

## WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL

### National Honor Society

The National Honor Society is a way of recognizing students who excel in school. Membership in local chapters is an honor bestowed upon a student. Selection for membership is made by a Faculty Council and is based on outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, and service. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities.

To become a member of the National Honor Society is truly an honor. The academic average necessary to be considered for membership is 88 (not rounded). A student is academically eligible if they have an 88 average or better in all subjects from the beginning of their freshman year through the first marking period of either their junior or senior year depending on when they apply. However, in addition to the academics, each student must also demonstrate character, service and leadership.

- **Character-** The student of good character upholds principles of morality and ethics, is cooperative, demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability, shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others, and generally maintains a good and clean lifestyle. The student must also adhere to the school rules and policies. Students will need faculty members write evaluations on their behalf.
- **Service-** this quality is defined through the voluntary contributions made by a student to the school or community, done without compensation and with a positive, courteous, and enthusiastic spirit. Students are expected to demonstrate a pattern and commitment to serve rather than isolated projects. Service considered acceptable must be completed with the proper signatures by September 30th of the year in which you apply for National Honor Society. These completed service forms can be accepted until the end of the first marking period of the year you apply for membership. Simply forgetting to hand in the service hours by the due date IS NOT AN ACCEPTABLE EXCUSE. Students will need a minimum of 40 hours of service to be eligible for NHS. Students with questions about the acceptability of their service should speak with the advisor well in advance of the NHS process
- **Leadership-** Student leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem solvers, promoters of school activities, idea-contributors, dependable, and persons who exemplify positive attitudes about life. Leadership experiences can be drawn from school or community activities while working with or for others. The student must be actively engaged in a minimum of **THREE** different activities, one of which can take place outside of the Westlake High School.

The process for becoming a National Honor Society member is can also be found in the student handbook and is available for viewing on the school home page under “student resources”. In addition to these places, the principal speaks of the deadlines at the opening assemblies for both juniors and seniors the first week of school. Please take an active role in pursuing membership in this society.