

February 21, 2020

Dear

Membership in the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is one of the highest honors that can be awarded to a middle school student. Amherst Middle School's NJHS chapter seeks to bring the accomplishments of outstanding students to the attention of parents, teachers, peers, and the community. We aim to give practical meaning to the Society's standards of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. These five ideals are considered as the basis for selection. No student is inducted simply because of a high academic average. The National Junior Honor Society strives to recognize the total student—one who excels in all of these areas.

Our records show that you have met the standard for scholarship. Our next step is to gather information about your service, leadership, character, and citizenship by asking you to submit a candidate information form and asking teachers who have worked with you to evaluate you in these areas.

The candidate information form is available online at [Bit.ly/NJHSams2020](https://bit.ly/NJHSams2020) or via a link on our school web site (<http://www.sau39.org/ams>). Look for National Junior Honor Society under the Quick Links on the left hand side of the front page. **Upon submitting this form, a confirmation email will be sent. The email will also include a link to edit the form. If you are unable to complete this form in one session, navigate through to the end of the page and select save. If you close out of the form without submitting it, your work will NOT be saved. You may use the link to complete or edit the form until the submission deadline, which is March 13.**

There will be an optional help session on Tuesday, March 3, during 7th and 8th grade EAGLE blocks, for students with questions about completing the form. You may also see Mr. Dine or Ms. Dionne with any questions.

The NJHS Faculty Council will consider you for selection into our chapter based on solicited faculty input and all candidate forms. The council will only review information that you have provided in your candidate form by the March 13 deadline.

If you are selected, please be aware that membership is more than an honor. It is an ongoing responsibility and includes an obligation to continue to demonstrate those outstanding qualities that resulted in a student's selection. Membership also carries a responsibility to the chapter. If our NJHS chapter is to be effective and meaningful, each member must become involved.

Member obligations include attending chapter meetings (typically held afterschool once a month), participating in chapter service activities, performing additional individual service, and paying member dues of \$15. Warnings will be given to members who fail to live up to the standards of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship which led to induction. If the issues or concerns stated in the warnings are not resolved, the faculty council may conduct a hearing to consider dismissal.

We hope you will submit your candidate information form so that the faculty council can evaluate your candidacy. Congratulations on your success thus far.

Sincerely,

Dr. Bethany Bernasconi, Principal

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