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**ALL DUES MUST BE PAID ONLINE ONLY!!!!**

**\*Check the S.J. website to gain access to the Online Payment System\***

# S.J. Welsh Middle School Beta Club Constitution

## 2023-2024

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**Article I: Name:** The name of this organization will be S.J. Welsh National Junior Beta Club. The club nicknames and call to arms will be as such: Beta All Stars & Beta All Star Scholars.

**Article II: Affiliation and Coordination:** This National Junior Beta Club is an integral part of the central organization of National Junior Beta Club and shall be governed by the policies laid down in the national constitution of the central organization of National Junior Beta. Its motto, colors, creed, and official insignia will be those of the national organization of National Junior Beta.

**Article III: Purpose:** The purpose of this organization is the promotion of academic achievement, character, leadership, and service at S.J. Welsh Middle School.

**Article IV: Membership:** The membership of this organization will be made up among students in 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades at S.J. Welsh Middle School who, because of their credible achievement, worthy character, and commendable attitude, have been approved for membership by the Advisors of the S.J. Welsh Middle School Beta Club; provided, of course, that these students meet the requirements as set forth in the bylaws of this organization.

**Article V: Champions Team:** The first set of officers of this National Junior Beta club are part of the Executive Branch which is made up of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Reporter, Historian, and Chaplain Coordinators. The other officers will make up the Associate Branch which is comprised of Representatives. The duties of the President will be to preside over the meetings, appoint the committees of the club, represent the organization when necessary, and to administer the policies as laid down in the constitution and bylaws. The duties of the Vice President will be to preside over- meetings when the president is absent or incapacitated to perform the duties of the office, and to assist in administering the affairs of the club, such as serving on committees. The duties of the Secretary will be to keep the records of membership, record the minutes of the meetings, collect & organize forms, and to carry on the necessary club correspondence. The duties of the Reporter & Historian will be to inform the school and community of what is happening in the club, update the calendar, create a digital or physical album of all Beta Club activities (especially for Convention purposes), and manage the submission of member’s service hours. The duties of the Chaplain Coordinators will be to keep the positive energy flowing, a listening ear for our members, and to maintain all House/grade-level meetings. The duties of the Representatives will be to maintain close working relationships with all Officers and assist them in whatever duties need to be met.

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**Article VI: Meetings:** Regular meetings will be held at such times and places as designated in the bylaws. Special meetings may be called by the President after consultation with and the approval of the advisors of the club.

**Article VII: Service Involvement:** Besides always endeavoring to be of service to S.J. Welsh Middle School and the Calcasieu community by upholding high standards of honesty and good citizenship, this National Junior Beta club shall—after consultation with and upon the approval of the principal of the school—undertake some worthwhile service projects.

**Article VIII: Activities:** As the S.J. Welsh Middle School Beta Club Chapter, it is our belief that interscholastic activities are an integral part of the secondary curricular program and an extension of the classroom. Our school’s program shall supplement the curricular program of the school and shall provide the most worthwhile experiences possible. These expectations shall result in learning situations that contribute to the development of the attributes necessary for good citizenship.

**Article IX: Committees:** Committees may be installed at the discretion of the S.J. Welsh Beta Club Chapter’s President and/or Advisors to ensure the club capitalizes on all their members talents & ideas. Committees that are approved will go through a rigorous selection process to select the right members to represent the respective committee.

**Article X: Amending the Constitution:** The constitution of this National Junior Beta club may be amended by a majority vote of the membership, provided such proposed amendment is placed before the club at a previous meeting and receives approval of the advisors of the club.

# **S.J. Welsh Middle School Beta Club Bylaws**

## **2023-2024**

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### **I. Membership Requirements to Join S.J. Welsh Beta**

- A. A student must have a cumulative GPA of **3.5\*** from the previous school year to join S.J. Welsh Beta.
- B. A student must not receive an out-of-school suspension the school year prior and more than 2 in-school-suspensions.
- C. A student who has been previously dismissed from S.J. Welsh Beta may apply, but membership will be at the discretion of the sponsors and may require additional documentation on the behalf of the student.
- D. A student must pay dues and turn in student contact and membership registration form by the **September 29, 2023**, deadline.

1. All dues are **non-refundable**. If a student is dismissed for any of the reasons listed below OR they withdraw, dues will not be refunded.

### **II. Requirements to maintain S.J. Welsh Beta Membership**

- A. A student must earn a GPA of **3.5\*** each nine weeks as well as each semester.
- B. A student must not earn a D OR F in any course for any marking period.
- C. A student must not receive an out-of-school suspension.
- D. A student must not receive more than 2 in-school-suspensions.
- E. A student must participate regularly in **ALL** Beta activities/events.
- F. A student must regularly attend scheduled meetings.
- G. A student must pay all dues and turn in all agreement forms by the **September 29, 2023**, deadline.
- H. A student must earn **20** Service Hour Credits through the S.J. Welsh Middle School Beta Club Chapter by **TBD (Spring 2024)**.

### **III. Probation**

#### **A. Academic Probation**

1. If a student’s grade point average falls below a **3.5\*** at the close of a marking period, then the student will be placed on academic probation. The student must sign and return the Academic Probation Form by the date given on the form. If this is not completed by the appropriate deadline, then the student will be dismissed from the club.
2. If the student fails to attain a **3.5\*** after being placed on academic probation, then they will be dismissed from the S.J. Welsh Beta Club.
3. Students will be granted only **one** academic probation per year. Thus, if the student falls below the required **3.5\*** GPA threshold later in the year, they will be dismissed from the club.

#### **B. Disciplinary Probation**

1. Students may be placed on disciplinary probation if:
  - a. Student receives four teacher-to-sponsor referrals
  - b. Student receives four JCAMPUS entries
  - c. Student receives an ODR (for any violation)
  - d. Student receives an in-school-suspension punishment.

2. Once on Disciplinary Probation, the student must sign and return the Disciplinary Probation form by the date given on the form. If this is not completed & turned in by the deadline given, the student will be dismissed from the club.
3. If the student receives additional JCAMPUS referrals, an ODR, teacher-to-sponsor referrals, an additional in-school-suspension or one of the **Reasons for Dismissal** (listed below), then the student will be dismissed from the club.
4. Only **one** Disciplinary Probation is allowed for the school year.

#### C. Participation Probation

1. Participation is a key component in maintaining your Beta Membership.
2. Members not regularly participating in events, activities, and attending meeting will be placed on participation probation.
3. Once on participation probation, the student must sign and return the Participation Probation form by the date given on the form. If this is not completed & turned in by the deadline given, the student will be dismissed from the club.
4. Only **one** Participation Probation is allowed for the school year.

#### IV. Reasons for Dismissal

- A. Earn less than a **3.5\*** GPA in a semester.
- B. Earning a **D** or **F** in **any course** for any marking period.
- C. Failure to meet S.J. Welsh Beta standards while on academic and/or disciplinary probation.
- D. Receiving an out-of-school suspension and/or 2 in-school-suspensions.
- E. Not regularly participating within the club (i.e., activities, events, meetings).
- F. Constant late pickups from meetings, activities/events, and/or service opportunities. **After 2 late pickups, a student will be given a warning. A third late pickup will result in the student not being allowed to participate in after school events.**
- G. Failure to pay dues or turn in all agreement forms by **September 29, 2023**.
- H. Failure to earn **20** Service Hour Credits through the S.J. Welsh Beta Club by **TBD (Spring 2023)**.
- I. Disrespect to the S.J. Welsh Beta Club sponsors, officer, fellow members, or parent volunteers by students, siblings, parent/guardians, or other family members.
- J. Disrespect to any S.J. Welsh faculty member, administrator, counselor, or staff member by students or parents/guardians.
- K. Disrespect to any opposing schools while attending Beta Club events.
- L. Destruction of property to school facilities or in public areas while representing the S.J. Welsh Beta Club, S.J. Welsh school, or in general.
- M. Committing academic fraud, dishonesty, or cheating in any class as confirmed by the teacher.
- N. Failure to display good citizenship as determined by the S.J. Welsh Beta Sponsors.

***PLEASE NOTE: Administration of S.J. Welsh and the sponsors may dismiss a student from membership for moral or disciplinary reasons that are deemed severe enough at any point throughout the school year (including social media infractions).***

***ADDITIONAL NOTE REMINDER: ALL DUES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE!***

## V. Service Hours

### A. Requirements

1. All members are required to earn **20** Service Hour Credits each year. The **20** hours must be earned either through the S.J. Welsh Beta Club or within the community on your own.
2. Students may not earn service hours through other extracurricular activities & clubs. Service hours must be attained only for the benefit of the S.J. Welsh Beta Club.
3. Attending a S.J. Welsh Beta meeting will count as **ONE** S.J. Welsh Beta Club hour. The meeting will begin promptly at the announced time. If you arrive after the meeting has started, you will not receive credit for attending.
4. If you complete a service on your own & not with the club, you must get a signature from the person you are completing the service for.
5. If you are paid for a service that you have completed, then it does not count towards a S.J. Welsh Beta service hour credit due to you benefitting from the service.

### B. Rules

1. Not hearing an announcement from the intercom is no excuse for missing meetings, service projects, or events. You should be signed up for Remind and following all announcements (at school and on Mr. Marshall's page).
2. If you miss a meeting, it is your responsibility to check Mr. Marshall's SchoolWires page and the Reminds for meeting agendas and documents that may have been given out.
3. You must sign the sign-in-sheet at every meeting and every event in order to receive credit hours.
4. You are responsible for your own transportation to and from select Beta Club-sponsored service projects and events.

## VI. Events

### A. State Convention

1. Attendance at State Convention is limited and at the discretion of the Beta Club Sponsors. Students not actively participating will **NOT** be allowed to attend. Those who attend State Convention will be required to pay a fee prior to attending the event. This event is an overnight trip to Lafayette, La. To offset costs, students wanting to attend State Convention must be willing to fundraise.

### B. National Convention

1. Members must qualify at State Convention for us to attend National Convention. We will allow a select number of members to attend along with those who qualified. Those wanting to attend National Convention will be required to fundraise and/or pay fees prior to attending the event. This trip is a week-long trip outside of Louisiana. This year's National Convention will be held in Savannah, Georgia!

### C. Special Trips

1. There will be a minimum of at least 2 special trips planned for the school year.

D. Other events

1. Other activities, projects, and events will be planned by our committees throughout the year and may have additional costs associated with the event.

## VII. Activity Guidelines

A. As the S.J. Welsh Middle School Beta Club Chapter, we strive to offer interscholastic activities that are an integral part of the secondary curricular program and an extension of the classroom. With this program, we hope to supplement the curricular program of our school while giving our members a phenomenal experience. Through these learning experiences, our members are expected to develop fundamental attributes necessary to for good citizens and leaders.

B. Fundamentals of Middle School Activities

1. If participating or hosting an S.J. Welsh Middle School Beta Club activity and/or event, all individuals (including sponsors, guests, and parents) should always treat and be treated with respect.
2. Sponsors are impartial and should be recognized as such and known to be doing their jobs to the best of their abilities.
3. Irrational behavior dealing with sportsmanship should always be avoided. All parties participating must recognize his or her own bias.
4. Giving praise to opponents' accomplishments should not be looked at negatively.

C. Students, parents, and guardians are expected to follow these guidelines

1. Know and demonstrate the fundamentals of good sportsmanship.
2. Respect the judgement and strategy of the sponsors (even if you disagree).
3. Respect the judgement of School, District, State, and National Beta Sponsors (even if you disagree).
4. Respect, cooperate and respond to S.J. Welsh Beta students, sponsors, and parents politely.
5. Respect school property and authority.
6. Show respect for opponents and opposing sponsors and clubs.
7. Always avoid profane language and obnoxious behavior.
8. Avoid applauding the errors of the opponents from other Beta Clubs.
9. Refrain from heckling, jeering other opponents from other Beta Clubs.
10. Refrain from being critical of students, sponsors, or other officials for a loss.
11. Refrain from taunting or ridiculing opposing clubs, sponsors, or spectators.
12. Refrain from showing or communicating displeasure with School, District, State, and National Beta Sponsors (even if you disagree).

**VIII. 2024-25 Champions Team Selection Process**

A. TBD

**IX. Induction & Graduation Ceremony**

- A. All new members to the S.J. Welsh Beta Club chapter will be inducted into the National Beta organization in a special Ceremony at a **TBD** time/date.
- B. Students must meet all the requirements listed in the bylaws to be invited the induction ceremony.
- C. All 8<sup>th</sup> Grade members will have a special “graduation” ceremony at the end of the school year them for their service to the S.J. Welsh Middle School Beta Club Chapter.
- D. **8<sup>th</sup> Grade students must meet all requirements listed in the bylaws to be invited to the “graduation” ceremony.**
- E. **Newly elected 2024-25 Champions Team Members will be inducted during the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade ceremony. (TBD)**

**X. Communication**

- A. You are required to stay informed and updated on the important dates, events, service projects, and other activities hosted by the S.J. Welsh Beta Club.
- B. When you are not present at school or must miss meetings due to another extracurricular activity, it is your responsibility to check for updates. C. There are several ways you may stay updated:
  - 1. **Announcements:** Most announcements are regularly short, and the bulk are placed on the TV screens around campus. Please check the screens regularly. Not hearing announcements is no excuse not to stay involved.
  - 2. **Email:** Students will occasionally receive CPSB emails from Sponsors (and student leaders) regarding upcoming dates/events for Beta Club. It is their responsibility to check their CPSB emails regularly.
  - 3. **BBComms:** Starting this year, we will try using the BBComms notification system that CPSB and all schools use to send out reminders. Please make sure all contact information is up-to-date in Student Progress Center.
  - 4. **Remind:** We will send out Reminds regularly so it is in the best interest you sign up for these push notifications. **ALL STUDENTS & PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN UP FOR REMIND!**
  - 5. **SchoolWires:** Mr. Marshall’s SchoolWires page will be an additional source for Beta material such as a calendar of events and forms.
- C. **Read all announcements carefully and thoroughly. If the announcement covers your question, it is redundant to ask the question in an email/message. Please refrain from sending emails unless your question was not covered.**



# Service Credits, Fundraising, & Field Trips

## **Service Credits**

Service credits are required to maintain membership within the Junior National Beta Club. Students must exhibit a will to “Lead by Serving Others” & display quality achievement, leadership, character, & service. Students must earn 20 service credits each semester by the given deadlines above. Students who do not meet these quotas will be placed on Probation & possibly removed from the club. We at S.J. offer several special service credit opportunities for Beta members to partake in to earn credits. They are responsible for signing up for these events by the deadlines given. Other sample service credit opportunities can be found on Mr. Marshall’s page under the “Beta All Stars” tab to the left.

## **Fundraising**

Fundraisers are a major beneficiary to keeping our Beta Club running. With the funds earned, we are able to minimize student costs for events such as: District, State, and National Conventions, bussing for special event activities, and club field trips. Students are required to partake in fundraisers if they wish to attend any of the conventions. Students are responsible for signing up volunteer to ensure our fundraisers are a success. The Champions Team members are also required to participate in our fundraisers. Once fundraisers are finalized, Beta members will be notified through meetings, Mr. Marshall’s page, email, BBComs, and/or Remind. Fundraisers are an “all-hands-on-deck” situation and require the support of not only Beta members, but their families, the school, and our local community. Please help to make our Beta Club chapter run efficiently.

## **Field Trips**

Field trips are fun activities planned for our Beta Chapter to reward students for their excellent work as Beta members. We try to maintain at least 2 field trips outside of our conventions each year. To attend field trips & conventions, students must meet all requirements outlined in our S.J. Welsh Beta Bylaws. Their academic studies, behavior, and service credits must be on par with our expectations to attend field trips & conventions. **Students not meeting these requirements will not be allowed to attend.**

# Communication

Communication is key to ensuring the success of our Beta Club Chapter. It is imperative that all individuals involved with our Beta Club pay close attention to information being given to stay up-to-date on everything Beta. With so many clubs, sports, and special events happening at our school, we try to maintain a constant flow of “reminders” so that students are aware when something is coming up with Beta Club. There are several methods we will be pushing information out to our Beta members & their families.

The first method will be through Mr. Marshall’s SchoolWires page and email for students. This can be found on our S.J. Welsh CPSB webpage under the “Teachers” tab. All information regarding Beta on his page will be located under the “Beta All Stars” tab to the left, including a calendar of events. Students will also regularly receive CPSB emails from Sponsors regarding key information. **It is important students actively check their CPSB email accounts as they receive emails from the school, their teachers, and club sponsors.**

The second method is through BBComms notifications. This is the notification system CPSB and all schools use to notify parents/guardians of important details. Messaging is limited in characters, however, with updates to Remind, we may have to transition to BBComms moving forward. Please make sure all contact information is up-to-date in your students Student Progress Center to ensure you receive Beta Club information.

The third method is through our **Remind** push-notifications. We have ones for our Beta members (by grade-level) and one for their parents/guardians. All students below the age of 12 must have a parent/guardian grant access for them to receive our notifications. All notifications will be sent out at the same time for both Remind systems. **Please ensure you are signing up for the correct Remind. Parents, follow the Parent Remind ONLY.** Due to limits, we can only accept a certain amount per group. Below are the instructions to access these notifications. **Please see the next page to sign-up for our Remind notifications.**

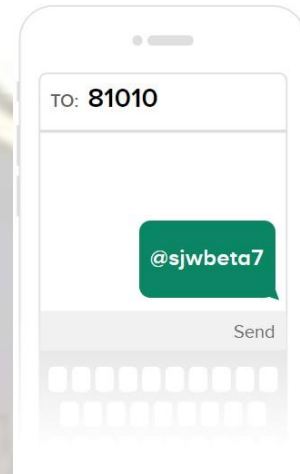
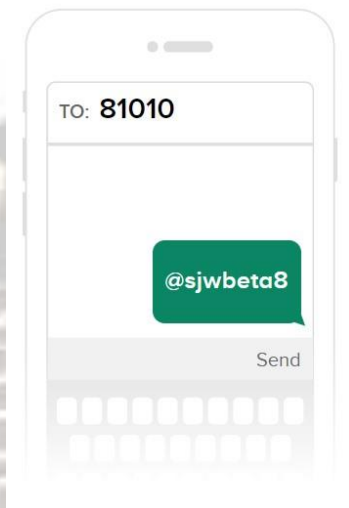
# Remind QR Codes

*8<sup>th</sup> Grade Beta All Stars*

Class Code: @sjwbeta8

*7<sup>th</sup> Grade Beta All Stars*

Class Code: @sjwbeta7

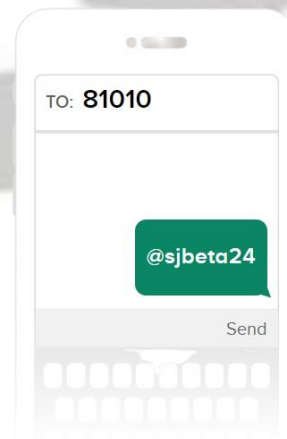
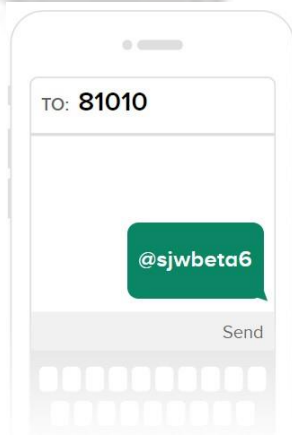


*6<sup>th</sup> Grade Beta All Stars*

Class Code: @sjwbeta6

*Parents/Guardians*

Class Code: @sjbeta24



# S.J. Welsh Middle School Jr. Beta Club Contract 2023-2024

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## **Jr. Beta Club Member S.J. Welsh Jr. Beta Club Contract Agreement**

I certify that I have read and understand the expectations and information provided in the S.J. Welsh Jr. Beta Club Constitution & Bylaws. I understand that if I do not adhere to the S.J. Welsh Jr. Beta Club Constitution & Bylaws that I will be dismissed immediately from the S.J. Welsh Jr. Beta Club Chapter.

Student's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Jr. Beta Club Parental/Guardian S.J. Welsh Jr. Beta Club Contract Agreement**

I certify that I have read and understand the expectations and information provided in the S.J. Welsh Jr. Beta Club Constitution & Bylaws. I understand that if my student does not adhere to the S.J. Welsh Jr. Beta Club Constitution & Bylaws, then they will be dismissed immediately from the S.J. Welsh Jr. Beta Club Chapter.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# **S.J. Welsh Middle School Jr. Beta Club 2023-2024 Membership Registration Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

**Shirt Size:** Youth Sizes: YM YL Adult Sizes: S M L XL XXL XXXL (**circle one**)

**\$60 Member Dues (1 shirt, Club activity funding, National Beta registration)**

**NO CASH OR CHECKS ALLOWED! ONLINE PAYMENTS ONLY!**

**\*NON-REFUNDABLE AS STATED IN BYLAWS\***

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

List Other Extra-Curricular Activities: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List All Types of Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Does the student take medication at school? Yes or No (**circle one**)