

# DO YOU WANT TO BE A PART OF THE RRMS STUDENT COUNCIL?

## About the RRMS Student Council

- Do you want to make a difference? Do you want school to be an even more fun and exciting place to be? The RRMS Student Council plans and organizes events for middle school students.

## Who Can Participate?

- The RRMS Student Council will consist of six 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Officers. These offices will be elected during the month of May 2016, for the following school year.
  - **PRESIDENT** – The President oversees the student council, along with the Student Council Sponsors. This is a student who has the ability to lead, can work with others, and possesses great organizational skills. The President is responsible for planning for goals, activities and projects. He/She will work with the Sponsors to create meeting agendas and lead each meeting. He/She will represent RRMS and Student Council at events as necessary.
  - **VICE PRESIDENT** – The Vice President is a student who is responsible, organized and has good time management skills. The Vice President will assume responsibilities when the President is absent. He/She will collaborate with the President and the Sponsors in the planning of goals, activities and projects.
  - **SECRETARY** – The Secretary is a student that has exceptional note-taking and organization skills. This position is responsible for taking accurate notes (minutes) at each meeting and reporting those minutes to the student council before, during or after the meetings, as necessary. This includes taking attendance of all council members at each meeting and event.
  - **HISTORIAN** – The historian is a student who has knowledge of camera equipment, video equipment, and journaling/creative writing. The Historian is responsible for documenting the important events for the Student Council; this will involve taking photographs or taking notes and keeping a journal.
  - **ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR** – The Activities Director is a student who has good planning and organization skills. The Activities Director will coordinate projects and events throughout the school year. This person should be creative, positive and be able to think outside of the box. This could involve leading the council in creative advertising for events as well, such as posters and commercials.
  - **SPIRIT DIRECTOR** – The Spirit Director is a student that is enthusiastic, has a positive attitude, and shows a regular presence at school events. They will lead spirit days, pep rallies, JR. Posse, and other spirit activities as necessary. This position will also work with the Historian to capture school spirit through various media (photographs, video, etc.)

- Each grade level team will also have two student representatives. These positions will be selected in August of the 2016-2017 school year.
  
- Qualities necessary for any member on Student Council are:
  - **Leadership skills** – Are you willing to lead committees and be a representative for your class?
  - **Creative** – Are you able to think of new and exciting activities and fundraisers for the student council?
  - **Communicative** – Are you able to share ideas with other Student Council members, your class and all of middle school?
  - **Team player** – Are you willing to work as a team to generate ideas and organize events for the Student Council?
  - **Responsibility** – Are you responsible and reliable for running activities throughout the school year?
  - **Commitment** – Are you committed to attending meetings, events and making RRMS the best middle school in Pasco County?
  - This is a yearlong activity and if you volunteer now, you will be expected to come to all meetings for the remainder of the year. This will include meetings on Club Days.

### **When & Where Does The Club Meet?**

The first meeting for officers will be a voluntary lunch meeting over the summer. During the school year we will meet in the Media Center during Club Days. Other meetings for the full Student Council, or committees within the Student Council, will be scheduled as needed. We will also have quarterly lunch meetings with administration.

### **2016-2017 Student Council Officer Application Timeline**

- May 6th – **Current 7<sup>th</sup> Grade students** may begin picking up packets in the Front Office, or access online on our school website.
- Wednesday, May 11th @ 2:00 pm – Deadline for submission of completed packet to Mrs. Baumaister. (NOTE: If there is testing in Media, turn in at Front Office).
- NO packets will be accepted after the deadline.
- Eligible students will be notified to attend a campaign meeting on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7:45 in the Media Center. Names of eligible students will be on The Loop and posted on the Media Doors on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Completed packets due to Mrs. Baumaister  
by 2:00 pm, Wednesday, May 11th**

# RRMS Middle School Student Council

## *Officer Application Packet*

This packet contains information for students wishing to become involved as RRMS Student Council Officers for the 2016-2017 school year. Students MUST read all portions of this document carefully, complete all necessary pages, obtain all required documents to be returned with the application AND meet all deadlines contained in this packet.

### **Eligibility for Student Council Officer Includes:**

- You must be a current 7<sup>th</sup> grade student going into 8<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2016-2017 school year.
- You must be On Track
- You must obtain 2 CURRENT teacher recommendations
- You must commit to all information, rules, and guidelines in this packet.

### **Application Packets Must Include the Following:**

- **Student Council Officer Application:** Each candidate must fill out the application form completely.
- **Student Council Parent Permission Slip:** Each candidate must submit a signed permission slip.
- **Teacher Recommendation Forms:** Each candidate must submit two CURRENT teacher recommendation forms.

# Student Council Parent Permission Slip

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

1<sup>st</sup> Period Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Parents or Guardians,

Your student is interested in running for Student Council. During our meeting times, students will plan and prepare for school events throughout the school year. At times, your child may be asked to attend additional school meetings or activities as well. We will inform you of these exceptional events as they arise.

Students interested in Student Council should consider the following guidelines and rules:

## Student Council Representative Responsibilities

1. Attend ALL scheduled meetings. Three unexcused absences will result in dismissal from the Council.
2. Serve on one standing committee and at least one activity/event committee during the year and contribute time and effort to help make each Student Council sponsored activity the best it can be.
3. Act responsibly at all meetings and activities/events and as a leader at RRMS.
4. Be On Track for attendance, academics, and behavior.
5. Good citizenship is a must. Student Council is a team.
6. Solicit input from your grade level team. You ARE their representative.
7. Attend all committee meetings and perform all assigned responsibilities at activities/events.

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to campaign for Student Council. I have read and understand the rules and guidelines for Student Council Officers.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Student Council Application

**Directions:** Please answer the following questions utilizing your best writing and thinking skills. Give the questions serious thought before answering. You may use the back of this sheet to finish answers or you may use a separate sheet of paper.

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

Officer Position Running For: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Tell about yourself. What schools have you attended? What type of leadership experiences have you had both in school and in the community?

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2. If you could make ONE improvement at RRMS, what would it be and why?

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3. How do you respond when people don't agree with your ideas?

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4. What makes you the best candidate for the position that you are applying for?

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5. If you could create one school event, what would it be and why?

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# Teacher Recommendation Form #1

**To the Applicant:** Please give this form to a current teacher.

**To the Teacher:** Please complete the following recommendation by evaluating the candidate on the criteria located on this form. Please return the form to Mrs. Baumaister.

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

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

Criteria:	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Excellent
Academic performance				
Attendance				
Behavior in class				
Participation in class				
Preparation for class				
Leadership potential				
Positive relationship with peers				
Ability to work with others				
Communicates effectively with adults				
Creative thinking				
Critical thinking and problem-solving skills				
Organizational and time-management skills				
Honesty and integrity				

Please provide any additional comments below regarding the student's character and leadership ability, if needed:

# Teacher Recommendation Form #2

**To the Applicant:** Please give this form to a current teacher.

**To the Teacher:** Please complete the following recommendation by evaluating the candidate on the criteria located on this form. Please return the form to Mrs. Baumaister.

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

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

Criteria:	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Excellent
Academic performance				
Attendance				
Behavior in class				
Participation in class				
Preparation for class				
Leadership potential				
Positive relationship with peers				
Ability to work with others				
Communicates effectively with adults				
Creative thinking				
Critical thinking and problem-solving skills				
Organizational and time-management skills				
Honesty and integrity				

Please provide any additional comments below regarding the student's character and leadership ability, if needed: