

Calendar Ideas

for the Student Government Advisor

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SEPTEMBER – Getting Organized and into Action

- An opening day assembly
- Pre-planning: Goals, committees, duties, master calendar of meetings and activities in office (list county and state events – including Student Member of the Board of Education {SMOB} events)
- Faculty welcome gift
- A personalized welcome card to every new student
- Posters up at school welcoming students
- A "gift" to welcome students as they arrive
- Elect Freshman Officers (and middle school officers)
- Citizenship Day activities: bulletins, displays, assembly, etc.
- "Welcome Back" dance
- Election: Student Council delegates (representatives from homeroom, etc.)
- First meeting: purposes, goals, organization, budget, etc.
- Citizenship Day activities: bulletins, displays, assembly, etc.
- Lunchtime activity
- State Legislators “Back to School” speakers
- Help with Back to School Night
- Teach: simple parliamentary procedure, agenda planning and meeting skills, minutes - good reporting and recording, review constitution, begin Student Council scrapbook
- Plan and update regularly a student bulletin board
- Encourage student membership in school clubs
- Reports: Summer conference delegates, officers objectives and concerns
- Pay dues to state and local associations (and other affiliates as specified in the constitution)
- Distribute student handbooks and *A Guide to Student Rights and Responsibilities*
- Publicize school motto, code of conduct, traditions, etc.
- Plan for Homecoming and Alumni involvement (spirit/pride week, etc.) - planning for Homecoming may take place in the summer, depending on the scheduled date
- Workshop—committee chairmen, committee advisers and Council representatives

OCTOBER – Keeping the Action Alive

- Plan United Way Drive
- Work on anti-school vandalism campaign/project
- Plan social activities: Safe-Sane Halloween, back-to-school dances, etc.
- Plan November Leadership Conference
- Plan yearlong school spirit drive to promote: Participation, citizenship, scholarship, leadership, sportsmanship, etc.

- UNICEF activity
- Red-Ribbon Campaign
- Teach/Review: parliamentary procedure: motions, criteria of good projects, how to be a good committee member, how to sell ideas, etc.
- *High schools – distribute information for interested candidates for the State Student Member of the Board of Education (information provided by the Maryland Association of Student Councils)*
- *High schools – register students for Maryland Association of Student Councils - High School Leadership Conference*
- *Middle schools – register students for Maryland Association of Student Councils - Middle School Leadership Conference*

NOVEMBER – Achieving Quality Goals and Continuing Work

- Re-evaluation of documents (code, constitution, regulations, etc.)
- Leadership Conference for entire school (clubs, members, etc.)
- Safety campaign
- Scholarship promotion
- Publish a student council newsletter
- Hold a council exchange with another school
- Food Drive
- Turkey draw
- Catch 'em being good
- Lunchtime activity
- Leaf raking for senior citizens
- Observe spirit of Thanksgiving (assembly, baskets, canned food drives, etc.)
- Teach: Problem-solving techniques; review reporting procedures
- American Education Week

DECEMBER – Focus on Involvement and People

- Plan January elections for officers/delegates (if needed)
- Holiday decorations, social activities, projects, etc.
- Plan on service projects such as visits to nursing homes or hospitals
- Evaluate progress, opinion poll, interview students and faculty
- Plan awards for Honor Roll students
- Winter sports assembly
- Jingle Bell Ball
- Winter assembly
- Toy drive
- Lunchtime activity
- Holiday babysitting
- Alumni basketball game
- Winter snow-in
- Faculty stockings in teacher's lounge
- Plan awards for Honor Roll students
- Teach: Concepts of brotherhood or diversity appreciation; How to involve students in activities.
- *Middle and High schools – register students for Maryland Association of Student Councils - Legislative Session*

JANUARY – Mid-Year Renewal and Vitality

- Select students for MASC Legislative Session (usually the 1st Saturday in February)
- Elections for spring semester (if needed)
- Special event for Honor Roll students
- Plan a secret pal activity for the principal, teachers, staff, and council members
- Teach: citizenship responsibilities; review criteria of a good leader
- Evaluate student council contributions to school life
- Mid-Term Examinations
- Welcome cards for transfer students
- New Year's Ball
- All-school pizza sale
- Basketball hoop shoot
- GPA class competition
- Theme game
- Lunchtime activity
- Faculty appreciation breakfast
- Evaluate student government contributions to school life
- *Middle and High schools – register students for Maryland Association of Student Councils Convention*

FEBRUARY – Caring for Others

- Hold an Honor Code Assembly (character education program emphasis)
- Encourage student membership in school clubs
- Plan Teacher Appreciation Day
- American Heritage Week
- Valentine social activities
- Raise money for the American Heart Association
- Pre-planning as in September
- Election rules and guidelines approved
- Distribute first semester academic recognition pins
- BUG awards (bringing up grades)
- Sweetheart Ball
- Wall-o-grams
- Blood drive on Valentine's Day
- Spirit Week- honor all winter sports and clubs
- Lunchtime activity
- Stress citizenship responsibilities
- *Middle and High schools – turn in to your regional association your application for Principal and Advisor of the year awards for the Maryland Association of Student Councils*
- *Middle and High schools – register students for Maryland Association of Student Councils Legislative Lobbying Day*

MARCH – Involvement in School Life

- Special projects month
- Plan Service Drive – clothing, etc. (Goodwill, Salvation Army, or other organizations)
- Plan and hold annual money raising project for Student Council
- Teacher Appreciation Day
- Leadership conference reports
- Lip synch at lunch

- St. Patrick's Day celebration
- Spring sports pep assembly
- Academic pep assembly
- Lunchtime activity
- Spring fling
- Almost Anything Goes-class competition
- Red Cross youth involvement – (blood drive)

APRIL – Spring Excitement

- Plan elections
- Prepare awards for awards program
- Review school constitution for evaluation and changes
- Review student handbook for re-publication
- *Middle and High schools – distribute staff application forms for the Maryland Association of Student Councils*
- Easter egg hunt-lunchtime activity
- Campus clean up
- Student government elections
- Voter registration drive
- Secretary Appreciation Week
- Food Drive
- Lunchtime activity
- Student Member of the Board of Education election (training & election)
- Participate in National Student Leadership Week (usually the 3rd week in April) – recognize student leaders in a special way

MAY- Wrap-Up, Reflect, Evaluate, and Begin Again

- Election of officers for the next school year
- Award Assembly
- Complete Student Government scrapbook
- Plan for Summer Leadership Conferences (Maryland Leadership Workshops - MLW)
- Plan a school slide show
- Plan for September Citizenship Day or State Legislators Back to School observance
- Evaluate projects and the entire year—as well as individual contributions
- Confer with principal for ideas and suggestions for next year
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- School improvement project
- Recognition assembly-spirit award
- Calendar activity planning meeting
- Lunchtime activity - Sandwich seminar (outside)
- Spirit Week-honor all spring sports and clubs
- Opinion poll (spirit temperature check)
- Pay dues to NASC (Division of Student Activities affiliation for the school)

JUNE - Finish with Energy

- Hold a Student Council picnic or other social event
- Schedule summer meetings with officers
- Student/faculty softball game
- Distribute academic recognition pins

- BUG awards (bringing up grades)
- Senior awards ceremony
- Memories assembly-slide show
- Lunchtime activity - Picnic at lunch with games
- Conduct a staff appreciation activity
- As soon as commencement is over, have a nervous breakdown. You worked for it; you owe it to yourself, and nobody should deprive you of it. Student Government Adviser straight jackets available in area stores!

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