

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Class Elections



Class of 2030



PRINCETON DAY SCHOOL

LEADERSHIP OVERVIEW

In a school defined by **humanity, creativity, intellect, stewardship** and **joy**, potential freshman class leaders are *the vital team of architects of the Upper School's culture*. Because freshmen are transitioning into an entirely new environment, class leaders do not just represent the Class of 2030; they **translate PDS core values into daily practice** at a moment when their classmates are most receptive to shaping new habits.

Here is how leaders of the Class of 2030 should aim drive each core value:



HUMANITY

Fostering Empathy and Inclusion

Freshman year is often marked by changes in friend groups and the fear of isolation. Strong candidates ground their leadership in humanity and empathy to ensure no one is left behind!

- **Bridging social gaps:** Class Leaders actively reach out to isolated students, resolve minor conflicts with empathy, and promote a culture of kindness.
- **Amplifying diverse voices:** They listen to the needs of all classmates, ensuring that student government initiatives reflect the whole diverse student body, not just a vocal minority.



Reimagining the Freshman Experience

With no prior high school biases, potential class leaders bring fresh, unjaded perspectives to student life.

- **Innovative bonding:** They design unique class events, trips, and service activities that break away from "the way things have always been done."
- **Encouraging self-expression:** They create platforms—like talent showcases or collaborative projects—that allow their members of the Class of 2030 to share their unique talents with one another.



Creativity





Intellect

Modeling Academic Curiosity

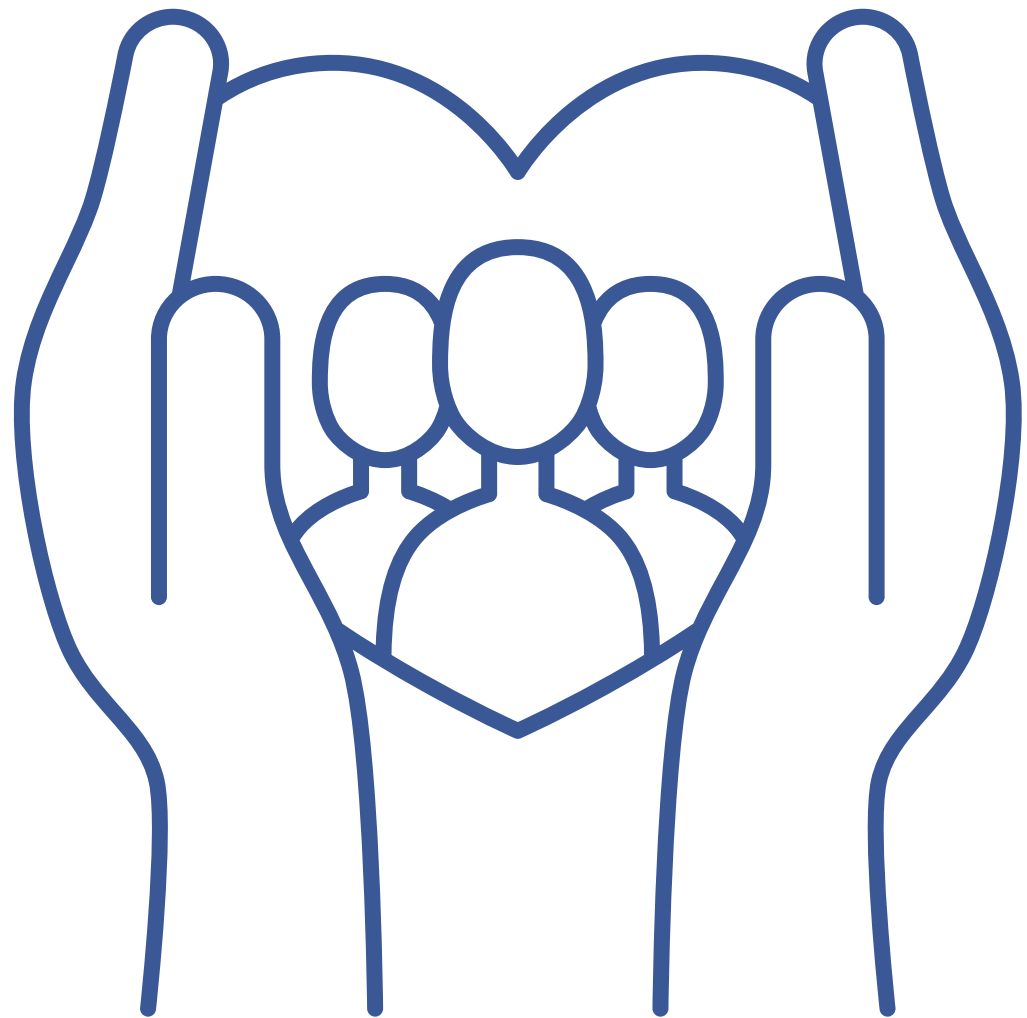
Leaders for the Class of 2030 must show that being smart and being engaged go hand-in-hand.

- **Normalizing academic passion:** Strong Class Leaders talk openly and enthusiastically about what they are learning, breaking down any stigma around being a dedicated student.
- **Supporting peer success:** Class Leaders model behavior in study halls, classes and shared public spaces that ensures the class rises to its potential academically. Class Leaders maintain their academic integrity and seek to elevate the scholarly achievements of all classmates.

Anchoring the Community

Freshman class leaders act as the first line of defense for our school's environment and traditions.

- **Modeling responsibility:** Class Leaders set the standard for taking care of shared spaces, from the Campus Center to Shep to the McAneny stage to the classrooms.
- **Building a legacy:** Our Class leaders should help their peers understand that they are part of a larger story, encouraging everyone to leave the school better than they found it. This includes modeling best behavior at lunch duty, compost duty, and behavior in all shared spaces.



STEWARDSHIP

JOY!



Creating a Welcoming Atmosphere!

The transition to high school can be stressful and intimidating. Our class leaders should inject **energy and positivity** into the class!

- **Cultivate belonging:** Strong class leaders organize inclusive spirit days, icebreakers, and casual gatherings /activities that make coming to school feel exciting rather than daunting.
- **Champion enthusiasm:** By bringing high energy to school events, strong class leaders encourage quiet or hesitant peers to participate and connect.

CORE RESPONSIBILITIES



CLASS PRESIDENT (1)

1. Submits a draft student agenda to the Class Dean 48-hours prior to class meeting
2. Leads class meetings with the Class Dean;
3. Works closely with the Class Dean, Class VP and Sec/Tres in creating and running class events that promote community and class bonding;
4. Works with class Student Council reps to communicate class needs and concerns back to Council
5. **Attends:**
 - a. All prep meetings* with Class Dean (1x / cycle);
 - b. All class meetings* (1x / cycle);
 - c. All class bonding events*; and
 - d. ***All Student Council and/or Student Life-run events****

**except when ill or away on school business, such as a game, contest or field trip.*

CORE RESPONSIBILITIES



VICE PRESIDENT (1)

1. Assists the Class President in all duties;
2. Covers for Class President in the case of absence or extended illness;
3. Assists Class Dean with any presentation materials prior to Class Meetings; and
4. **Attends:**
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SECRETARY / TREASURER (1)

1. Takes minutes at all Class Meetings AND posts them to Class Schoology page;
2. Makes google doc Class Meeting minutes available to Dean and Class via Schoology within 24 hours of meeting;
3. Manages oversight of Class Budget with assistance from the Class Dean, Dean of Students and/or Student Life Coordinator;
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ACCOUNTABILITY

- All class officers will sign a contract outlining their role's duties and responsibilities. These contracts will be shared with the Dean of Students and each officer's Advisor and Family.
- These contracts must be returned to the Class Dean no more than one week after they have been sent out.
- All class officers will be held accountable to uphold all of their duties of office described in their contract.
- As representatives of and models for the community, class officers are held to a higher standard of behavior. ***HONOR BOARD infractions or other repeated poor behavior may be grounds for removal from office.***

ABSENCES

Officers with a legitimate reason (illness, off-campus for school business) may be excused from meetings and events, but must communicate with Class Dean and/or Faculty Advisor to Student Council as soon as possible—at least 48 hours in advance for non-illness related absences.

Each officer is allowed one unexcused absence per semester.

SEPTEMBER 30 - Information session in Class Meeting

OCTOBER 2 - Declare candidacy for President or VP

OCTOBER 4 - Submit President/VP Speeches

OCTOBER 9 - President/VP Elections in special Class Meeting

OCTOBER 13 - Declare candidacy for Secretary / Treasurer

OCTOBER 15 - Submit Secretary/Treasurer Speeches

OCTOBER 20 - Secretary/Treasurer Elections in Class Meeting

OCTOBER 23 - Declare candidacy for Student Council Rep

OCTOBER 25 - Submit speeches for Student Council Rep

OCTOBER 29 - Student Council Rep Elections

ELECTION CALENDAR - OCTOBER 2026

THANK YOU

Please email Mr. Shakoor with any questions.

There will be no extensions for students who miss deadlines.



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