

Catherine Fishman - Interim Superintendent of Schools

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Dear 7th grade families,

We are excited to share that 7th grade learners at Mineola Middle School have the opportunity to apply for membership into the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS). The NJHS is a national organization that rewards scholarship, leadership, citizenship, character and service. Each year, the Mineola Middle School proudly inducts eligible learners into this prestigious organization.

We are writing early in the year, so that you and your 7th grade child are aware of the requirements and can begin to work towards them.

- Students must have a **cumulative average of 90 or above** after the first two trimesters.
- Students must show evidence of a **minimum of 15 hours of community service** from September thru May. Service hours done over the summer will not count towards these 15 hours. Donations to the Mineola Public Library (or elsewhere) will be capped at a maximum of 5 hrs if chosen.
- Students must show **evidence of involvement in school clubs and/or extra curricular school activities** for the current school year.
- Students must have **displayed character** that exemplifies holding the learning environment sacred, and showing leadership and civility.

Students who have a 90 cumulative average after the first two trimesters will receive a letter in the spring inviting them to apply for membership. Students who receive the letter then must complete an application and provide evidence and documentation of their community service, and extracurricular activities in order to be considered. Students should download the community service log from the MMS website, fill it in and collect their documentation as they complete hours throughout the school year. In addition, a StudentSquare group has been set up and shared with all 7th grade students that provides information and updates throughout the year.

Membership to the organization is determined by the club advisors, teachers, and administrators that review the application, in addition to student conduct and behavior throughout the year.

We know that many of our 7th graders are eager to be part of NJHS. Please encourage them to begin their community service/volunteer hours in September, remain involved in extracurricular school activities and hold the learning environment a sacred and special place.

In closing, please continue to encourage your child to be the best version of themselves each day. Remind them of the importance of setting realistic goals for their education, growth and achievement; in addition to displaying scholarship, leadership and character throughout the school day.

We look forward to helping your children reach this goal! If you have any questions please reach out to the advisors.

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