



PREAMBLE

We, as students of the St. Bernard School, in order to fulfill our duty as a Junior Beta Club, establish an honorary grade system, promote the above-average students, insure scholastic freedom, and being grateful to Almighty God for the opportunity to participate in it, to adopt and establish these By-Laws.

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the ST. BERNARD SCHOOL JUNIOR BETA CLUB. As such, it becomes a chapter of the National Junior Beta Club and subscribes to the Constitution thereof.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be: to promote the ideals of honesty, service and leadership among Junior High students, to reward meritorious achievement and to encourage and assist students to continue their education after Junior High School, cooperating with and aided by the National Junior Beta Club.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Entrance Requirements & Induction

- A. Any 6th, 7th, or 8th grade student fulfilling the terms in Article III Section 1, B, C, D, and E. Students will be invited prior to or during the first quarter of the new school year.
- B. Initial entrance requirements are based on the final average of each subject (including conduct) from the previous school year. Final averages must be all A's, B's, and S's. **Throughout these by-laws, S's are equivalent to A's, B's, and C's, N's are equivalent to D's, and U's are equivalent to F's.**
- C. A member must be approved by sponsors.
- D. There is an annual \$60 club fee due for each new member. This \$60 club fee will cover the \$20 National Club fee, the SBS Jr. Beta t-shirt, and materials/supplies used during the current school year. There is an annual \$45 club fee due for each existing member. This will pay for the SBS Jr. Beta T-shirt and materials/supplies used during the current school year. Dues are not refundable upon dismissal from the club.
- E. After his/her certificate has been received from the National Secretary, he/she shall subscribe to the Pledge and this Constitution and be inducted into this Organization.

Section 2: Maintaining Membership/Probation

- A. For each semester (December and May), the member shall maintain all A's and B's in each subject area including conduct. Failure to do so will result in that member being placed on probation. If a student makes a C in any subject, including conduct, the student will be placed on probation until the following semester report card. If the student brings this grade up, he/she is off of probation; if he/she makes a C in another subject area, he/she will remain on probation until the next semester report card.
- B. All meetings are mandatory, unless excused by the Sponsor(s). Attendance at meetings will be recorded by the Vice-President. The member must notify the Sponsor(s) before the scheduled meeting or the absence will be considered unexcused. Absence from school due to illness or an appointment is automatically excused. After one unexcused absence from mandatory events, the member will be placed on probation with the Jr. Beta Club until the next meeting/activity. After the 2nd unexcused absence the member will be removed from the Club.
- C. The member will conduct himself/herself appropriately at all meetings and activities and will agree to follow all rules of order. Misconduct at meetings will be recorded by the Sergeant-at-Arms. Warnings will be issued; and upon receiving the second warning, the member will be asked to leave the meeting.



He/She will be charged with an unexcused absence. (Refer to B above regarding absences from meetings.)

- D. All members will be required to purchase a club shirt. Members who do not purchase the club shirt will be required to wear school uniforms to all school meetings and will not be allowed to attend District and State Jr. Beta Club meetings when we are competing.
- E. All members are required to complete five individual service/volunteer hours. All service hours will be recorded on the National Beta Website by the President. **If service hours are not completed by the due date, the member will be placed on probation and will have the 1st Quarter of the following year to complete service hours or the member will be dismissed.**

Section 3: Dismissal

- A. Academics – A member will be dropped from membership for failing to improve their academic record within the probationary period*. If a student makes a C in any subject, including conduct, the student will be placed on probation. If the student brings this grade up and makes a C in another subject area, he/she will remain on probation. A Beta Club member may not have more than one C in the same subject area, including conduct, during the school year. A grade of D or F in any subject, including conduct, will result in automatic dismissal. **Once a member is dismissed from the club, he/she will not be reconsidered for re-admittance for the remainder of their enrollment at St. Bernard School.**
***See Section 2: A. –Maintaining Membership/Probation**
- B. Behavior – A member will be dropped from membership if found guilty of serious breach of law or conduct at school or in the community.
- C. Attendance – A member will be dropped after the second **unexcused** absence from a Jr. Beta meeting/event within the school year.
***See Section 2: B. –Maintaining Membership/Probation**
- D. Service Hours- A member will be dropped if the member does not complete service hour requirements.
***See Section 2: E. –Maintaining Membership/Probation**

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Section 1: Description

The Officers of the Club shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Chaplain, Historian, Sergeant-at-Arms, and any other office the club sponsors deem appropriate. All officers will be elected by the members of the club.

Section 2: Election

The Officer Election Process will begin during the first regular meeting of the school year. Newly elected officers will take office immediately upon election.

ARTICLE V: DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1: President

The President shall have general supervision of the organization, and shall, in cooperation with the Sponsor(s), determine all policies and general activities of the Club. He/She shall preside at all meetings and shall see that the Club is represented at all inter-club meetings and conventions. Candidates for President must have a minimum of one full year membership. The President will record all service hours on the National Beta Website.



Section 2: Vice-President (President-Elect)

The Vice-President will automatically become the President provided that he is a member in good standing at that time. The Vice-President shall act in the place of the President in the event of the absence from any meeting to activity. He/she shall also serve as a general assistant to the President. The Vice-President will record attendance at meetings. Candidates for Vice-President must have a minimum of one full year membership, and must be a 7th grader.

Section 3: Secretary

The Secretary shall keep all records of the Club; shall keep the minutes of all meetings; and shall carry on all correspondence of the Club. The Secretary is responsible for sending all minutes from each meeting to the sponsors. Candidates for Secretary must have a minimum of one full year membership.

Section 4: Chaplain

The Chaplain will be responsible for promoting good will, high ideals, and Christian behavior among Club members. Any member in good standing may run for the office of Chaplain.

Section 5: Historian

The Historian will maintain a Club scrapbook containing photographic records and various souvenirs of the Club activities. Any member in good standing at the time of elections may run for the office of Historian. If sponsors see fit, more than one Historian may serve at one time to fulfill duties.

Section 6: Sergeant-at-Arms

The Sergeant-at-Arms will be responsible for maintaining order and keeping disciplinary records at all meetings and activities. Any member in good standing may run for this office.

ARTICLE VI: AMENDMENT

This Constitution may be amended by the Sponsor(s) and/or the school administration at any time.

ARTICLE VII: ACCEPTANCE

This Constitution becomes effective upon approval by two-thirds of the Club membership as witnessed by the undersigned:

Hudson Frederick

Hudson Frederick, President

Jamie Monette

Jamie Monette, Co-Sponsor

Danielle Caillier

Danielle Caillier, Co-Sponsor

John P. Masterson

John Paul Masterson, Principal