***Saint Joseph School Chapter of the***

**National Junior Honor Society**

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is an organization that recognizes students for high standards of academics, character, citizenship, community and service. The purpose of this organization is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, to develop character, and to encourage good citizenship in students of secondary school. Second semester sixth grade students and students in the seventh and eighth grade may apply for membership in the NJHS at Saint Joseph School. In order to be eligible for the SJS Chapter of the NJHS, students must meet the criteria described below (adapted for SJS from the guidelines established by the National Association of Secondary School Principals as set forth in the National Junior Honor Society Handbook):

**Academics and Conduct:**

The candidate must have earned an academic grade point average of 3.3 (93%) or higher based upon grades earned in Religion, Language Arts, mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and Spanish for the prior semester (6th Grade) or school year (7th and 8th Grades). Students must maintain a conduct average no lower than Tier 1 with no week at Tiers 2 or 3 during the previous and current semester. Students must not have more than 5 absences in the school year unless there were extenuating circumstances.

**Character:**

Students are expected to exhibit the hallmarks of good character which include integrity, honesty, courtesy, respectfulness, reliability, and responsibility.

**Leadership:**

Students are expected to exhibit a positive attitude and leadership in the classroom, and serve as a positive role model by upholding school ideals.

**Service:**

Students are expected to carry out duties for service to church, community, and school, and to be willing to help when asked to do so.

**Citizenship:**

Students demonstrate citizenship by obeying all rules and requests, and by active involvement in school, parish, and community activities.

Students who become members of the SJS NJHS will be responsible for leadership roles at Saint Joseph School and surrounding Church community. These responsibilities and activities may include, but are not limited to leadership roles such as after -school tutoring, classroom assistants, ushers, masters of ceremonies in school activities, Catholic Schools Week leaders and speakers, school and community service project and outreach activities, and a field trip.

**Application for Membership**

**Directions**: Please complete all sections. Type or print all information and submit it by the published deadline. All information will be used by the Faculty Council to assist with the fair consideration of your candidacy during the selection process.

Completion and submission of this form does not guarantee selection. Should you have questions about this form, please contact Mrs. Calvert at rcalvert@sjsknox.org or Ms. Colburn at kcolburn@sjsknox.org.

**I. Administrative Information**

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| Name | **Current Grade Level** |

**II. Academic and Conduct Information**

The SJS NJHS Committee will review applicants academic and conduct grades for the previous and current semesters. (There is no need to submit this information.)

**III. Leadership/Responsibility Roles** - List all jobs or leadership positions or other positions of responsibility held in school, community, or work activities (e.g. elected officer for the student body, class, or club; committee chairperson; team captain; or other community or group leader). Please include the name of the adult responsible for supervising your leadership in each position.

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| **Leadership Role** | **Grade Level(s)** | **Activity/Organization** | **Supervising Adult** |
| *( For Example) Program Committee Chair* | *7* | *Student Council* | *Mr. Zengel* |
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**IV. Service Program Overview -** List service activities in which you have participated. These can be individual or group service projects done either in or out of school. Generally, service activities are those that are done for or on behalf of others (not including immediate family members) for which no compensation (monetary or otherwise) has been given. Please ask the SJS Service Program supervisor, Mr. Whittingham, to initial the form to verify your hours. You must be current with your SJS requirements and a minimum, of 8 hours is required overall for applicants.

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| **Activity** | **Grade Level(s)** | **Hours of Service** | **SJS Service Supervisor** |
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**V. Other School Activities**  - List all other school-based activities (not noted above) in which you have participated in school. Include extra- curricular activities like Legion of Mary, clubs, instrument lessons, athletic teams, musicals, chorus, plays, science fairs, etc., and any significant accomplishments in each.

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| **Activity** | **Grade Level(s)** | **Accomplishments** |
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**VI. Other Community Activities** - List other community activities in which you have participated and note any major accomplishment in each. These should be any activities outside of school in which you participated for the betterment of your community (e.g. religious groups, clubs sponsored outside the school, Boy or Girl Scouts, community art endeavors, etc.). Do not repeat participation already listed above. Please include the name of the adult supervisor of each activity.

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| **Grade** | **Community Activity** | **Hours** | **Accomplishments** | **Supervising Adult** |
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**VII. Essay-** In 150 words, please write a short essay explaining why you want to be part of the Saint Joseph Junior National Honor Society and what you hope to accomplish as one of its members.

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**VII. Signatures**

I understand that completing and submitting this form does not guarantee selection to the Honor Society. I attest that the information presented here is complete and accurate. If selected, I agree to abide by the standards and guidelines of the chapter and to fulfill all of my membership obligations to the best of my ability.

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I/we have reviewed the full Candidate Information Packet provided to us by the chapter.

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Preferred method of contact (check one and fill in the blank);

* Parent phone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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The chapter requests this contact information so that we can notify you regarding important details.

Return completed form to Mrs. Calvert by Thursday, April 14th.