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NEWS: THE ST. PAUL'S SCHOOLS 2020 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION TASK FORCE

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The 2020 United States Presidential election is November 3, just around the corner. Considering the current state of the U.S., with issues such as COVID-19 and major social movements, this election is particularly significant because it plays a critical role in determining the future direction of the country. The election will undoubtedly affect everyone living in the United States, including the members of the St. Paul's School community.

As politics in the U.S. grow more divided, it has become particularly difficult to maintain conversations about the political climate without the influence of false information, or without conversations becoming heated. This upcoming election has made civil discussion and knowledgeable understandings more important than ever, so The St. Paul's Schools created a Presidential Election Task Force to devise a plan for participation in and conversations about the election.

The President of the St. Paul's Schools, Dr. Jeff Huang, appointed a Task Force in the fall of last year. "The election cycle represents both a worry that our communities will come apart, and also hope that we might be brought back together," he wrote in his charge to the group.

The Task Force consisted of faculty members from both SPSG and SP middle and upper schools and was chaired by Ms. Paige Knipp (SPSG) and Mr. Charley Mitchell (SP '73). It identified three areas – advisory, a mock election, and other programming – to concentrate their activities, in a report submitted at the end of March 2020.

The report laid out four lessons for middle and upper school advisories to cover. The first, which occurred in advisories during the spring of 2020, focused on students' personal values and the values of the St. Paul's community. The second will be focused on the influence of social media and the presidential debates, the third will be treated as preparation for the school's mock election, and the fourth will be a post-election discussion and debrief.

The mock election has been designed to be centered around issues rather than candidates. "The presumption is that students will have had discussions about issues in their advisories and will thus be able to cast informed ballots," according to the Task Force report. Last is other programming, including a faculty training skills workshop, a number of related speakers, expanded Tuesday Talks (student-led conversations to discuss issues related to the election), activities for the day after the election, and an exercise or speaker related to the Inauguration.

The recommendations in the report have helped create an environment that encourages knowledge and growth when speaking about and understanding the election through organizing these activities. The Task Force notes, in its report, "Schools can be safe environments for debate, discussion and understanding of difficult issues, led by teachers trained to weigh evidence, consider competing views and encourage respectful discourse by their students." With the Task Force's advisory plans already underway, the St. Paul's Schools have already begun conversations surrounding the upcoming election. Through implementing new strategies, the work of the Task Force has stayed true to the school's' missions, creating respectful and confident leaders to serve the changing world.



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MAY 24, 2022 AT 9:00 AM

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Tara

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SEPTEMBER 18, 2022 AT 9:59 AM

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