The Berwick Jr. High Student of the Month program is a PBIS initiative that promotes success in and out of the classroom.

 This award is designed to select students who exemplify outstanding character and individual achievement within our Panther community. At BJHS, we not only celebrate our student’s academic success, but also aim to highlight all valuable attributes such as: growth in character, service, leadership, and community involvement that so many of our students demonstrate.

 The program is designed so that ANY STUDENT, regardless of academic ability, can receive the award.  Students who are nominated should prove they value their education by exhibiting academic responsibility and curiosity.  Nominees should show a commitment to their personal endeavors and demonstrate a strong effort to learn and achieve to the best of *their* ability. Additionally, they are expected to demonstrate excellent behavior in and out of the classroom, which includes being respectful to teachers, peers, and their community.

Making a Nomination:

Any BJHS teacher, administrator or guidance counselor may nominate a candidate they feel is a worthy recipient for Student of the Month by filling out a Microsoft Forms each month.  Teachers will select a “primary” reason from the criteria listed below for their nomination and will also submit a written explanation supporting this reason.  They will also have the opportunity to submit additional criteria to support their nomination.  Despite the title ‘Student the Month’, student contributions for consideration are not limited to a particular start and end date (such as November only, etc.).

Criteria for nominating a student are:

Significant progress in the classroom

Marked improvement in grades

Outstanding grades

Leadership

Notable consideration towards others

Outstanding attitude/disposition

Community involvement/service

Personal development

Exemplary character

Individual achievement

Process:

* An e-mail is sent out to the faculty and administration asking them to nominate students to be considered for the Student of the Month award.
* This will be done at the end of each month via Microsoft Forms.
* A committee will select one student from the nominees.

Stipulations:

+ Once selected by the SOTM committee, the name of the students will be passed onto administration for a final approval. Administration may reject the committee’s selection because of disciplinary issues, attendance concerns, etc.  In this case, the committee will consider another candidate.

+ The teachers of each student selected will be contacted to see if the students are academically responsible and free of behavioral issues in that particular class.

+ Students who are selected as SOTM will not be able to earn the award again.

+ Nominations DO carry over from month to month and re-nominations are welcome.

+ Only those who win the award will be recognized; other nominees will not be disclosed outside the nomination committee.

SOTM award recipients will be announced by the principal via loudspeaker and posted on the school’s website.

SOTM recipients will be celebrated during the following month after the announcement (ex. “August SOTM” will be celebrated throughout the month of September)

Students will be recognized in the following ways:

* Certificate of Commendation from Administration
* Names and pictures posted on the school website