



St. Joseph Catholic School

#### NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

National Junior Honor Society recognizes outstanding achievement by seventh and eighth graders in the areas of scholarship, character, leadership, service, and citizenship. It was founded in 1929 and is a “junior” version of a high school’s National Honor Society with chapters in private and public schools in every state. Besides being a prestigious achievement for students, NJHS provides opportunities for members to develop leadership skills, value service, and support our school and community.

#### Selection Criteria:

The NJHS is a service-oriented organization which promotes leadership, teamwork, and good character. To be eligible for consideration a student must...

- Be in the seventh or eighth grades.
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or greater in the core subjects including Spanish with no subject below a grade of 85%.
- Provide evidence of 10 service hours in seventh grade or 20 service hours in eighth grade.

Each student who meets the requirements listed above will have the option to continue on with the selection process, which includes completing and submitting an information packet on time. The faculty council will take into consideration the completed information packet and teacher recommendations during the selection process. Additionally the results of the interview by two faculty members will be considered.

The following is a summary of the areas evaluated by the teaching staff:

#### SERVICE

The student volunteers in the classroom, school, and/or community without any direct financial or material compensation.

#### LEADERSHIP

To the extent possible, the student assumes the role of leadership in school and/or the community demonstrating responsibility. The student abides by the school rules and inspires positive behavior in others.

#### CHARACTER

The student displays a high degree of honesty, responsibility, fairness, courtesy, and cooperation. The student is considerate to adults and peers.

#### CITIZENSHIP

The student understands the importance of civic involvement and has a high regard for the American values of freedom, justice, patriotism, and respect for fellow human beings.