

Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School

National Junior Honor Society

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to announce the launch of the **National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)** selection process at **Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School**. The National Junior Honor Society chapter of Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School is a duly chartered and affiliated chapter of this prestigious national organization. Membership is open to those students who meet the required standards in five areas of evaluation: **scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship**. Students are selected for membership by majority vote of a five-member principal-appointed faculty council, which bestows this honor upon qualified students on behalf of the faculty of our school.

Students in grade 8 who meet scholarship and character requirements are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a cumulative **GPA of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale**. To evaluate a candidate's character, the faculty council uses two forms of input. First, school disciplinary records are reviewed. Second, members of the faculty are solicited for input regarding their professional reflections on a candidate's service activities, character, and leadership.

Each fall those students who meet this criterion are invited to complete a Candidate Form that provides the faculty council with information regarding the candidate's leadership and service.

Any solicited faculty input and all Candidate Forms are carefully reviewed by the faculty council to determine membership. A majority vote of the council is necessary for selection. Candidates are notified regarding selection or non-selection.

Following notification, a formal induction ceremony is held at the school to recognize all the newly selected members. Once inducted, new members are required to maintain the same level of performance (or better) in all five criteria that led to their selection.

Below is the **timeline and process** for the 2025 NJHS selection cycle:

Week 1: October 24–31 — Launch & Candidate Outreach

- Eligible students identified based on GPA.
- Candidate packets distributed, including:
 - Application form
 - Personal statement prompt
 - Teacher recommendation form
 - **Candidate applications are due Friday, October 31st by 11am.**

Week 2: November 1-3 — Selection of Members

- Faculty Council review applications using the five NJHS pillars: scholarship, leadership, service, character, and citizenship
- Selected Members notified on November 4
- NJHS Dues paid (\$20) on RevTrak online link by November 9

Week 3: Induction Ceremony

- **Rehearsal:** November 10 & 12.
- **Induction Ceremony:** November 13
Families will be invited to attend this special event celebrating our new NJHS members at Pinellas Park High School. Time TBD

Once inducted, members are expected to **maintain their high level of academic achievement and personal integrity** in all areas—scholarship, leadership, service, character, and citizenship. Continued membership depends upon upholding these standards.

We look forward to honoring our students who exemplify excellence in both the classroom and our school community. Thank you for your support and partnership as we recognize and celebrate their accomplishments.

Sincerely,

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