

WELCOME TO THE BSU!



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL



PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Greetings SPES' 7th and 8th Graders!

My name is Kennedy Johnson and I am excited to announce the official launch of the Black Student Union (BSU) at St. Paul's. I am honored to serve as BSU President and on behalf of the Executive Board, I am thrilled to share our vision for the BSU with you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- DEC 3 Executive Board Meeting
(Attendees: E-Board Members)
- DEC 4 BSU Holiday Food Drive Begins!
It's the season of giving!
Benefits Oakland Food Bank
- DEC 5 Affinity Circle
- DEC 10 Executive Board Meeting
- DEC 12 Affinity Circle
- DEC 19 Community Meeting
- DEC 24 Let's All Spread Some Christmas
Cheer at the Oakland Food Bank
8:30-11:30am | 20 spots available
- JAN 7 Executive Board Meeting
- JAN 9 Affinity Circle
- JAN 16 Community Meeting
- JAN 20 MLK Jr. National Day of Service
Let's all make a positive impact!

ABOUT THE BSU

The Black Student Union at St. Paul's is an affinity group that provides a safe space where Black students can express their feelings, discuss their ideas and share their concerns about the political, social, and cultural climates impacting them today. The BSU also provides opportunities for students to learn more about the Black experience and a chance to give back.

OUR INAUGURAL KICK-OFF MEETING!

We held our first meeting last Thursday, November 21st! We had a great turnout and a very productive meeting. Many thanks to all who attended and contributed their ideas!

"AFFINITY CIRCLE" GROUP MEETINGS

Our Affinity Circle Group Meetings are hosted weekly for all Black students in 7th and 8th grade to participate in meaningful discussions that explore their experiences as black students at SPES and as part of the greater community.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

We will host periodic community meetings and all are invited to engage in culture exchange and encouraged to participate in community service projects supported by the BSU.

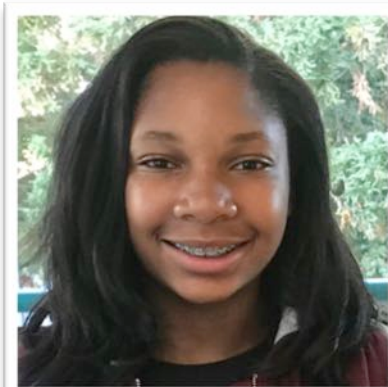


Mr. Anthony Hopkins
BSU Faculty Advisor
History Teacher (8th Grade)

BSU FACULTY ADVISOR

“I agreed to be the BSU advisor to provide insight to my young black students and allies about the different perspectives of Blackness in academia and life. I want to help students of color see themselves in positions of authority as well as positions of service. Young Black students can prosper from experiencing different supportive perspectives and approaches within the Diaspora.”

- Mr. Anthony Hopkins, SPES History Teacher (8th Grade Teacher)



J. Kennedy Johnson
Founder and President
8th Grade

BSU FOUNDER & PRESIDENT

“I wanted to start a BSU because it is important for black students to have a space where our voices can be heard, acknowledged, and validated. I also wanted the BSU to be a place that provides opportunities to learn Black history and celebrate Black culture.”

- Kennedy Johnson, 8th Grade, Founder & President



Senai Wilks
Vice President, 8th Grade
Founding Executive Member

BSU VICE-PRESIDENT

“I wanted to start a BSU at St. Paul’s to give black kids at SPES a space where they can discover how they define their blackness, and how their blackness is defined in modern day America.”

- Senai Wilks, 8th Grade, Vice President



Maya Wright-Davis
Student Council Liaison, 8th Grade
Founding Executive Member

BSU STUDENT COUNCIL LIAISON

“I want the BSU to be a safe space where black students can share their issues and concerns, where black students can express themselves without having to explain themselves.”

- Maya Wright-Davis, 8th Grade, Student Council Liaison



Anaiya Asomugha
8th Grade Dir. of Student Affairs
Founding Executive Member

BSU 8TH GRADE DIRECTOR OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

“I wanted to be a part of the BSU because I don’t feel like I have a safe space at school to talk about the black experience. And now, because of the St. Paul’s BSU, all of us can have a voice.”

- Anaiya Asomugha, 8th Grade, Director of Student Affairs



Symone Smith
7th Grade Dir. of Student Affairs
Founding Executive Member

BSU 7TH GRADE DIRECTOR OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

“I chose to join the BSU because I wanted to be a part of an organization that unifies, uplifts, and empowers Black students at SPES. Also, I loved how the BSU created a safe space for Black students to share their experiences and concerns and to bond with one another.”

- Symone Smith, 7th Grade, Director of Student Affairs



Holiday Food Drive



- Please drop off non-perishable food in the barrels at school:
- Canned Foods
 - Canned Meats & Fish
 - Low-sodium Soups/Stews
 - Nuts, Beans, Peanut Butter
 - Brown Rice & Quinoa
 - Whole Grain Cereal

Black Student Union
 Holiday Food Drive
DEC. 4 - 19
 to benefit
 Oakland
 Food Bank