From the National Junior Honor Society’s national website:

“The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) elevates a school’s commitment to the values of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. These five pillars have been associated with membership in the organization since its inception in 1929.

Today, it is estimated that more than one million students participate in NJHS activities. NJHS chapters are found in all 50 states, US Territories, and around the world . Chapter membership not only recognizes students for their accomplishments, but challenges them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service.

As such, NJHS chapters and students are in schools that care not only about student achievement, but also community engagement.

NJHS students and their peers volunteer in their communities at the highest rates and make connecting with and serving within the community a priority.

Five main purposes have guided chapters of NJHS from the beginning: to create enthusiasm for scholarship; to stimulate a desire to render service; to promote leadership; to encourage responsible citizenship; and to develop character in the students of secondary schools. These purposes also translate into the criteria used for membership selection in each local chapter.”

***At Hillwood Middle School, students qualify for NJHS as 7th grade students and become members as 8th graders. After the 3rd nine week grading period, 7th graders who have met the GPA requirement (93.5 with PreAP classes weighted) and have no discipline issues will be invited to fill out an application, in which they will detail their school activities, community involvement, any awards or accomplishments, and why they desire to become a member of NJHS. If students are selected as members, they are informed by letter and are inducted into NJHS through a ceremony in the late spring of their 7th grade year, with expectation for them to be active members as 8th graders.***

***Students who transfer/move in to Hillwood their 8th grade year need to bring signed documentation from their previous sponsor showing that they were inducted into NJHS at their previous school to be members of the Hillwood NJHS chapter.***

There are many benefits to being selected to be in the National Junior Honor Society. Some of the benefits

include:

o Membership in a nationally recognized Honor Society.

o Local recognition for outstanding achievement in scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

o Chapter activities that provide students with opportunities to cultivate those ideals within

themselves, their school, and their community.

o Leadership training opportunities.

o Programs that recognize students for their leadership and scholarship achievements.

o Preparation for National Honor Society at the high school level. (Please note that acceptance

and/or participation in the National Junior Honor Society does not guarantee selection for National

Honor Society at the high school level.)

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