



Leadership

High School Information Night 2020

What is Leadership?

- The art of motivating a group of people to act toward achieving a common goal.
- Demonstrating your ability to take initiative, lead your peers, serve as a role model or even create something new.



How Do We Start?

- Check the BCS website for “Leadership Opportunities”
 - School Counseling tab
 - Leadership Opportunities
 - Students talk with your school counselor
- Brainstorm ideas about things you want to change or improve
- Narrow it down to one idea
- Think of others who can help you (students and possibly adults)
- Hold a planning meeting/organizational meeting
 - Make a list of people to contact
 - Delegate



Leadership - Why is it Important?

- Leadership shows you can:
 - Work well with others
 - Inspire people
 - Cooperate with different types of people
 - Problem solve
 - Multitask
 - Handle stress effectively
 - Possibly identify a passion



Ideas for Leadership

- What do you like/love?
 - Reading? Start a book club
 - Writing? Ask a local website if you can cover a “beat” like our high school
 - Babysitting? Provide a Mom’s Day Out in your neighborhood
 - Scouts? Eagle Scout project or Gold Award
 - Math/Science? Coordinate tutors for free tutoring



More Ideas for Leadership

- What are you passionate about?
 - Youth Group? Lead a bible study, head up a committee
 - Christmas? Direct a play at church
 - Helping? Spearhead donations for a food pantry
 - Elderly? Organize a pajama drive for nursing home
 - Politics? Volunteer for your party (New scholarship)
 - School club? Organize a fundraiser - highlight outcomes



Even More Ideas for Leadership

- What is your talent/skill?
 - Music? Form a group to perform
 - Gaming? Donate devices and games to recreation center
 - Sport? Teach classes to underprivileged children
 - Dancing? Organize a dance camp

- Where do you work?
 - Become a trainer for new employees
 - Make jewelry and sell on Etsy
 - Repair clothes
 - Start a woodworking business in your basement



Value of Leadership

- Focus on others not self
- Hard work, accomplishment and recognition = Positive self image
- Stand out from the crowd
 - National Honor Society
 - College applications
 - Scholarship applications



NHS Application Process

Each summer and spring juniors and seniors with a 4.0 or higher cumulative GPA receive an email informing them that they are **ELIGIBLE to APPLY** for NHS.

- A parent/student information night is held before applications are due.
- Applications are received and reviewed by a faculty council consisting of at least 5 faculty members and the NHS sponsor (a non voting member of the council).
- Students will be notified of the faculty council's decision approximately 3 weeks after the application deadline.
- New NHS members are inducted during a tapping ceremony:
 - § Fall tapping ceremony - early October as part of a school honor assembly
 - § Spring tapping ceremony - late April as an evening event



NHS's 4 Pillars vs. Briarwood's 6 Application Categories

NHS	Application
Scholarship	I. Acknowledgement of NHS Member Expectations
Character	II. Character
Leadership	III. Leadership Position
Service	IV. Service Activities
	V. School Activities
	VI. Community Involvement & Work Experience



Things to Remember

- Document your leadership
- Actions are more important than titles
- Don't join a club/team just to fluff your resume
- Quality vs quantity
- Photocopy your application



Questions?

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