

Oak Mountain Middle School

National Junior Honor Society

Dear Parents,

We anticipate a great year with our new National Junior Honor Society members. Because of its large size and potential, we plan to be an active and vital part of Oak Mountain Middle School and our community. Please notice some of our tentative plans for the year.

OMES Fall Fun Fest
Toys for Tots Drive
Honor Society Tapping and Induction Ceremony
Various Other Community Service Projects

To accomplish all that we have planned, attendance at all regularly scheduled meetings is **required**. We will typically meet one day each month during advisory in the lunchroom. Please remind your child to listen to daily announcements for specific meeting dates. Attendance at meetings is necessary for your child to remain an active NJHS member. In addition to regularly scheduled meetings, your child will be involved in various school and community projects that will require meeting times that will be announced as the school year proceeds.

Your child's membership in the National Junior Honor Society is an honor. Along with this honor, we hope that he/she will develop a sense of pride and leadership for our school and community. To keep the National Junior Honor Society's image in high regard, each member must accept the following responsibilities and guidelines.

1. Members must attend **all** meetings unless they have an **excused absence** from school on that day. On the first unexcused absence, they will receive a warning. **The second unexcused absence will result in probation, while the third unexcused absence calls for dismissal.**
2. Members **must** maintain at least a total of 360 points in the four academic subjects of math, English/language arts, science, and social studies for each nine week grading period. NJHS Advisors will run grade reports for active members every 4.5 weeks. Failure to meet the academic requirements will result in probation. Failure to meet the academic requirements a second time will result in dismissal. There can be only **one** academic probationary period for the year.
3. Members will be required to complete a minimum of **10 hours of community service**. (*We prefer that five of these hours be completed with the Honor Society by participating in school and community projects while the other five hours being completed with our club or by participating in community service projects led by other groups or organizations (such as Phase I, church, etc.)* When your child completes service hours, he/she needs to fill out an Individual Community Service Hours sheet and have it signed upon completion of the hours by the leader of the group or organization.
4. Members should receive **no** pink slips. Those committing major offenses including, but not limited to, fighting, abusive language, cheating, damaging property, disrespect or discourtesy, and failing to stay for detention hall will be dismissed from the honor society. All minor offenses, including, but not limited to, chewing gum, dress code violations, excessive talking, and failure to get parent's signature, will be reviewed every 4.5 weeks by advisors. NJHS members who receive a pink slip will be placed on

probation. NJHS members who receive a second pink slip during the school year will be dismissed from the honor society.

5. I understand that deadlines are deadlines. Honor Society Advisors will not send individual reminders to me regarding Toys for Tots posters, community service hours, permission slips, or anything else for which I am responsible for turning in on time. I understand that it is my responsibility to listen to the daily announcements, check the blog, and follow instructions. I understand that if I miss a deadline, I will not be allowed to go Toys for Tots shopping.

Parents will be notified if their child is put on probation or dismissed.

We feel that your child can meet these high standards, or he/she would not have been tapped for membership. Please help us enforce these standards, so that the National Junior Honor Society is truly an organization for outstanding students.

Sincerely,

Honor Society Advisors
Lauren Gingras
Chad Burdett
Sharon Colley

Both parents and members are asked to sign and detach the bottom portion of this letter and return it with payment to Mrs. Colley in room G-6.

Please cut this form on the line below and return it by September 25, 2019. Any form and payment not received by Wednesday, September 25, 2019 will result in membership becoming inactive. Inactive members may re-apply for active membership in January.

I have read the prior letter and agree to follow its responsibilities and guidelines. I also agree to pay the \$45 dues that are used for membership, our annual Christmas project, the spring induction reception, and a "Toys for Tots" long-sleeve t-shirt. Please circle below the size t-shirt you wish to order. These are adult sizes.

Student's name **[print]** _____

Student's signature _____

Parent's signature _____

Parent's e-mail address _____

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