

WELCOME and CONGRATULATIONS

- You are not here based on your grades alone!
- You are here based on your achievements and involvement in the school and community; you are here due to positive teacher recommendations; you are here because you have a clean discipline record.
- And you are here for your grades. You have maintained an overall A average your entire 6th grade year as well as your first three grading periods of 7th grade.

BUT YOU AREN'T A "MEMBER" YET.....

- To be considered an active member in NJHS, you must pay your dues. We will collect dues in late August or early September.
- Next year you must continue to keep your grades up; your discipline record must remain flawless and you must complete at least TEN community service hours.
- Regarding service hours---you CANNOT start doing service hours now because you are still a 7th grader; however, you can start doing service hours after 1:00 PM on Thursday, May 27th. We have had members complete hours via the McWane Center, the zoo, VBS, the library. There is a form on the NJHS blog that must be completed and signed by the person in charge....keep that in mind.

INDUCTION

- Induction will be Tuesday, May 18th.
- This will be a virtual assembly. I do not have a link yet to share with your parents, but when I do, I will post it on the NJHS blog.
- When the bell rings to dismiss you to 1st period (or maybe Advisory?? I haven't seen the schedule yet) that morning, you will need to go put your stuff up and report to the lunchroom. Mr. Burdett will be putting you in alphabetical order. Go quickly and be prepared to be SILENT. He has to put nearly 100 of you in alphabetical order; that is no small feat.
- If your name begins with a *W* stay towards the end of the line...don't be hanging out with the *As*, for example. Stay with your letter initially and then STAY WHERE MR. BURDETT PLACES YOU!!
- Additionally, Dr. Haynes will be coming down the line most likely and asking how to correctly pronounce your name. He truly wants to get your name right, so speak up and speak clearly.
- This is a formal occasion! You are expected to wear (boys) at least khaki pants – or navy – and a nice polo-style shirt. You are welcomed to wear a button down shirt and a tie as well. Your shirt needs to be tucked in and your pants should be belted. **NO SHORTS!!** Girls, you are expected to wear a dress, a skirt and cute top, dress pants with a nice top....just be NICER than what you wear every other day here at school. Make sure your

dresses or skirts – should you choose to wear one – are dress code appropriate ... not too short and not too revealing around the neckline area.

- You will be permitted to change clothes if you want to; however, time will be limited and it's also completely fine to stay "dressed up" throughout the day. *This is actually one of the dress-up days SGA is putting on.

DURING THE CEREMONY

- During the ceremony, you will hear Dr. Haynes call your name and Mr. Burdett will direct you when to go.
- You will be handed a certificate. Although we make every effort to make sure you get the right now, you might not. Take whatever is given to you!! *You get what you get and you don't pitch a fit!* We will straighten out any mix ups afterwards. Promise!!
- We will have ushers directing you where to sit. You will be sitting in the bleachers. Please be mindful not to "stomp" up into the bleachers. We want to be able to hear every name called out.
- You will find a half sheet handout that has the NJHS pledge on it. You will need this towards the end of the ceremony.
- You should be a quiet, captivated, respectful audience throughout the ceremony.
- After Dr. Haynes has called each of your names and during the ceremony, you will hear from the different officers. They will light a candle and then read their part – six of them: one for each of the six standards of the NJHS. Afterwards, the first speaker will return to the podium. She will direct you to stand up and recite the NJHS pledge with her. Again you will have a copy of the pledge waiting for you in the bleachers.

FYI: I do not know what class(es) you will miss due to the ceremony; however, you are responsible for getting your make-up work and turning in work that is due on Tuesday.

Last thing, if you have questions regarding induction after Friday, May 14th, please direct them to Mr. Burdett. I have a family commitment and will potentially be unavailable to answer your question as promptly as you might need.