MY SCHOOL VOTES

My School Votes Spirit Week

Overview

There's no better way to show school pride than to get registered and organized as a community. To prepare for critical local elections this year and the 2024 presidential election, My School Votes is asking teachers and students to include civic engagement activities in their school's spirit week, harvest fest, winter ball, sporting events, and/or homecoming events. Schools also have the opportunity to host these events during the week of National High School Voter Registration Week from October 2-6. All activities should be completed by Friday, November 17. Report your events and voter registration numbers here.

Choosing one (or more) of the five activities below will help you promote your voter registration and voter verification at your school and show your school spirit! Below are some simple instructions on how to participate. We are also here to help! If you have any questions contact: myschoolvotes@civicnation.org.

Instructions

Step 1: Lead one or more of the following activities at your school between now and Friday November 17, 2023. We encourage you to pick a week aligned with your school's spirit week, homecoming, or other fall school events.

Step 2: Report back to us about your activities using this form weall.vote/msvreportback or email us at myschoolvotes@civicnation.org. Filling out the form will allow us to track your voter registration numbers and hear how your activities went!

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MSV Spirit Week

ACTIVITY 1: HOST A VOTER REGISTRATION TABLE AT A SPIRIT WEEK OR FALL EVENT AT YOUR SCHOOL

- **1.** Pick a location and date (i.e.your school cafeteria during lunch; at a rally or football game)
- 2. Use your school's QR code to access your portal and help students check their voter registration status or <u>register to vote</u>. (Unsure, If your school has a portal already? Email myschoolvotes@civicnation.org and we will send it to you.)
- **3.** Follow our <u>step by step guide</u> on how to register voters and learn best practices on how to have the conversation.
- 4. Report back here: weall.vote/msvreportback

ACTIVITY 2: LEARN ABOUT YOUR VOTING RIGHTS AND THE VOTER RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO GET READY TO VOTE IN THE CLASSROOM OR AT A CLUB MEETING

1. What are your rights as a voter and what does voter suppression mean? Check out our 'Voting 101' resources and learn about your rights as a voter.

ACTIVITY 3: TEXT YOUR FRIENDS OR FAMILY!

1. During a club meeting or other event, invite those in attendance to text or DM 3 friends, classmates, family members, or neighbors to check their voter registration. Here's a draft message they can send:

"Hey! It's more important than ever that we register to vote. Can you help me out during our Spirit Week of Action and check your registration here? https://vote.civicnation.org/register/msvreg/"

If you're unsure of your school's shortlink and want to use it, please email us: myschoolvotes@civicnation.org.

Use this guide if you need support with voter registration.

ACTIVITY 4: CREATE OR LEAD A MSV CLUB

Are you ready to lead at your school or in your community? Create a MSV club at your school. Use the following guide to help you to get your club started: 7 steps MSV Club.

Don't Forget: Share and Post About It!



Show us your school spirit! Take pictures in your school colors, with your mascot, or during a dress up day at your school to showcase your school traditions and pride!

PS <u>Use this guide to help create the best social media posts.</u>

- Post on social media and don't forget to tag us and use #MSVSpirit so we can easily find your posts and share.
- Don't have social accounts? Send us your pics at <u>myschoolvotes@civicnation.org</u>.

OUR SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

Instagram: @whenweallvote @myschoolvotes

Twitter: @WhenWeAllVote

Facebook: When We All Vote

ABOUT WHEN WE ALL VOTE AND MY SCHOOL VOTES

When We All Vote is a leading national, nonpartisan initiative on a mission to change the culture around voting and to increase participation in each and every election by helping to close the race and age gap. Created by Michelle Obama, When We All Vote brings together individuals, institutions, brands, and organizations to register new voters across the country and advance civic education for the entire family and voters of every age to build an informed and engaged electorate for today and generations to come.

My School Votes (MSV) builds student-led voter registration clubs in high schools across the country. We'll give you the training and resources you need to ensure every eligible student in your school is registered and ready to vote each year, every year. Together, we will develop leadership skills, advocate for local issues, create exceptional voter registration campaigns, and launch young people into cycles of life-long civic engagement.