

## National Honor Society 2021

### Selection Process and Timeline

National Honor Society is a national organization that recognizes students for being leaders in academics, service, leadership, and character. Admission to NHS at Newark Catholic is by invitation only. The first criteria for consideration is a student's GPA, which must be 3.500 or higher. This GPA level must be maintained to remain a member of NHS.

There are several other steps that are taken to become a member. All of these are detailed in the NHS Candidate Google classroom. With COVID, we are trying to move towards mainly electronic tracking and information.

Every candidate needs to solicit two recommendations from adults who know them. These recommendations can not be from teachers at Newark Catholic or from family members. Another step in the process is the candidate writes a personal reflection statement on what National Honor Society means to them, and how they believe that they are a good candidate for membership.

Service is an integral part of NHS. Each candidate and member must perform and submit 50 validated volunteer hours. There can be no more than 10 hours in any one service event.

If a candidate meets these four requirements, then the Faculty Council reviews those candidates and their application for acceptance into National Honor Society.

A candidate who has a GPA that falls below 3.500 will be reconsidered for the next year so that they have the opportunity to improve their GPA.

A member who has a GPA that falls below 3.500 will not be removed from the membership list for a semester, in order for them to work towards improving their GPA. A 3.500 GPA is needed to be recognized at graduation. A 3.500 GPA is needed for induction.

Members who are inducted as Juniors will perform and document an additional 50 service hours before the next induction ceremony.

Member who are Seniors will perform and document 10 service hours during their Senior year.

Dues are currently \$10 for Juniors and \$10 for Seniors.

Membership to the National Honor Society is opened up in the fall for any sophomore that meets the GPA requirement, and for those that missed applying as a Sophomore. Membership is opened up in June to interested students who improved their GPA to the 3.50 minimum from the fall.