

Dear 6th and 7th Grade Students,

There are five Pillars to becoming a member of the NJHS. If NJHS membership is a goal for you, you should begin working on achieving the pillars now.

The first pillar is scholarship with the expected cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better by the end of the third quarter in 7th grade. For the service pillar, you should be able to convey what you do for your school and community. Where do you volunteer? With the pillar of leadership, you will need to discuss leadership roles: where and when? The pillar of character has the expectation of honesty, reliability, shows concern, respect for others along with self-respect. For this, you should ask yourself are you an empathetic person? Are you a role model? Are you the type of person to help your peers with academic and social needs? Do you always try your best, no matter what the assignment? If you and your school community can answer "Yes" to all of those questions, then you have accomplished this pillar. The last pillar, citizenship, is where you will need to demonstrate responsibility through your community and school activities.

Students, please note this letter is addressed to you and not your parents. This is YOUR responsibility if you would like to work toward the opportunity to be part of NJHS. If you have any questions, please stop by room 103 or email me at plamontagne@pelhamsd.org.

Good luck,

Mrs. Lamontagne



To review the application and detailed criteria, please go to the school website:

pms.pelhamsd.org
under the Students tab
NJHS Application

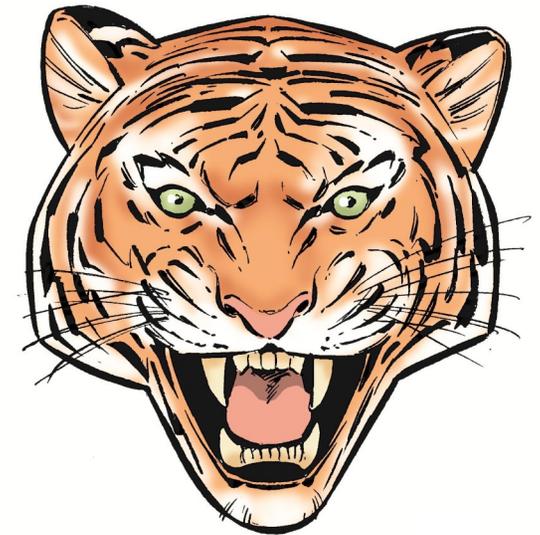
**You will be notified after the 3rd quarter of 7th grade if you have met the criteria to be able to apply*

Questions?

Please email
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STUDENTS

As you begin the early stages of greater independence and responsibility as a middle level student, you may discover that you excel in your studies, have an interest in leadership and service, and have a thirst for challenge... and accomplishment.

Membership in the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) may be an ideal fit for you! You can become a member through a local selection process that concludes with induction into the school's National Junior Honor Society chapter.

Through exclusive resources, programs, and services, members have a unique opportunity to prepare for their next steps in life. Membership truly lays the groundwork for lifelong success.

THE FIVE PILLARS OF THE NJHS:

- **Scholarship:** Students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- **Service:** This involves voluntary contributions made by a student to the school or community, done without compensation.
- **Leadership:** Student leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem solvers, and idea contributors. Leadership experiences can be drawn from school or community activities while working with or for others.
- **Character:** The student of good character is cooperative; demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability; shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others; and generally maintains a clean disciplinary record.
- **Citizenship:** The student who demonstrates citizenship understands the importance of civic engagement; has a high regard for freedom and justice; respects the U.S. form of government; respects the law for all citizens at the local, state, and federal levels; and demonstrates mature participation and responsibility in activities such as scouting, community organizations, or school clubs.

UNDERSTANDING THE OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

Students who accept membership and are inducted into the chapter should be aware of the time and commitment involved with this honor. For example, there will be chapter meetings throughout the school year. The chapter bylaws articulate the yearly meeting schedule and member attendance obligations. Members also must participate in chapter and individual service projects to benefit the school and community. Contact the chapter advisor to obtain a full list of the obligations of membership for our school's chapter.

