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The National Junior Honor Society was founded in 1929 as an organization that would recognize and encourage academic achievement among middle level students while also developing other characteristics essential to citizens in a democracy. The purpose of this worldwide organization is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render community service, to promote leadership, to develop character, and to encourage good citizenship in the students of secondary schools. These ideals of scholarship, character, service, citizenship, and leadership remain as relevant today as they were in 1929.

The Cascade Chapter of NJHS is for 8th graders who have maintained a 3.5 cumulative GPA throughout middle school. 8th graders who qualify are contacted in the fall each school year, and when semester 1 grades are published in February students are officially invited to join NJHS. The school year culminates in a special induction ceremony for NJHS members. If you have any questions about NJHS please contact advisor Erica Dietz at erica.dietz@bend.k12.or.us.

NJHS CALENDAR OF EVENTS—2023/2024



OCTOBER

- Qualifying introduction letter sent to students.
- **OPTIONAL** Mt. Time information session: Friday, October 20.

NOVEMBER

- Making a positive impact in the community through **volunteer work** is important to the National Junior Honor Society organization. By April you will need to complete **10 hours of community service**, so you may want to begin planning where and how you will serve now! There are many opportunities around town during the November and December holidays to give back to those in need. ***Community service is an NJHS requirement, but luckily ALL 8th graders at Cascade complete 10 hours of volunteer work as a part of Social Studies- your teacher will introduce this in November. So, stay tuned for many ideas available in our community, even right here at school, plus loads of busy schedule-friendly volunteer opportunities that can be done at home or in your neighborhood.*

DECEMBER

- Continue your volunteer activities and keeping up those grades!

JANUARY

- Semester 1 ends on **February 2nd** – keep up those grades, you can do it! ☺
- *****Following semester 1 grade reports, official induction materials will be sent to those students who qualify.*****

FEBRUARY

- **Honor Society dues (\$10)** must be paid online through the CMS website by **Monday, February 26**
- **Return Signed Code of Conduct** by **Monday, February 26** to Mrs. Dietz in Room B3
- **NJHS Sweatshirt orders (optional!)** must be paid online through the CMS website by **Monday, February 26**.

MARCH

- Volunteering should be well underway – hours will be collected in April.

APRIL

- April 4th: NJHS Red Cross Blood Drive at Cascade Middle School ❤️
- Volunteer Hours due to Mrs. Dietz (I will send a Google Form for you to fill out)
- **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24th @ 6:00 p.m.: INDUCTION CEREMONY!** This is a special ceremony to celebrate and honor your accomplishment.

June

- June 6th: Honor Society end-of-the-year celebration BBQ lunch. CONGRATULATIONS!