NHS Consideration

The National Honor Society (NHS) is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. More than just an honor roll, NHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since it began in 1921. Colleges and universities look favorably at NHS membership.

1. You must have a 3.2 GPA or higher at the END of your junior year. This is an UNWEIGHTED GPA.
2. You must get at least 3 letters of recommendations. More than 3 is ok. These letters should be from adults who have seen you show leadership, community service, academics, and/or honor. We are looking for seniors who are strong in ALL areas. These can come from PHHS staff members or community leaders. Note: Tell your recommender to only write about what they have witnessed directly. It is up to you to pick a variety of people who have seen you in different areas (leadership, service, honor, academics).
   Example: Letter from the Red Cross advisor explaining what activities you have participated in and how many hours spent doing community service. Have the secretary of the club verify your hours. This would cover community service only; you would need other letters to cover leadership, honor, and academics.
   Example: Letter from your church leader explaining what you have done, hours spent. This would cover leadership only.
   Note: Community service must be UNPAID.
3. You must be honorable. We will ask our staff to submit names of applicants that have cheated, lied or otherwise showed lack of honor. We expect a high standard of honor for our members.
4. You must write (type) a letter of intent. This should include:
   ● Why do you want to be a member of NHS?
   ● Examples of leadership, community service, and honor.
5. Complete the cover letter. Either turn in your letters with application or tell us who will be sending them.

DUE DATE IS THURSDAY, MAY 19th, 2017. Turn into Mr. Vasques/Dries or Ms. Higgins by end of school day. You will have to wait until next school year to find out if you are accepted.

Applicants will be evaluated using the following criteria:
1. Number and quality of leadership positions. What duties you performed as leader and how many people you were responsible for will be considered.
2. Number of verified community service hours. Make sure you get your class adviser or community leader to verify the activities and number of hours. A simple verification of service hours is not a recommendation letter. A recommendation letter may include a verification of the service hours.

If you are selected into NHS you must:
1. Maintain a 3.2 or higher GPA.
2. Attend and participate in at least 70% of the lunchtime meetings.
3. Complete a personal service project (at least 12 hours of community service).
   Example: Read to children at the library for one hour on Tuesdays for 12 weeks.
4. Participate in a NHS service project. One large project that all members work on together.
5. Continue to uphold your integrity.
6. Attend the inauguration ceremony.