

# Application for School-Wide Office

(for current 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby petition to run for the office of:  
(please print full name)

(Circle grade below)

**Justice for Grade 8 or 9**

Initial each line below after reading carefully:

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that students may not hold a class or school-wide office while on disciplinary or academic probation.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand I will be required to give a speech in assembly, no longer than two minutes, on Thursday, April 18.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that my speech will address school issues, my qualifications for office, and be presented in a respectful manner. Skits, videos, and songs are not permitted as part of my speech.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that material such as inappropriate language, sexual innuendoes, or humiliating statements about individuals or groups will disqualify me as a candidate and could result in disciplinary action.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will provide a copy of my speech to my grade level principal no later than Wednesday, April 10 before the lunch period ends.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to put up campaign posters only in the Commons area and no earlier than Monday morning, April 15.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that campaign propoganda will be limited to two posters and that no other campaign propoganda, literature, or social media is allowed.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read the back side of this application and have asked the Court Advisors, my Principal or the current court members any questions about what it means to be a member of the Student Court.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have submitted to my current grade level principal a paragraph stating my reasons for running for office and my qualifications.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that my failure to fill this form out properly may disqualify me as a candidate.

Signature of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Present Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this application to Mrs. Harris no later than Friday, April 5 before the lunch period ends.

# John Burroughs School

## Student Body President

The Student Body President (SBP) shall reside over the Student Congress when it meets at 7:30am every Wednesday morning and shall be responsible for making sure all class Presidents serve as a voice for their grade level during this meeting. The SBP shall be entitled to one vote in that body.

The Student Body President is often asked to represent the school in official school meetings, events, programs, or activities. In the past, Presidents have been asked to join the Head of School and Board of Directors to discuss building plans, attend leadership programs, help run school-wide events, and help interview faculty/staff candidates for the school.

In addition, all elected student officers are asked to take leadership roles in all-school events, including, but not limited to Field Day, Spirit Week, Commons Café, and Dance Marathon.

## Chief Justice

The Chief Justice shall reside over the Student Court when it meets every Friday at 7:30am and shall be responsible for making sure all Justices represent their class and the school in matters of school violations and punishment. The Chief Justice is also expected to attend the weekly Student Congress meeting on Wednesday mornings where they are entitled to one vote in that body and share what is going on with the Court.

The Chief Justice is often asked to represent the school in official school meetings, events, programs, or activities. In the past, Justices have been asked to join the Head of School and Board of Directors to discuss building plans, attend leadership programs, help run school-wide events, and help interview faculty/staff candidates for the school.

In addition, all elected student officers are asked to take leadership roles in all-school events, including, but not limited to Field Day, Spirit Week, Commons Café, and Dance Marathon.

## Class Justice

The Student Court shall be composed of eight students, including a Chief Justice, two seniors, one junior, one sophomore, one freshman, one eighth grader, and a Bailiff. At least one Faculty advisor is appointed to the court by the Head of School.

The Student Court has the jurisdiction over court cases arising from alleged violations of school rules. Such violations are typically referred to the Court by members of the Burroughs Faculty and Staff or by senior prefects. All cases in which probation, suspension, or expulsion are considered are to be reviewed and decided by the Head of School.

The Student Court may sentence convicted students to the punishments that the Court has deemed proper.

The Justices are often asked to represent the school in official school meetings, events, programs, or activities. In the past, Justices have been asked to join the Head of School and Board of Directors to discuss building plans, attend leadership programs, help run school-wide events, and help interview faculty/staff candidates for the school.