



Dear Students and Parents,

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is a national recognition program. It is a co-curricular group that supports the educational goals of the school. Membership is a privilege for students, not a right. It is open to all students who meet the five established criteria of scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character.

Students (not parents) are encouraged to take responsibility for completing the steps listed in the process. This includes obtaining and submitting the paperwork as well as completing the required service hours. Please note that there is a minimum GPA requirement and service requirement. Details are listed on the timeline below.

Helpful terms:

Candidate- a student who completes the Student Service Form and the Student Information Form and submits it no later than the firm due date.

Qualified candidate- a candidate (see above) who has a GPA of at least 3.5 (with no C's) and has submitted documented service hours from 11/13/17-1/26/18 as specified on the Student Service Form.

Faculty Advisor- team of two teacher advisors (Mr. Knerr and Ms. Vander Clute) who collect and compile the documentation and present the qualified candidates to the Faculty Council. These advisors oversee the NJHS meetings, activities, and fundraisers throughout the school year.

Faculty Council- team of at least ten teachers who determine who will be inducted into NJHS based on the forms, observations, and everyday interactions with the student.

11/13/17 (End of Term One) – Students will be given the opportunity to pick up an information packet which includes the two required forms: the “Student Service Form” and the “Student Information Form”.

1. Student Service Form –Service hours must be completed during term two (11/13/17 – 1/26/18) for a minimum of 8 total service hours done with a minimum of 2 different organizations.
2. Student Information Form – This form is intended to provide the Faculty Council with relevant information to support the student’s candidacy.

1/26/18 or before – Students submit the “Student Service Form” and the “Student Information Form” to either Mr. Knerr or Ms. Vander Clute, Faculty Advisors before the end of the school day. Do not turn these forms into the office. This is a firm due date. No late submissions will be accepted.

After 1/26/18 – Candidates will be qualified based on scholarship (minimum 3.5 GPA and no C’s) as well as service requirements based on the “Student Service Form.” The Faculty Advisors will distribute a form to ALL of the qualified candidates’ teachers for the purpose of collecting feedback on each qualified candidate’s leadership, citizenship and character.

February 2018 – The faculty council will meet to determine which qualified candidates will be inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. The faculty council will consider the “Student Information Form” as well as leadership, citizenship, and character displayed throughout each school day.

February 22nd 2018 – All candidates will get a notice of acceptance or denial into the National Junior Honor Society.

March 14th 2018 – NJHS induction at SDMS 6pm.

Once inducted, members are expected to attend monthly meetings (second Tuesday of each month), continue to acquire service hours, and participate in NJHS service projects set up by faculty advisors and members.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Faculty Advisors.

Thank you,

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