

# Student Council 2020 Fall Election Information

Thank you for your interest in C-A HS Student Council! Students interested in running for a position - please read ALL information before you commit to run for election.

## STUDENT COUNCIL: What is it?

### STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council is the government of each Carman-Ainsworth class and is made up of delegates from the respected class. Each class elects a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer along with six (6) Representatives. Elections, with the exception of Freshman fall elections, are held in the spring. If elected, a representative may apply for membership in one of 3 standing committees: Public Relations, Community Service, and Fundraising. These make up the Cabinet and each have duties specific to their own committee. Student Council is in charge of all distinct class duties that count for class competitions, such as (but not limited to) building the Homecoming float, updating the council bulletin board, informing their classmates about all upcoming class competitions, rallying class spirit in hopes of achieving the preset percentage and being a positive force in our school and community through service.

Student Council meetings are typically every other Wednesdays of the month or as needed from 2:25-2:55 in room 240 (*virtual meeting dates and times will be announced later*). If you already know that you will not be able to attend all or most of these meetings, **then you should not run for office**. Attendance is expected. Two unexcused absences and four excused absences are the maximum allowed per semester.

Most of our mandatory functions are **AFTER SCHOOL** and require time and commitment. If you are too involved with other obligations, then you may want to consider this. All Student Council members, in addition to attending meetings, must also support Class Council activities and participate on a committee.

***Note from Advisors:*** Advisors have the final decision to remove students at any time from Student Council based on poor attendance, poor citizenship, or for any reason that does not support the C-A Student Code of Conduct or the Student Council Handbook. **For a copy of the Student Council Constitution and Handbook, please see our school website.** <https://www.carman.k12.mi.us/Page/7509>

## WHO is to be elected?

### Executive Board:

(E-Board candidates must be a prior member of Student Council and a member of the Senior Class):

- ✓ Secretary

### c/o 2021:

- ✓ One (1) Class Representatives

### c/o 2022:

- ✓ Two (2) Class Representatives

### c/o 2023:

- ✓ Three (3) Class Representatives

### c/o 2024:

- ✓ President
- ✓ Vice President
- ✓ Secretary
- ✓ Treasurer
- ✓ Six (6) Class Representative

## WHAT it takes to qualify:

- ✓ Be a member of the Class you wish to represent
- ✓ Place a high priority on student involvement
- ✓ Listen to and represent the opinions of those you wish to serve
- ✓ Maintain a 2.3 GPA (both Class Officers and Representatives)
- ✓ Maintain a 2.5 GPA for Executive Board Officer

## WHAT you have to do:

- ✓ Create a short (no longer than 3 minutes) video introducing yourself and answering the following questions:
  1. Why are you the best candidate for the position? Discuss the leadership roles you have held or how you are a leader.
  2. Discuss your strengths and how you will be an asset to Student Council.
  3. What are your (realistic) goals for the upcoming school year?
- ✓ Upload your video to YouTube and send a link of your video to Mrs. Stinson via email at [lstinson@carmanainsworth.org](mailto:lstinson@carmanainsworth.org) by Thursday, Oct. 1, 2020. Your video must be school appropriate.
- ✓ If you have any difficulty with technology, you must contact Mrs. Stinson BEFORE the deadline for assistance.

## IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES:

- Oct. 1 -----Deadline to submit election video link to Mrs. Stinson via email by 3:00 pm
- Oct. 1 -----E-Board Secretary candidates' videos will be made available to Student Council Advisors and voting will begin
- Oct. 2 – Oct. 5 -----Class Officers and Representative candidates' videos will be made available to the Student Body at 5:00 pm and voting will begin.
- Oct. 5-----Voting ends at 3:00 pm
- Oct. 5 -----All election results will be posted on the Student Council website and each Class Band by 5:00 pm