

Manvel Public School

Inspiring 21st Century Learners to Influence 22nd Century Successes



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Hello 5th - 8th Grade Students!

We are so excited to get an early start with Student Council this year. Our hope is to develop leadership skills and to create an atmosphere at Manvel Public School where every student feels accepted and important. Our goal is to promote a sense of pride and school spirit through the members of Student Council and activities we sponsor. In addition to our own events, Student Council members are asked to support our school and our community with activities they may have.

This year we will not be holding class elections. Instead, we are asking all middle school students interested in Student Council to type a one page paper (double spaced, 12 size font) on one of the topics listed below. Papers will be reviewed by Mrs. Sandness and Mr. Barandi, as well as administration and teachers. Your paper will be mainly reviewed for its content. All papers must be emailed no later than the end of the school day on Friday, September 3rd, 2021. We will announce our 2021-2022 Student Council members on Wednesday, September 8th, 2021. If you have any questions, please feel free to email us at courtney.sandness@manvelk8.com or travis.barandi@manvelk8.com.

Essay Topics (choose one):

1. Discuss how going through disappointments can have a positive side.
2. Write about a time that you tried helping someone but it actually made things even worse.
3. Write an essay on the most difficult things about being in middle school.

Also, please take the time to read through the attached Student Council Policies and Expectations. Again, let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sandness and Mr. Barandi

STUDENT COUNCIL POLICIES AND EXPECTATIONS

Being a member of the Student Council requires a high degree of respect and commitment, as well as a willingness to be an active participant. We must be the kind of students we want to see at Manvel Public School. Leadership through example is the best contribution we can make. Below you will find the rules and guidelines for members of Student Council.

Please note that members who do not meet these guidelines throughout the year may be removed from Student Council.

Behavior

A Student Council member is an example to the entire school. Because of this, a higher standard of behavior is expected of these student leaders. Students who fail to live up to these expectations may lose privileges and may no longer be a part of the Student Council.

Attendance and Participation

Student council members are expected to attend and assist at all Student Council sponsored events. Unexcused absences will result in dismissal from Student Council. Most meetings will be held before school at 7:30 a.m. Please, consider how you will get to meetings.

Student council members are expected to participate in Spirit Days. Remember, you are to set the example for your fellow students.

Behavior/Attitude Expectations

We expect...

- that you will strive to be a good role model for other students at all times
- that you will put 100% effort into achieving our goals and making the year a success
- that you cooperate with one another and be courteous to everyone
- that you be on time or early for all things
- that you let us know if you cannot attend an event or meeting. You must explain why you may be late
- that if you have a problem or complaint, you will be up front about it and not grumble behind people's backs where it does NO good and a lot of harm
- that you respect other people's right to have opinions different from your own and not put them down for believing in them
- that you will not abuse the privilege of being a member of Student Council
- that you have an exceptional year!!!

In return, you can expect of us...

- that we will do our best to be helpful, supportive and enthusiastic!
- that we will always give you a chance to explain yourself
- that we will be as fair as we can
- that we will not settle for second best from you or ourselves

- that we will live by the same expectations that we have set for you

Volunteer Hours

As a Student Council member, I must participate in at least 10 opportunities of volunteer service each school year. Total hours will go toward the ability to go to the Student Council Conference in the spring, as well as other field trips throughout the year. The following is a list of possible volunteer opportunities throughout the upcoming year.

School Related Volunteer Opportunities:

- Empty recycling bins
- School tours
- Pizza Ranch fundraiser
- Prepare appreciation goodies - staff, PTO, athletes, etc.
- Calendar preparation
- Distributing fundraising items
- Tutoring
- ASP
- Yearbook
- Manvel Calendar

Non School Related Volunteer Opportunities:

- Working with small children (non-paid)
- Volunteering at church, library, food pantry, animal shelter, etc.
- Picking up litter around the neighborhood
- Volunteering at community events
- Fire Department Fundraisers
- Athletic Concessions
- Volunteering at Marathons/Races