List the names of the five teachers that you have given your evaluation forms to and have him/her initial next to his/her name that he/she received your evaluation form.

Teacher's Name	Teacher's Initials	Date
01.		
02.		
03.		
04.		
05.		

List the name of the administrator that you have given your evaluation form to and have him/her initial next to his/her name that he/she received your evaluation form.

Administrator's Name	Administrator's Initials	Date
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Expectations for Student Council and Class Officers

- ✓ Officers are to uphold all rules and Student Code of Conduct behaviors found in the Bishop Grimes Student Handbook.
- ✓ Officers are to maintain a B average or better throughout the 2019-2020 school year.
- ✓ Officers are to attend and participate in at least 5 events each year. This number does not include Student Council and/or class government meetings which are mandatory.
- ✓ Officers are expected to have and plan for transportation to meetings and events both afterschool and on certain weekends.

What is a Student Council or Class Officer supposed to do?

Officers are the voice of their class and/or the school. They serve as a go-between for the student body and the administration/faculty. When there are concerns or things that your class would like to do officers can go to the administration and speak on the class' behalf. Officers are also in charge of providing their class with information and helping to organize events like Spirit Week, service projects, assemblies, fundraising, etc. Officers are representatives and ambassadors for Bishop Grimes when the school goes out into the community at events and functions (i.e., open houses and school visits).

Student Council Member Agreement Form

	Student Initials	Parent Initials
1. I have read and comply with the student government attendance policy.		
2. I understand that I can be removed from my student government office if I do not comply with the student government attendance policy.		
3. I understand that I can be removed from my student government office if I receive out of school suspension or in school suspension.		
4. I understand that I can be removed from my student government office if I display negative representation of Bishop Grimes through misconduct (i.e., inappropriate Facebook comments, texting, Tweets, etc.)		
5. If I am dismissed from student government I understand that I must have approval from the Student Council moderator and administration to be allowed to run for student government the following year.		

Student Government Attendance Policy

In order to promote student accountability and credibility to the Bishop Grimes Student Council the following attendance policy has been established:
(Student must initial on the line after each statement.)

1. I understand that I must contact the Student Council President or Advisor in writing of my absence to Student Government meetings and all Student Council events. _____
2. I understand that I must contact my Class President or Class Advisor in writing of my absence to Class meeting and Class events. _____
3. I will provide at least 48 hours' notice of an absence that I am aware of (medical appointment, trip, sporting event, etc.) whenever possible. _____
4. I understand that I will be dismissed from my office if I accumulate 4 unexcused absences. _____
5. I understand that 2 tardies to a meeting/event equals 1 absence. _____
6. I understand that real emergencies, tutoring, academic issues, doctor appointments, and illnesses are all excused and do not count towards an absence. _____
7. I understand that if my absence from school is unexcused, then my absence from student council is also unexcused. _____

Student Signature: _____

Date _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date _____

Recommendation for Student Council

Please have five teachers and an administrator complete a copy of this form.

Teachers: Please do NOT return this form to the student. The more information you can give, the better our Student Government can represent our school. Thank you for your help.

Student's Name _____ Class of _____

Teacher's/ Administrator's Name _____

Class _____

How long have you known this student? _____

Do you believe this student would represent others' ideas and interests and Bishop Grimes as a leader?

_____ Yes

_____ No

Why or why not?

On a scale of 1 to 5 (1 being poor and 5 being excellent), please rate the student on these qualities.

1. Leadership _____
2. Cooperation _____
3. Initiative _____
4. Dependability _____
5. Workmanship _____
6. Communication Skills _____
7. Ability to Work with Others _____
8. Trustworthiness _____
9. Problem Solving _____
10. School Spirit / School Pride _____

Would you add this student to next year's student government?

Additional Comments:

Teacher/Administration Signature: _____ Date: _____

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