

December 14, 2018



Dear Parents or Guardians,

Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School will be beginning the application process for induction into the Happie K. Tracey Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) for 2019. The National Honor Society And National Junior Honor Society were founded in 1921 and since that time have been committed to recognizing and encouraging academic achievement, leadership, citizenship, and service. NJHS is open to seventh and eighth graders only.

There are several requirements for membership. First, all applicants need to have an average grade of 85% or higher over the past year and a half. Second, students need to be involved in school sponsored extra-curricular activities or outside-of-school activities. Third, students need to have taken part in some form of verifiable community service. Fourth, students should show an aptitude for leadership. Finally, the student's character in school and at all school related activities should be exemplary. Any suspension or expulsion over the past year would make them ineligible. Other behavioral infractions are reviewed at on an individual basis.

Once membership is established there will be an Induction Ceremony held here at the school for families, friends, staff, and administration. After that, the group will meet periodically to plan events and conduct service-oriented tasks throughout the school. Each year our 8th grade National Junior Society members are recognized at graduation.

To maintain membership students must continue to show scholastic achievement and exemplary citizenship and leadership. Students must also complete an average of two hours of community service each month. Any disciplinary action such as suspension would result in loss of membership. Other infractions will be reviewed on an individual basis.

We encourage all interested seventh and eighth grade students to apply. On the district website. You will find materials under Baldwin Middle School> Co-curricular Clubs> NJHS. A copy of this letter, the application, and news are available for you there. Please note your child must login to their school Google account to access the application.

The application materials will be available on December 14, 2018. The deadline is January 11, 2019. Once the applications are received they are reviewed by a committee of faculty and administration. The application should be completed with the guidance of parent or guardian (for accuracy), and there is one question for a parent to complete. I will mail notifications of membership via the USPS. I look forward to working with your child. If you have any questions please contact me.

Sincerely,

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