

# **NEWTON SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL**

## **NOMINATION PACKET FOR THE Spring 2013 ELECTIONS**

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### **Class Office**

Class Officers are responsible for promoting school spirit and individual class identity through the planning and implementation of social events. The Freshman Class Cruise, the Sophomore Fest, the Junior-Semi, and the Senior Prom are examples of major events run by Class Officers.

During Spring Elections, Freshmen and Sophomores will elect 5 officers to serve over the course of the next academic year. The Junior Class will elect 6 officers to serve as Senior Class Officers during the next academic year. For all classes, a class President and Vice-President will be named based on the highest and second highest vote tallies.

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### **South Senate**

The South Senate is a legislative body that works with the administration on behalf of the students to propose, update, or improve policies at Newton South. The Senate is comprised of thirty-two senators (eight from each grade). South Senate meets during one J-block (Thursdays during 2010-2011) each week. Past policies the Senate has created include putting textbooks in the library, the second-semester sophomore released study, use of library laptops by students, the recycling program, policy on teachers seeking feedback from students at least once per year, etc.

When running for South Senate you must be willing to commit to attending the weekly sessions. If you are out sick, have a sports game, must meet with a teacher etc. and cannot attend please let the advisor or another responsible senator know that you will not be attending. Senators MAY NOT run for reelection if they have attended less than 65% of weekly Senate meetings.

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### **Rules and Regulations**

An individual cannot run for both Class Officer and Senator. You must choose one or the other but not both.

Campaigning may only occur during the designated times listed in this packet – this includes online campaigning!

All deadlines must be followed. If you cannot make a required meeting, you must inform the appropriate advisor 24 hours BEFORE the meeting. You must make arrangements to meet with the advisor as soon as possible following the missed meeting.

All additional rules listed on the pages that follow must be strictly adhered to.

All candidates are REQUIRED to deliver a campaign speech on Election Day.

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### ELECTIONS SCHEDULE

What?	When?	
	If you are a... Sophomore/Junior	If you are a... Freshman
Nomination Packets Available in House Offices	Thursday, April 25	Thursday, April 25
Nomination Packets DUE to Class/Senate Advisor	Thursday, May 9	Thursday, May 9
Mandatory Candidate Meeting – J-Block – Lecture Hall	Monday, May 13	Monday, May 13
Posters and Campaigning	Tuesday, May 14 – Tuesday, May 21	Tuesday, May 14 – Tuesday, May 28
Elections Speeches Due by email to your advisor	Thursday, May 16	Thursday, May 23
Speech & Election Day	Tuesday, May 21	Tuesday, May 28

### ADVISORS

Class Office	South Senate
Freshmen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Gentile in room 6255 or 6260 sarah_gentile@newton.k12.ma.us</li> <li>Mr. Palilunas 4214/4105(Adv) alex_palilunas@newton.k12.ma.us</li> </ul>	<p align="center">Mr. Rattendi in the Mathematics Office steven_rattendi@newton.k12.ma.us</p>
Sophomores: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Weintraub in room 2107 david_weintraub@newton.k12.ma.us</li> <li>Mr. Lewis in Wheeler House Office aaron_lewis@newton.k12.ma.us</li> </ul>	
Juniors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Hammond in room 6203 catherine_hammond@newton.k12.ma.us</li> <li>Ms. DeRobert in the World Language Office suzanne_derobert@newton.k12.ma.us</li> </ul>	

### POLICIES AND PROCEDURE

- Nomination packets due – THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2013 by 3:20 PM**  
***Hand-deliver*** your completed nomination papers to your CLASS ADVISOR by 3:20 PM. LATE packets WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. The nomination papers must include:
  - Statement of intent; Housemaster recommendation; Teacher recommendation
  - Signatures of twenty-five (25) classmates
  - Candidate statement hard copy AND e-mailed to the appropriate advisor.

Make sure the signatures of your classmates are legible. Each name will be verified. You will be notified as to the status of your candidacy via e-mail.

2. **Mandatory Candidate Meeting - Monday, May 13 in the Lecture Hall during J-Block**  
ALL Candidates must attend a mandatory meeting to review campaign procedures. This meeting IS NOT optional. Expect to be there from the beginning until the end of J-Block. If you absolutely cannot attend this meeting, then you MUST inform your class/senate advisor 24-hours PRIOR to the meeting start time, AND schedule to meet with the appropriate advisor on the day immediately following the meeting date. Failure to follow these guidelines will result in removal of your name for the election ballot.
3. **Posters and Campaigning begins Tuesday, May 14**  
The rules for poster and handouts are as follows:
  - (a) Posters must be at least 11x17 in size (**taping together smaller pieces of paper IS NOT acceptable – your poster must be one continuous sheet of 11x17, or larger, paper**).
  - (b) Your class advisor or a housemaster must initial all posters – this means you also need to limit the total number of posters you plan on hanging.
  - (c) Posters may only be hung between designated times. Posters hung earlier will be removed.
  - (d) Custodians/house offices have blue tape available that you can use to hang posters. Posters MUST not block windows or cause safety concerns.
  - (e) Posters must be in good taste. Any poster that is negative towards another candidate, obscene, or otherwise inappropriate in nature—or with the potential to be construed in such a way—is unacceptable and will be removed. Negativity reflects badly on you as well as the target, and on the Senate itself.
  - (f) Anything that you intend to hand out during the campaign season—including but not limited to candy, flyers, posters, and buttons—must be approved in advance. Large quantities of purchased items will most likely, NOT, be approved. ***Seek approval PRIOR to buying/printing.***
  - (h) Anything “sticky”—including but not limited to labels and stickers—is absolutely prohibited.
  - (i) Make your posters as vandalism-proof as possible. Sadly enough, random students may disrespect your posters or tear them down.
  - (j) It is your responsibility to REMOVE all of your posters immediately following the election.
  - (k) Online campaigning must adhere to the same time frame AND spirit outlined above.
3. **Submit Speeches to the Appropriate Advisor – Thursday, May 16 (May 23 for Freshmen) by MIDNIGHT**  
All candidates are REQUIRED to submit their speeches electronically to the appropriate class/senate advisor. Candidates who do not submit speeches will have their candidacies revoked.
4. **Speech assembly AND Elections – Thursday May 21 or 28 during Advisory**  
An administrator or class advisor will explain the voting procedure, introduce the candidates, and allow each candidate a few minutes (time to be determined) to make a speech. The speech assembly is NOT optional. Elections will immediately follow the speeches.

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# ELECTIONS NOMINATION PAPERS

## STATEMENT OF INTENT

I, \_\_\_\_\_, intend to run for

(circle):                      **Class Office**                      **South Senate**

as a member of the Class of

(circle):                      **2014**                      **2015**                      **2016**

for the Academic Year 2013-2014. By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the contents of this nomination packet including the rules and procedures for campaigning. I will also give a speech during the Candidate Speech Assembly.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

House (circle):              **Cutler**              **Goldrick**              **Goodwin**              **Wheeler**

Advisory: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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## HOUSEMASTER RECOMMENDATION

I affirm that \_\_\_\_\_ is a responsible member of Newton South High School and a member in good standing.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Housemaster Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

I support the nomination of \_\_\_\_\_. S/he is a good candidate to represent his/her class.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## STUDENT SIGNATURES

Those wishing to run for office for 2013-2014 academic year must obtain the signatures of twenty-five (25) students FROM HIS/HER CLASS. **PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY.**

By signing below, I support the nomination of \_\_\_\_\_.

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## CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Please write a short statement no longer than two hundred (200) words about who you are and why you are running for office. The candidate statements may be posted and made available to advisory teachers. Your statement must be typed, included with your application AND e-mailed to the appropriate advisor; it is a requirement in order to be recognized as a candidate in the election.

You will also need to submit a separate candidate speech after your candidacy has been confirmed. This speech will be the one you deliver at the candidate speech assembly – it is perfectly fine to simply modify or directly use your candidate statement for this purpose. Your SPEECH MUST be emailed to the appropriate advisor as indicated on the first few pages of this packet.

## CHECKLIST

- Statement of intent
- Housemaster recommendation
- Teacher recommendation
- Signatures of twenty-five (25) members of your grade
- Candidate statement (hard copy and email to advisor)
- Candidate speech (email to advisor)

**HAND DELIVER NOMINATION PAPERS TO  
THE APPROPRIATE ADVISOR BY 3:20 PM  
ON THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2013.**

***LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED  
UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.***