**Do you Want to Become part of the Fisher Middle School Student Council?**

**About the PJFMS Student Council**

- Do you want to make a difference this year?
- Do you want school to be an even more fun and exciting place to be?
- Do you want to be a part of something bigger and take a leadership role in your school?

**Who Can Participate?**

- The PJFMS Student Council will begin this year with the inaugural class of 6th grade students. Our Student Council will grow as grade levels are added each year. All interested participants must complete an application and meet the criteria. The application will be available on the website and in the front office.

- We are looking for some dynamic, enthusiastic, and committed Fisher students to join the Student Council for this year. Qualities necessary for any member on student council are:
  - **Leadership skills** – Ability to lead committees and be a representative and role model for your class.
  - **Creativity** – Collaborate with others and brainstorm new and exciting activities and fundraisers for your school.
  - **Communicative** – Share ideas with other student council members, faculty, and your class.
  - **Team player** – Work well with others in groups and on committees and help organize events for the Student Council and for your school.
  - **Responsibility** – Dependable and reliable for running activities throughout the school.
  - **Commitment** – Ability to persevere and complete the task as a leader or as a representative. This is a year-long activity and you will be expected to come to all meetings for the remainder of the year.

**Benefits of Participating**

Students should consider this opportunity to help build character, leadership, decision making skills, organization skills, social skills, and responsibility.

**What are the positions and how are they selected?**

Students may choose to run for an executive position or to run as a Learning Community Representative. Executive positions (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Relations, Historian) will have four days to campaign and will prepare a video recorded speech to be viewed during block 1A. The student body will vote for the candidate of their choice. Learning Community representatives will be voted on by their Learning Community members and will not participate in a campaign process. All candidates running for any position must meet the criteria.

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

There will be at least 10 meetings throughout the year after school. Dates will be decided on by the established Executive Council and Advisors. Students joining student council will be supervised by Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Haigler, and Ms. Pulley.

**Staff Advisor & Additional Information**

For additional information about the PJFM Student Council, please contact Mrs. Serena Cox at sdcox@greenville.k12.sc.us

See the reverse side for eligibility criteria and application timeline.
Information for students wishing to become involved in the Fisher Middle School Student Council as an Executive Council Member or a Learning Community Representative MUST read all portions of this document carefully.

2014 Student Council Application Timeline

- **Monday, October 13th** - Students may begin picking up packets in the front office or download them from the school’s website.
- **Monday, October 20th** - 3:15 pm – Deadline for submission of completed packets to Mrs. Cox in the Red Community Room 2303. **NO** packets will be accepted after the deadline.
- **Tuesday, October 21st** – Students may begin campaigning for Executive Student Council. If a student does not meet the criteria to run for office, he/she will be notified during 1st block.
- **Tuesday, October 21 – Friday, October 24th** – Campaign for Executive Student Council
- **Wednesday, October 22 – Friday, October 24th** – Tape your speech of at least 1 ½ -2 minutes in length. Must be written out ahead of time and approved by Mrs. Cox, Ms. Olivia, or Ms. Pulley.
- **Monday, October 27th** – Video-taped speech is aired during homeroom and voting for Executive Student Council and Learning Community Representative will take place.
- **Wednesday, October 29th** – First Fisher Middle School Student Council Meeting after school until 5:00 pm.

Completed packets due to Mrs. Cox by 3:15 on 10/20/14.

Eligibility Criteria for Student Council

- Must maintain a C average in all courses throughout the 2014-2015 school year and should have earned a C average in all courses during the 1st quarter of the 2014 school year.
- Ability to display leadership qualities by working together as a team member in small and large groups.
- Has not received disciplinary referrals of any nature during the 2014 school year at Fisher Middle and cannot receive disciplinary referrals or detentions of any nature throughout the 2014-2015 school year.
- Abides by the Fisher Middle School student guidelines and expectations including absences and tardies to class and to school.
- Has been a role model to other students and will continue to display proper attitude, character, and respect to others.
- Must be able to provide at least two references from a Fisher Middle School teacher and/or faculty member.

If you feel you can meet all of the above criteria, be prepared to pick up your Student Council Application Packet from the front office or download from the school’s website on Monday, October 13th. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Cox.