

History

The National Junior Honor Society was founded in 1929, the hope of NASSP was to create an organization that would recognize and encourage academic achievement among middle school students while also developing other characteristics essential to well rounded citizens. These ideals of scholarship, character, service, citizenship, and leadership remain essential in today's society (National Junior Honor Society Handbook, 2006).



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY



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St. Joseph Catholic School Chapter of National Junior Honor Society

Scholarship
Leadership

Service



Character

Citizenship



Bylaws

- ♣ Students are expected to serve as role models for all other students in the school by continuously showing the qualities that makes them a member of the Junior Honor Society. According to the National Junior Honor Society 2006 Handbook, "Through National Junior Honor Society chapter service activities, members maintain and extend the qualities that won them selection. Membership is thus both an honor and a commitment."
- ♣ Students are to maintain a 3.75– 4.0 G.P.A.
- ♣ Students are to actively participate inside of their committee, as well as all service projects that the St. Joseph Chapter of National Junior Honor Society participates in throughout the year.
- ♣ Students are to attend all meetings.
- ♣ Chapter officers will commit to their duties.
- ♣ St. Joseph Honor Society membership means that students are respectable to teachers and peers, offer help without being asked, exceed the amount of service hours needed each year, and keep the school community clean.

Committees

There are 5 committees based on the principles of the National Junior Honor Society: Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Character, and Citizenship. Each student will commit to at least one committee each school year.

- ♣ **Scholarship Committee:** This committee will be designated as school tutors. Students offer academic help once day a month during their lunch. Students are always willing to help inside the classroom when needed.
- ♣ **Leadership Committee:** This committee will demonstrate the qualities of a leader by serving as student guides. These students will welcome new students during new student orientation day and will be responsible for giving perspective family tours.
- ♣ **Service Committee:** This committee will be in charge of organizing service projects that the chapter participates in throughout the year.
- ♣ **Character Committee:** This committee will be responsible for fostering positive relationships throughout the school community. These students will be mentors for all other students by demonstrating good choices and active involvement in making the school community a positive setting.
- ♣ **Citizenship Committee:** This committee will be responsible for keeping the school clean.

Sample Projects

- ♣ Pennies for Patients
- ♣ Collecting canned food for the Nazareth House
- ♣ Angel Tree
- ♣ Make-A-Wish Foundation
- ♣ St. Joseph's Charity Choice 5K

Selection Procedures

1. Students are placed on candidates list during their second semester of their seventh grade year. They must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 or higher from their six semesters of their middle school career.
2. Students are given application to fill out in order to determine their extracurricular activities.
3. Those students who have a 3.75 or higher GPA, have all 10 hours of service complete for the year.
4. This vote will be based on the five principles of NJHS. Students who then are recognized as having the highest qualities of scholarship, service, leadership, citizenship, and character will be inducted.

