

# 100 Ideas For Your Student Council

## School Events

1. **Arm Wrestling:** Hold an all school arm wrestling competition. You can have boys against boys, girls against girls, or coed. It could be a money maker by charging people to enter. Don't forget prizes!
2. **Basketball Tournament:** You could do three on three, teachers vs. students, or teachers vs. teachers of a rival school.
3. **Beach Party:** Rent a swimming pool or hold a party at a nearby lake. Play games like volleyball and other "beach" sports, hire a DJ, and don't forget the food!
4. **Bonfire:** Promote school spirit by holding a bonfire. Roast marshmallows, have camping games, and sing songs.
5. **Car Smash:** Raise money by getting an old car and charge people to hit it with a bat. You could also write things on the bus like drugs or a rival school.
6. **Coffee House With Open Mic/Poetry Reading:** Involve your diverse students by having a coffee house. Set up a mic and bongo drums and allow students to share their famous or personal songs and poetry. Don't forget the coffee and hot cocoa!
7. **Costume Contest:** Encourage students to dress up for Halloween by holding a costume contest. Set up catwalks for people to walk down and model their stuff.
8. **Country Line/ Square Dancing Night:** Have a hoe down dance and hire country line dancers to show your school how to do it. Reduce admission price for people that dress western.
9. **Cow Plop Bingo:** Make a huge bingo grid with 40 squares on your football field. Sell each square for \$10. Spread out hay and let a few cows roam around and eat for a while. After an hour or so, the square with the most "cow essence" wins the entire \$400.
10. **Hot Legs Contest:** Take pictures of boys and teachers' legs and post them in the cafeteria. People guess whose legs the pictures belong to.
11. **Jello Wrestling:** Girls vs. girls and guy vs. guy wrestling contests. Fill a "ring" with jello and make a bracket so teams can wrestle until there is a winner. Don't forget to get parent permission slips and regulate wrestlers' dress codes.

12. **Karaoke Night:** Hire a DJ with the proper equipment to hold a karaoke night. Award prizes for best singer, worst singer, and other fun prizes.
13. **Lost and Found Fashion Show:** Eliminate the problem of lost and found items by holding a fashion show with people wearing lost clothes. Hold an auction afterwards so people have to pay to get their clothes back.
14. **Movie Night:** Hold an all school movie night with a theme. For example, watch a football movie on the football field or watch "Jaws" in the swimming pool.
15. **Mr./Miss \_\_\_\_\_ High:** Have a fun scholarship program. Students can nominate students to be in it and narrow down the top ten with essays, student interviews, and talents. Get donations from local businesses for prizes.
16. **Music Fest:** Audition the talented Students in your school to be in a musical talent show.
17. **Powder Puff / Peach Fuzz Sports:** Mix things up a bit by having girl football games or guy volleyball games.
18. **School Lock-in:** Welcome the freshman by having a lock-in or have an all school lock-in. Play games, have a treasure hunt, etc.
19. **Wednesday Night Live:** Hold a variety/talent/comedy show and invite any students to audition. Model the show after Saturday night live, but if you must, change the day of the week.
20. **What Would You Do For A Klondike?:** For this event, make students and teachers do embarrassing things and reward them with a klondike bar. This event is very good for an assembly.
21. **Sumo Wrestling:** Rent the huge sumo outfits and hold wrestling competitions at your school.
22. **Survivor:** 16 contestants qualify through preliminary events. For 16 hours, they do overnight activities and get eliminated. The winner gets \$500. Earn the \$500 through the preliminary events.
23. **Amazing Race:** Teams of 2 go on a scavenger hunt around the local area. The last team to each checkpoint is out. The final winning team earns \$200.
24. **Tailgate Party:** Bring free food and drinks. Each class makes a float for their class. Clubs can make floats as well. Then have a parade around the parking lot.
25. **Weakest Link:** Charge \$2 to compete. Choose contestants names from a hat. 8 contestants are called up. The last person left earns the entire pot.

26. **Fourth of July Fundraiser:** Charge \$5 to park where the view of the fireworks is good.
27. **Autograph Dance:** Get huge boards and have people sign them at a dance. Hang them in the school so everyone can see.
28. **Schoolhouse Rock:** Have bands, food, and fun outdoor activities.
29. **Morp:** Prom for underclassmen.

## Spirit Events

30. **Kiss a pig:** Have jars for each teacher in your school. Students are allowed to put as much money as they choose in each jar and the teacher with the most money after the set amount of time has to kiss a pig.
31. **Spirit Couch:** Raffle off a comfy couch that you put down front for a sporting event. Whoever wins gets to sit on the couch with their friends and is given free pizza and drinks.
32. **Spirit Week :** Choose fun themes for each day and have the student body dress up each day to show their school spirit.

## Student Council Bonding Events

- 33) **Lunch Box Social:** On Valentines Day, have a Stuco lunch party and alternate girls cooking for guys and guys cooking for girls. Have them cook the entire meal with a main dish, drinks, desserts, and table decorations.
- 34) **My Tie:** Have a dinner party with all the council members. All the boys bring a tie and put them in a bucket. The girls draw a tie and their "date" for the evening the person who's tie they select.
- 35) **Retreats:** Take your Stuco to a "getaway" such as a YMCA, etc. Within the group, do bonding activities, one-on-one chats, fun games, etc.
- 36) **Secret Santas:** For Christmas, each member of the council throws their name into a hat. Everyone draws a name. The week before Christmas break, give your "Secret Santa" member something small each day.
- 37) **Game Week:** Each committee plans a fun activity for each day of the week. They can be fun board games, trust activities, or outside activities.
- 38) **Songbooks and Song days:** Make binders with the lyrics to meaningful songs in them. Listen to songs and sing along either on retreats, or every once in a while during class time.

## Service

- 39) **Birthday Boards:** Cover bulletin boards and pin up cutouts of each students' names with a birthday in that month.
- 40) **Car wash:** Fundraiser in which the council washes cars for money or gets sponsors for each car and then has a free wash.
- 41) **Sports/Clubs/Activities Boards:** Cover bulletin boards with upcoming sporting events and activities.
- 42) **Freshmen Orientation Day:** Upperclassmen go to school one day early to help the incoming freshmen get accustomed to the school and some of the rules.
- 43) **Hanging "L's":** Hang "L" cut outs all over the school with every students name on them. They then have to look for their "L" the first week of school. The first letter of any school can be used.
- 44) **Hang Hearts:** Similar to the "L's", except the students' names are written on hearts before Valentine's Day and hung throughout the school.
- 45) **Light Up \_\_\_\_\_ High:** Before Christmas, all of the normal lights are covered by red and green paper and Christmas lights are strung down the halls.
- 46) **Inter Club Council:** or ICC is where the Student Body Vice President meets with representatives/board members from every club and extra curricular activity in the school to organize events and to sustain balance between clubs.
- 47) **StuCo Suggestion Box:** The student body can submit suggestions and new ideas for the council to try.
- 48) **Student Body Retreat:** Each member in council selects one boy and one girl from each grade, (who are not in council), that show great leadership ability to go on a retreat. At the retreat they do trust activities, dyadic encounters, singing, crafts, strength bombardment, and other leadership activities.
- 49) **Student/Teacher of the Month:** A student and/or teacher is selected who has shown outstanding spirit or has done something very admirable for that month. They are rewarded with a certificate and announced on the school news or announcements.

- 50) **Trick or Treat Street:** The council opens the school and everyone dresses up and donates bags of candy. Then all the kids in the community are welcome to come through the school for a safe night of trick or treating.
- 51) **Blood Drive:** Throw a blood drive to help save lives.
- 52) **Clothing Drive:** Have the student body donate clothes to help the less fortunate.
- 53) **Food Drive:** Encourage the student body to bring in non-perishable foods in order to donate to the less fortunate and make food baskets for poor families.
- 54) **Gift Drive:** Have students bring in gifts to wrap and donate to children.
- 55) **Giving Tree:** Descriptions of underprivileged children are tied to a tree. Students can then take a slip off the tree and then buy a gift to suit that child for the holiday season.
- 56) **“Let's Make A Difference Week”:** A new community service activity takes place everyday.
- 57) **Restaurant Percentage Nights:** Have a restaurant pass out special school coupons that immediately donates a percentage of that profit to the school.
- 58) **Senior Citizen Prom:** Throw a formal dance, similar to Prom for the senior citizens in the town or in a nursing home.
- 59) **Soup Kitchen:** Serve soup meals to the needy in your community.
- 60) **Special Olympics:** Help organize and run your town's Special Olympics.
- 61) **Toiletries Drive:** Have your student body bring in unused toiletries and donate them to less fortunate families.
- 62) **Tragedy Help:** Support those who have gone through rough times. Collect money, food, etc.
- 63) **Toys for Tots:** Collect used toys for poor children.
- 64) **Trauma Bear:** Go visit kids in the hospital who are recovering from sickness or injury. Play with them and entertain them. It will mean the world!
- 65) **War Baskets:** Make care packages for soldiers overseas. Get different stores to donate supplies. You can use food, clothes, toiletries, stationery, etc.

- 66) **Valentines For Elders:** Get together and make Valentines for the elderly. Then go deliver them to your local rest homes.
- 67) **Staff Appreciation:** Supply your school staff members with gifts and fun things such as luncheons, back massages, etc. Also, you can get students to write notes to their teachers to thank them. Just put them into the teachers' mailboxes.
- 68) **Make A Change:** You can send jars around in each classroom. People can put in any change they have. Donate the proceeds to underprivileged or sick people or families.
- 69) **Christmas Elves:** Ask students to volunteer to help teachers out for a day. They can grade papers, run errands, or do whatever their designated teacher asks of them. This works great for Teacher Appreciation Week!
- 70) **Crime stoppers:** Set up a hotline with your school, or your local police department. If something gets stolen or someone gets hurt, etc., can call the hotline and get a reward for stopping the crime.

## **Advertising**

- 71) **Announcements:** Should change daily so that the listener is interested in the message that you have.
- 72) **Balloon Messages:** For major events, have your event information printed on balloons and pass them out. Everyone will blow them up and read the message.
- 73) **Broadcasting:** If you have a high school broadcasting team in charge of reporting the daily news, make sure that they are consistently up to date with your events.
- 74) **Carrot (Object) Necklace:** Make a necklace and use a big carrot on it. Students will ask you why you are wearing it and you will respond with the information about the event coming up.
- 75) **Clock Posters:** Everyone looks at the time during class, so why not put your posters around the clock?
- 76) **Costume Association:** Depending on the theme of your event, Stuco members could wear costumes for a day to help advertise.
- 77) **Hat Advertising:** Create unique, crazy hats with your event's theme and information on it. Wear them between classes in the halls. Students will want to know what is going on.

- 78) **Head Bonkers:** Wear a headband and attach information to springs or pipe cleaners.
- 79) **Megaphones:** Have students stand at a major intersection in your school and announce upcoming functions using a megaphone.
- 80) **Movies/Videos:** Make your own commercials and air them on either your school TV show or have them playing at lunch on several TV's.
- 81) **Newspaper/Inserts:** Your school paper can always be used as a source for advertising. Use a special insert to explain the important events coming up.
- 82) **Paper Plate Advertising:** Write important messages on paper plates and tape them to every locker.
- 83) **Sandwich Boards:** Have StuCo members wear these between classes to advertise for events.
- 84) **Sidewalk Chalk:** Use chalk on the sidewalks of all entryways of your school to get your information out to others.
- 85) **Pop Can Advertising:** Get in touch with your pop distributors and arrange to meet them when they fill your machines. Place an advertising sticker on each can and students will read them when drinking.
- 86) **Spirit Clothesline:** Hang a clothesline high in your cafeteria and display an example outfit for each of your dress-up days. Students will have a better idea of how to get ready for spirit week.
- 87) **Spirit Week Fashion Show:** Hold a fashion show for next week's spirit days. Include diverse students in your show - the more the better. Hold it during a pre-homecoming assembly or during lunch with catwalks and everything!
- 88) **Stairway Messages:** Use each step as a location to place a few words of the message that you want to get across. Students will read the full message as they go up the stairs.
- 89) **Stall Street Journal:** Everyone uses the toilet, right? So why not create a small handout and tape them to the stall doors in every school bathroom?
- 90) **Table Tents:** Create table tents and secure them to cafeteria and library tables. They might only remain there for a day or so, but they will be read.
- 91) **Bookmarks:** Print out bookmarks and hand them out in the library to let people know about your events.

- 92) **Posters:** Make sure to use borders to make the posters with event information stand out more.
- 93) **School Artists:** Have some artistic people (i.e. the art club) paint a mural with the information for an event and hang it in the cafeteria. It will draw lots of attention.
- 94) **P.A. Music:** Depending on the theme of your event, play music that pertains to that theme during passing periods.
- 95) **Class Announcement Board:** If your classes have announcement boards, hang flyers up on them to get the word out for your event.
- 96) **Decorate Cafeteria Windows:** Paint the cafeteria windows with tempera paint. Make a design or wording that stands out and has the event information.
- 97) **Classroom Chalkboard:** Write up the event information on your teachers' chalkboards before class. Get permission first!
- 98) **Ceiling Objects:** Hang objects from the ceiling that pertain to your event.
- 99) **Flyers:** Hand out tons of flyers with your event information on them.
- 100) **Bright Stickers:** Wear stickers that stand out so people ask about the event.

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