

## What to Expect

After you've chosen what office you'd like to run for, the next step is learning about the elections themselves. All of that information is on this page.

There is a lot of information here. However, if you're interested in running for office, it will be really helpful to you to read all of it. That way you'll know what to expect at the election. If you have any questions, be sure to write them down. Then, make sure you ask!

## Election Procedures

### **Who Can Run:**

In order to run for office for the '06-'07 school year, candidates must submit a statement of intent by 5:00 pm on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Candidates should use the *Statement of Intent* form provided by B&STY. (It's in this packet.)

Those who are interested in running for an office for which they do not hold the required qualifications must meet with the advisor and out-going president in addition to submitting a statement of intent. Then, the prospective candidate, advisor, and out-going president will decide whether it is appropriate for the individual in question to run for the desired office and what plan of course will be taken to help the prospective candidate in her/his new position if elected. (Don't be afraid: this is to help you!!)

### **Who Can Vote:**

- All out-going seniors who were members B&STY in good standing during their senior year will receive one vote.
- All incoming 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders who wish to vote must fill out a membership application form indicating their intent to become a member in good standing for the upcoming year. After so doing, these individuals will each receive one vote. (If you bring your application with you or send it in ahead of time, it'll be easier for you and for us!!) Membership in B&STY is \$30 for the year; financial assistance is available if needed.
- **Even if you aren't running for an office, we really hope to see you at elections to get involved with your youth group!**

**Elections will take place at 6:15 pm on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006.**

## **How the evening will run:**

The order of elections will be as follows: President, Programming Vice President, Religious and Cultural Vice President, Social Action Vice President, Membership Vice President, Journalist, Treasurer, and Ninth Grade Membership Vice President.

On the evening of the elections, candidates will give election speeches. Speeches should be between two and three minutes. Following the speeches for each office, there will be a three minute question and answer session. The election for that office will immediately follow the question and answer session.

Voting will take place by private ballot. In each election, voters may vote for a particular candidate, may abstain, or may vote for “no candidate”  
Then., the current advisor and the out-going B&STY President will count election votes.

A candidate who receives a simple majority of the vote will be declared the winner.

If no candidate receives a simple majority of the votes:

- A. A run-off will take place between the two candidates who receive the most votes. (If there is a tie for second place, all participants in that tie will be included in the run-off.)
- B. The run-off election results will then be tallied, and a run-off will be repeated if necessary. If a candidate receives a simple majority in a run-off, s/he will be declared the winner.
- C. If there is a tie for first place in a race between only two candidates, the out-going president will cast the deciding vote.

Each candidate will be allowed two “drop-downs”. That means that if you aren’t elected to the office you originally ran for, you can enter into the election for another office that hasn’t yet been filled.

Candidates must announce whether they wish to drop down and to which office immediately upon learning the results of the election for their originally intended office. Candidates who drop down will not be permitted to make a speech for the newly intended office. They will, however, be permitted to participate in the accepted time for the question and answer session for the new intended office.

That’s everything – all you need to know to understand the B&STY elections.  
We look forward to seeing you there!

**Don’t forget to fill out your statement of intent if you plan on running!!**