

Homecoming Handbook



Presented by Student Council Advisor

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Responsibilities/Roles

The student council is responsible for the overall organization of the week. Including the dress up days, Bonfire, Wednesday Night Games, the pep rallies, parade, and other activities as determined by the council.

The Dance will be overseen by the senior class each year. They can decide on the venue, DJ, decorations, start and end time of the dance, time of the grand march, specialty dances, obtaining chaperones, etc. Each of these is determined by that year's senior class. The senior class also chooses the Grand Marshall for the Homecoming parade, that topic is specifically addressed in the Parade section.

Homecoming Court Eligibility

Students who are athletes in good standing in the fall sports (volleyball, football, cross country, and cheer team) are eligible. To be in good standing, a student must not have been suspended or served a suspension during any part of the fall season. If a student has had a suspension in the spring, and is serving it in the fall season, he or she is not eligible. Each student-athlete must maintain no failing grades. Grades will be checked prior to the creation of the ballot. Any ineligible students will be contacted by the student council advisor to inform them of their ineligibility. Furthermore, if a student has been selected to be on the homecoming court as a freshman or sophomore, he or she is not eligible again until his or her senior year.

Once a student is chosen to represent his or her class on the court, the expectation is that he or she maintains as an athlete/student in good standing. If their behavior warrants it, they may be removed from court for the week of homecoming. The removal of a student from homecoming court will be determined by the principal, the athletic director, and the student council advisor with the coordination of the high school staff as needed.

Responsibilities of those on court

The members of the court must remember that they are representing their respective classes as well as the school as a whole, so their behavior must be above reproach.

It is expected that those chosen for court provide a convertible for the parade on that Friday. If they cannot find one, the student council advisor can help in the process. The members of Homecoming Court must also be available for the pep rally on that Friday where the queen and king will be crowned. The members of the court are also expected to be at Friday's football game and the dance so that they can be announced as a group.

Number of Couples on Court

Each class will have one couple representing the class (Freshmen through Juniors). The Senior Class will have three couples, including the King and Queen.

Process for Voting

A google form will be distributed to each class, and each student will be able to vote for one girl representative and one boy representative.

The representatives for each class will be the girl and boy who receive the most votes. The King and Queen will be the ones who receive the most votes in the senior class and then the other two representatives of the senior class will be students who earn the next highest number of votes.

Activities during the week

During the week, each of the activities will be supervised by either the assigned advisors or contracted chaperones. Any unsupervised students or their work may be disqualified from the competition.

Spirit Cup Competition

Each class (freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors) will be judged on the following activities: Dress Up Day participation, Bonfire representation, Wednesday Night Games, Video Scavenger Hunt, Banner (at WNG), Cheer (at WNG), Hallway, Window, Tug of War, Skit, and Float. Each class gets a ranking and points are awarded (first place= 100 points, second place= 80, third = 60, and fourth = 40). Student Council may add or subtract activities from this list when planning for Homecoming during their summer planning meeting.

Sunday Preparation

The Sunday before Homecoming Week, the advisors will arrange for students to complete the window and hallway decorating. The preparation can be done at a time agreed upon by all the parties.

Dress Up Days

Dress up Days will be determined by the Student Council during their summer planning meeting and approved by the principal. The two set dress up days each year are Wednesday as Class Color Day and Friday as Spirit Day. Each day is scored as previously mentioned (each day is up to 100 points for each class).

Bonfire

On Monday night, as a kickoff to Homecoming Week, the school will host a bonfire. The Student Council advisor will work with the city crew and the fire department to arrange to have a bonfire in front of the school. The bonfire should run from about 7:30 to 9:00 pm. Classes will earn spirit cup points based on their attendance at the bonfire. If the bonfire must be rescheduled, there will be no points for attendance awarded.

Wednesday Night Games

Each event for the WNG will be scored individually (up to 100 points for each). The class that scores the most points for that evening will be announced the next day. The games will begin at 5:30 pm. The events(in the order they will be scheduled) for the evening will be:

Opening Ceremony- The students will gather in the bleachers by the football field. To get the students gathered together and show off their banners and cheers.

Banner- Each class will design a banner (up to 3 ft by 6 ft) that they can carry through the opening ceremony- judged on creativity and originality.

Cheer- Each class will design and perform a cheer for their class- judged by participation and creativity.

Capture the Flag- Each class will field a team. They will compete in the woods behind the football field. Freshmen will compete against Seniors and Sophomores against Juniors. The winners will compete. There will be a tie for 3rd place, to save time. The teams will be made up of 10 people must be at least three girls. Only those present in the opening round of play may participate in subsequent rounds.

Girls' Football- Each class will field a team and compete on the football field. It will start with Seniors versus Freshmen and Sophomores versus Juniors. Then the winners will play each other and the losers will as well. Teams of 12, eight girls on the field at a time. The games will be two seven minute halves, with two thirty-second timeouts. Only two coaches MAX will be allowed on the field.

Eating Contest- Each class will field a team of three to eat assigned foods. The competition will take place on the pavement in front of the bleachers by the football field.

Boys' Volleyball- Each class will field a team to compete in the gym. Freshmen play seniors and Sophomores play Juniors. Winners play each other as well as the losers. Teams of twelve, six on the court at a time, two coaches MAX. The teams will play best of three games to 11.

Slip and Slide- One person from each class will compete. They are judged by the distance they travel on the tarp as measured by the staff assembled there. They will compete in the following order: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior.

Sportsmanship is expected throughout the Wednesday Night Games. The judges and referees will be made up of staff volunteers. Any unsportsmanlike conduct will lead to immediate removal from the games and possible forfeiture of any contest. If students are not

able to participate in sports or phy ed classes because of an injury, they may not be eligible to participate in the games.

Video Scavenger Hunt

The length and activities that are expected in the Video Scavenger Hunt are determined by the Student Council Officer Team, with final approval of the principal. It will be released to the students the Wednesday before Homecoming and will be due at noon on the Wednesday of Homecoming so that the videos can be compiled into a presentation for the student body to view. The Scavenger Hunt will be judged by its adherence to the list of expectations.

Hallway

Students are expected to decorate the hallway designated for them by the Student Council. The hallway will be judged by the adherence to the theme and/or the designated colors, quality of work, originality, and creativity. The students will be allowed to hang decorations from the ceiling as long as it is removed properly by the beginning of the week following Homecoming.

Window

Each class will be designated a window in the commons to decorate. The paper will be provided by the Student Council but the paints and other materials needed should be purchased using the budget allowed. The window will be judged by adherence to the theme, quality of work, and creativity.

Float

Each class will design a float for the parade. The float will be judged by its adherence to the theme for each class. The float must be on a snowmobile trailer or smaller. It must also be pulled by a tractor, ATV, or UTV. It must NOT be pulled by a pickup truck to prevent any injuries or accidents. Final approval of the pulling vehicle will be made by the class advisor and/or the student council advisor. The float can be accompanied by as many students as needed to walk beside the float, but the Student Council Advisor will work with the Class Advisors to determine the safest number of students to ride on the float and in the vehicle pulling the float. The Class Advisor will also coordinate with the parents of the students designing/building the float to ensure that the float is being built safely and in a supervised way. The float will be judged on adherence to the theme, appearance, quality of work, and creativity.

Budget

Each class will have access to \$250 (from class funds) to cover the costs of the Float, Window, Hallway, and Skit. When making purchases, students need to use the Tax-Exempt Form (available in the main office). Any questions should be directed to the Main Office staff or the Student Council Advisor.

Pep Rally

The pep rally will be on Friday, at a time and schedule to be determined by the student council.

During the pep rally, the following will take place:

A **volleyball match** between the staff and the winning team from Wednesday Night Games. If the students wish to, the senior girls can play the winning team from Wednesday Night Games instead of the staff. The teams will play one game to 25.

Tug of War between the classes. Seniors v. Freshmen and Sophomores v. Juniors. Then the winners play and if time the losers play to determine the places.

Skits are then performed by the classes- in the following order: Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors. Skits will be judged on adherence to theme, creativity/originality, and quality of work. There may also be a penalty assessed for either too long or too short of a presentation.

Coronation takes place next. The Student Council Advisor will work with the Homecoming Royalty from the previous year to include them if they choose.

After the coronation, the student body will watch the highlights from **Video Scavenger Hunt**. If there is extra time, there may be a game of Ships and Sailors or a Minute to Win It game. Then, the student body will be dismissed for the parade.

Parade

The senior class working with their advisor(s) will choose the grand marshal for the parade. This person should be connected with the school district or have impacted students in a positive manner. That person will be at the front of the parade and will also be expected to speak at the pep rally at Triangle Park.

Each class will have a float as well as their representatives from court in the parade. The band and any other group that would like to is welcome to have a float or presence in the parade.

The route will be around the school and then on 4th St. down Grove St. to Union St. then to Bridge St. to Triangle Park.

Triangle Park Pep Rally

At the conclusion of the parade, there will be a brief pep rally at Triangle Park. The Homecoming Court will be announced and then the Grand Marshall of the parade will be asked to speak. After the Grand Marshall's speech, the Student Council advisor will present the Spirit Cup to the class that has earned the most points for the week.

Upon conclusion of the parade and Triangle Park pep rally, students must leave in a safe and appropriate manner. The students who rode in the parade on a float will be the only students allowed to leave the parade on a float.

Banner & Cheer Judging Sheet

Class	9th	10th	11th	12th	
Creativity	1	2	3	4	5
Originality	1	2	3	4	5
Quality of Work	1	2	3	4	5
				Total	

Comments:

Rank 1st 2nd 3rd 4th

Window & Hallway Judging Sheet

Class	9th	10th	11th	12th	
Creativity	1	2	3	4	5
Originality	1	2	3	4	5
Quality of Work	1	2	3	4	5
Adherence to Theme/Color	1	2	3	4	5
				Total	

Comments:

Rank 1st 2nd 3rd 4th

Skit Judging Sheet

Class	9th	10th	11th	12th	
Creativity	1	2	3	4	5
Originality	1	2	3	4	5
Quality of Work	1	2	3	4	5
Adherence to Theme	1	2	3	4	5
Time	Too Short (-1 point)	Too Long (-1 point)	Just Right		
				Total	

Comments:

Rank 1st 2nd 3rd 4th

Float Judging Sheet

Class	9th	10th	11th	12th	
Creativity	1	2	3	4	5
Originality	1	2	3	4	5
Quality of Work	1	2	3	4	5
Adherence to Theme/Color	1	2	3	4	5
				Total	

Comments:

Rank

1st

2nd

3rd

4th