

## **SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS AND BYLAWS**

The student and the parent are asked to read these statements regarding the selection process and membership requirements. Both the student and the parent will be asked to sign indicating the following statements have been read and agreed upon.

- The purpose of the Sacred Heart Catholic School National Junior Honor Society is to promote enthusiasm for scholarship, service, leadership, citizenship, and the development of character.
- Membership in the Sacred Heart Catholic School National Junior Honor Society is an honor bestowed upon deserving students by the faculty of Sacred Heart Catholic School and shall be based on the criteria of scholarship, service, leadership, and character.
- The selection of members shall be by the majority vote of the Faculty Council, consisting of five faculty members along with the NJHS advisor. As stated in the NJHS guidelines, the school principal has the final authority over membership and all disputes.
- Membership in the National Junior Honor Society is available to students in grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> and is based on scholarship, leadership, service, and character. All members of the NJHS must demonstrate outstanding conduct and behavior with regard to school and community rules, guidelines, and policies.
- In order to be considered for Sacred Heart NJHS, students must attend Sacred Heart Catholic School for at least one full semester.
- A student **MUST** have obtained a 3.50 ***cumulative grade point*** average in order to be eligible for membership in NJHS. Once a student becomes an NJHS member, he or she must continue to maintain a 3.50 cumulative grade point average in order to retain membership. Cumulative GPA refers to the total academic performance as demonstrated by the grades received in 6<sup>th</sup> *through* 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Students may verify GPA through the advisor.
- If a member falls below the 3.5 GPA, he/she will be given a warning and put on probation and given a quarter to bring up his/her GPA. If a member is unsuccessful, his/her membership will be terminated.
- Members must complete five documented hours of community service per semester – a total of ten hours per year. Three of the service hours each semester must be completed with the NJHS group, and two hours must be completed individually. Service can be done out in the community as well as at the school. Members will receive service documentation forms from the NJHS adviser at the beginning of each semester, to be collected at the end of each semester. If a member fails to complete their service obligation of 5 hours per semester, (10 hours per year) he or she will be subject to review by the Sacred Heart NJHS Faculty Council.
- Members must attend all regular meetings and activities in order to maintain membership. Meetings will typically be once every two weeks, or as needed throughout the semester. The group will establish a convenient meeting time. If a student is unable to attend a meeting, prior arrangements must be made with the advisor.

- Members shall elect four NJHS officers: president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. The president will preside at the meetings along with the advisor. The vice-president shall preside in the absence of the president and shall also keep a record of members' leadership and service. The secretary shall keep the minutes of meetings and be responsible for all official chapter correspondence. The treasurer shall keep the record of chapter expenses, dues, and all other financial transactions of the chapter.
- Members are expected to maintain the qualities of scholarship, service, leadership, citizenship and character as demonstrated upon acceptance into NJHS. If behavior does not meet the expectations, for example, not following school rules, written warning will be given. Depending on the situation, a meeting with the principle and Faculty Council may be held. If the problem persists, the student may be subject to dismissal from NJHS. The principal shall have the final authority for dismissal.
- Members, upon resignation or dismissal from the NJHS, must return their National Junior Honor Society pin, membership certificate, and membership card.
- Members will be required to pay a \$20 membership fee each year. This fee is to pay for the schools affiliation with National Junior Honor Society.

I have read the requirements and the bylaws of the Sacred Heart Catholic School Chapter of National Junior Honor Society and agree to the above guidelines if accepted into NJHS.

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Student Signature

Date

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Parent Signature

Date