

**STUDENT COUNCIL APPLICATION PACKET  
for 2020-2021**

Congratulations on your decision to be part of Pine Creek High School’s Student Council. We are looking forward to working with you through your application process. Student Council will provide you with one of the greatest opportunities you will have to make an impact in our school and the community. We know that each of you can make a positive difference in our school.

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**Timeline and Deadlines**

January 21	Application packet made available
February 7	Exec, Senior, Junior, Sophomore Applications due by 3PM
February 10	Interviews for Executive Officer candidates
February 11, 12, 13	Interviews for Class Officer candidates
February 15	Eligibility to run in election is announced via email
February 19	Election speech due by 3PM
February 26	Any speech revisions due by 3PM
February 28	Incoming Freshmen applications due by 3PM
March 2	Executive speeches during activity time & voting opens
March 6	Executive voting closes at 3PM
March 7	Executive Officers announced via email
March 9	Senior Class speeches during activity time & voting opens
March 10	Junior Class speeches during activity time & voting opens
March 12	Sophomore Class speeches during activity time & voting opens
March 18, 19	Incoming Freshmen interviews
March 19	Class Officer voting closes at 3PM
March 20	Class Officers and Incoming Freshmen announced via email
March 30, 31	Interviews for Representative Candidates
April 3	Class Representatives announced via email

**Applications need to be emailed to both**

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**APPLICATION STEPS**  
***For future Senior, Junior, and Sophomores***

**Step #1 – Application**

Email both Advisors your Personal View Questions, Parent Approval, and Student Petition. Teacher Recommendations are turned in or emailed by the teachers themselves.

- **Personal View Questions:** Answer each of the questions with your personal views.
- **Parent Approval Form:** filled out and signed by your parent/guardian.
- **Student Petition:** A class petition with 50 signatures from students in the candidate's class is required for each Class Officer candidate. 100 signatures from current 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> graders are required for an Executive Officer candidate.
- **Teacher Recommendations:** You need to get four teacher recommendations. These forms will be kept confidential and the teachers should return them directly to an Advisor before the due date. If a student receives two negative or low recommendations, they will not be eligible for the election.

**Step #2 – Interview**

- The interview sign-up sheet is located in the main office at the front desk with Ms. Brandi Gustin or call her at (719)234-2600. All interviews will be held in the main office Conference Room B.
- Please dress professionally for the interview.

**Step #3 – Eligibility**

All applicants will receive an email from an Advisor with the results of your eligibility.

- Completed application turned in on time (Personal View Questions, Parent Permission, and Student Petition)
- Scoring at least 80% on Personal View Questions and Interview.
- Received positive teacher recommendations.
- A required 2.8 GPA to run for Class Officer or a 3.5 GPA to run for Executive Officer.

**Step #4 – Campaign and Speech**

- Students must follow all the Campaign Rules in this packet or may result in disqualification. Please read the packet carefully. If you have any questions, please ask an Advisor.
- If you are running for an Executive Officer position and are not elected you will run in Senior Class elections. You can keep any non-Exec campaign materials up for the next election.
- If you are running for a Class Officer position and are not elected you will be considered for a Representative position. There is no need to re-apply or interview.

**APPLICATION STEPS**  
***For incoming Freshmen***

**Step #1 – Application**

Email both Advisors your Personal View Questions, Parent Approval, and Student Petition. Teacher Recommendations are turned in or emailed by the teachers themselves.

- **Personal View Questions:** Answer each of the questions with your personal views.
- **Parent Approval Form:** filled out and signed by your parent/guardian.
- **Student Petition:** A class petition with 50 signatures from students in the candidate's class is required for each candidate.
- **Teacher Recommendations:** You need to get four teacher recommendations. These forms will be kept confidential and the teachers should return them directly to an Advisor before the due date. If a student receives two negative or low recommendations, they will not be eligible for the election.

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**Step #4 – Appointment**

- Candidates will be scored based on a combination of their application score and their interview score. The student with the highest score will be offered the position of Class President. The student with the second highest score will be offered the position of Class Vice President, and so on through the ranks of officer positions and then representatives.
- Candidates will be contacted by the Advisor by email with the results.

**APPLICATION STEPS**  
***For staff recommended Representative Candidates***

If you are currently in Student Council please see the Steps for future Senior, Junior, and Sophomores. All staff members are offered the opportunity to nominate future Sophomore, Junior, and Senior students that they feel would best represent the student body. The top seven student nominations are invited to complete an application and interview for a Representative position. **Applications need to be emailed to both Advisors.** No campaign or speech needed.

## CAMPAIGN RULES

1. Your speech must include 3 SMART goals for next year's Student Council or the school. These goals should be **specific, measurable, attainable, reviewable, and time-based**. (For example, I will increase attendance at the first Acoustic Café by 20 people by bringing my squad.) **YOUR SPEECH MAY NOT INCLUDE ANY OTHER PEOPLE, and MUST BE SPOKEN (not rapped, sung, etc.)** Creativity is good, gimmicks will not be approved.
2. Advisors must receive your speech before the due date and time.
  - a. Any changes to your speech must be approved by the Advisor.
  - b. Inappropriate deviations from your script will result in disqualification.
  - c. Speeches must be less than 2 minutes long.
3. Your privilege to run in the election **will be revoked** if:
  - a. Your speech is inappropriate in any way, including words, gestures, or props.
  - b. You discriminate negatively towards any group or persons.
  - c. You do not follow campaign rules.
  - d. You do not follow PCHS rules as outlined in the Student Handbook.
4. No campaigning of ANY kind until 7:15 a.m. the day of your election speech. Campaigning includes but is not limited to posters, flyers, handouts, candy, buttons, stickers, or any social media.
5. All campaign materials must be approved by StuCo Advisors and/or Administration.
6. You are allowed to put up one 5-ft poster. All other posters are to be no larger than 2x3.
7. All campaign materials must be kept out of classrooms. Do not cover display cases or other candidate's posters.
8. Candidates are responsible for picking up any campaign materials that become "litter." Please avoid using stickers that are not easy to remove from clothing or walls.
9. \$40 is the maximum amount you are allowed to spend on campaign materials. You must provide an itemized list of expenditures. Donated items must be itemized at the following values:
  - a. 8.5x11 paper: \$.05/sheet
  - b. Posterboard: \$1.00 per page
  - c. T-shirts: \$4.00 per shirt
  - d. Stickers: \$2.00 per 100 stickersOther items may be used, but will require a receipt as proof of value.
10. Campaign materials are to be positive, respectful, and in good taste. Negative campaigning is prohibited.
11. All campaign materials must be removed and the area cleaned by 3:00 pm on the last day of campaigning.
12. Staff and faculty members have the right to remove and report any campaign materials they deem inappropriate or break any campaign rules.

## PERSONAL VIEW QUESTIONS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your experience as a leader? Tell us more about the activities, athletics, or clubs in which you served as a leader and the qualities you brought to that group.

What leadership goals do you have for yourself and how will you intentionally develop them?

What are you looking forward to the most next year on Student Council?

*I understand that Student Council is a year-long class and work outside of class time is expected. If I am accepted to Student Council, I realize that I must be a positive role model in our community. The information in this application is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## PARENT APPROVAL FORM

Dear Parent,

Your child has applied to become part of Student Council at Pine Creek High School. This incredible opportunity comes with great responsibility and high expectations. It is our hope that your child has already spoken to you about this opportunity and all the responsibilities involved. There is a time commitment involved so thinking through all future constraints is a must.

Also, it is important to realize there are a limited number of positions available on Student Council. Not everyone who applies or runs in the election will be accepted. We facilitate the fairest process possible but in the end, we cannot guarantee everyone a position.

If you support your child's decision to apply for Student Council and run in the election, please sign and date below. Thank you for your time and consideration in this important process. Your involvement helps make Student Council a high-quality experience for everyone involved.

Sincerely,

Dan Jeppson and Lindsay Mitchell  
Student Council Advisors

### **Parent/Guardian Certification**

*I am aware that my child is seeking a position on Student Council. I have discussed the time commitment involved and I support their decision to apply for this position and run in the election.  
I understand the application and election requirements.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

## STUDENT PETITION

I support \_\_\_\_\_ as a candidate for Student Council.

*A class petition with 50 signatures from students in the candidate's class is required for each Class candidate. 100 signatures from current 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> graders required for an Executive candidate.*

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**Student Council Teacher Recommendation**  
Each candidate must have FOUR recommendations

**Applicant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Current Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

Do not hand back to the student. Recommendation forms need to be kept confidential.

1. Would this student be a good addition to Student Council?  
(no way!)      1      2      3      4      5      (absolutely!)
  
2. How would you rate this student's overall attitude?  
(negative)      1      2      3      4      5      (positive)
  
3. How would you rate this student's work ethic?  
(lazy)      1      2      3      4      5      (hard worker)
  
4. How would you rate this student's ability work with others?  
(challenging)      1      2      3      4      5      (harmonious)
  
5. How would you rate this student's ability to deal with new or difficult situations?  
(resistant)      1      2      3      4      5      (brave)
  
6. How would you rate this student's creativity, brainstorming, and problem solving skills?  
(not good)      1      2      3      4      5      (very good)
  
7. Is this student tardy?  
(often)      1      2      3      4      5      (never)
  
8. How would you rate this student's maturity?  
(immature)      1      2      3      4      5      (very mature)
  
9. How would you rate this student's ability to work independently?  
(needs help)      1      2      3      4      5      (doesn't need me)
  
10. Would you trust this student in front of the school at an assembly or school event?  
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Teacher Signature

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