

May 4, 2009

Dear New Members:

Congratulations! Membership in the National Honor Society is one of the highest honors that can be awarded to a high school student. The NHS has worked hard to bring the accomplishment of outstanding students to the attention of parents, teachers, peers, and community. Chapters in more than 15,000 high schools across the nation strive to give practical meaning to the Society's goals of scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

These four ideals have been considered as the basis for your selection. No student is inducted simply because of a high academic average. The National Honor Society strives to recognize the total student: one who excels in all these areas. The standards used for your selection were:

1. *Scholarship* - 3.7+ G.P.A.
2. *Leadership, Service, and Character*- as demonstrated by activities and teacher recommendations.

Membership, however, is more than an honor. It carries with it more than certain privileges. It incurs a responsibility and an obligation to demonstrate those outstanding qualities that resulted in your selection.

1. Beginning in September, we will have meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. Meetings will involve signing up for service events, so it is mandatory that you attend these meetings. You are welcome to attend in the morning at 7:45 a.m. in N119 or in the afternoon at 3:45 p.m. Meetings are usually in the cafeteria. Keep in mind that morning meetings will require a hall pass which you can get for the year.
2. Each NHS member is required to complete **twelve (12)** service hours per semester. Six (6) service hours must come from activities with NHS, while the other six (6) hours may come from outside service projects. Each member is expected to keep an Hour Log Sheet throughout the semester. Hour Log Sheets will be provided by the sponsors and will be available outside their classrooms (N215 and N119). Due dates will be set for Hour Log Sheets every semester, and members can either turn their hours into the sponsors or any of the NHS officers.
3. Failure to complete twelve (12) service hours per semester will result in the member becoming inactive the following semester. After two semesters of not completing the service hours, the member will be asked to leave NHS.
4. Please be aware that there is an NHS calendar for 2009-2010 that is posted in the NHS glass case in the 2nd floor of the North building as well as in the classroom. Please keep up with important dates on this calendar. This calendar will also be on the Lamar website and the PTO website.
5. NHS members who receive a "P" in conduct at any time during their tenure as members of the National Honor Society will have their membership revoked.

Your membership also carries a responsibility to the chapter. If our chapter of the National Honor Society is to be effective and meaningful, each member must become involved.

Live up to your Service obligation by participating in all our chapter projects and attending all meetings.

We look forward to many great moments working together.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Dolch
National Honor Society Sponsor

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