

# NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

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## JOHANNES PAULUS II CHAPTER BYLAWS AMENDED 2023

### ARTICLE I: Membership

Membership in the Johannes Paulus II Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is an honor bestowed upon deserving students based on the criteria of outstanding scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Membership is granted to those students selected by the Faculty Advisory Council in the spring of their eighth grade and ninth grade year. Students with a minimum unweighted cumulative GPA of a 3.5 are invited to submit an application packet to the Faculty Advisory Council. Only packets received on time will be considered. Students who decline the opportunity to submit credentials during their eighth grade year will not be eligible to submit credentials their ninth grade year. The selection process is detailed below.

1. SCHOLARSHIP: A candidate must have an unweighted cumulative scholastic average of a 3.5 or better.
2. CHARACTER: Candidates will be evaluated based on confidential faculty/staff questionnaires. Candidates' discipline records will also be reviewed. The severity and the number of offense(s) will be weighed. Candidates with extended Saturday detentions and/or suspensions will not be considered.
  - Outstanding Character
  - Personal Integrity
  - Ambition
  - Classroom Leadership
  - Accepting of challenges
  - Compassionate
  - Positive attitude towards peers
  - Positive Attitude towards faculty and staff
  - Minor discipline problem
  - Major discipline problem
3. SERVICE: Candidates will be evaluated on confidential service hour questionnaires.
  - Number of Hours Volunteered
  - Volunteers are dependable, well organized, and gladly available.
  - Works well with others and is willing to take on difficult or inconspicuous tasks

- Cheerfully and enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school or community
  - Does work without complaint
  - Shows courtesy to all
4. LEADERSHIP: Candidates will be evaluated on confidential leadership questionnaires.
- Hours/length of time involved in leadership role
  - Is resourceful in proposing new problems, applying principles, and making suggestions
  - Demonstrates the initiative in promoting activities
  - Exercises influence on peers in upholding school ideals
  - Is able to delegate responsibilities
  - Exemplifies positive attitudes
  - Inspires positive behavior in other
  - Demonstrates academic initiative
  - Is a forerunner in the classroom, at work, in school, or in community issues
  - Is thoroughly dependable and responsible
5. Essay: Must be typed in MLA format. The essay briefly explains how candidates have exhibited the characteristics of scholarship, service, leadership, and character.
6. Additional Activities: Candidates will submit a sheet listing their involvement in extracurricular activities.

## **ARTICLE II: Transfer Students**

Students transferring from another school, who are members of NJHS in their former school, will be grandfathered in as members as long as they meet PJP's chapter bylaws.

## **ARTICLE III: Obligations of Members**

1. PINS: Each member of this chapter who is in good standing with regard to the membership standards and member obligations shall be entitled to wear the emblem adopted by the National Junior Honor Society to school-wide Masses.

2. MEETINGS: Regular meetings of this chapter shall be monthly. Special meetings can be called by the president with approval of the adviser. Members who miss three meetings during a school year will be placed on probation. Another missed meeting will result in the member being brought before the Faculty Advisory Council where he/she may be subject to expulsion from NJHS.

3. SERVICE PROJECTS: Members are required to participate in yearly service projects. Each member is required to tutor peers at least once a month during lunch. Members who miss a tutoring session will be assigned an extra tutoring date. Members who miss two sessions will be

put on probation. Another missed tutoring session will result in the member being brought before the Faculty Advisory Council where he/she may be subject to expulsion from NJHS.

#### **ARTICLE IV: Discipline and Dismissal of Members**

1. Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship, service, leadership, character, or citizenship may be considered for discipline or dismissal from the Joannes Paulus II chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. A member of the National Junior Honor Society is expected to maintain his/her academic standing and take an active role in service and leadership to his/her school and community.

2. If a member's unweighted cumulative grade point average falls below the standard in effect when he/she was selected (3.5) he /she will be given a written warning and a reasonable time period for improvement. If the cumulative grade point average remains below standard at the end of the warning period the student will be subject to further disciplinary action by the faculty council that includes consideration of dismissal from the chapter.

3. Violations of the law or school regulations can result in immediate consideration of the dismissal of a member. These violations include, but are not limited to stealing; destruction of property; cheating; truancy; or possession, selling, or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol at school or school-related activities or in the community.

4. Offenders of the school conduct code (such as use of profanity, failure to comply, unexcused absences, excessive tardiness, etc.) will receive written warning notification. A conference may be requested by either party (faculty council or student/parent). If the member is involved in another violation of the school conduct code, the member may be considered for dismissal.

5. In all cases of pending dismissal:

- The member will receive **written notification** from the adviser/faculty council indicating the reason for consideration of dismissal.
- The member has the **right** to respond to the charge(s) against him/her at a **hearing** before the faculty council prior to any vote on dismissal. The member has the opportunity to present his/her defense either in person or via a written statement presented in lieu of the face-to-face hearing. Following the hearing, the faculty council will then vote on whether to dismiss. A majority vote of the faculty council is needed to dismiss any member.
- A member who is dismissed or resigns may never again be considered for membership in the National Junior Honor Society.

6. In lieu of dismissal, the faculty council may impose disciplinary sanctions upon a member as deemed appropriate.

7. Members who resign or are dismissed are not eligible for NJHS membership or its benefits at any future time.