

NHS 2016-2017

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September 23, 2016

Dear NHS members,

Welcome back to MSA and Mu Sigma Alpha! According to the NHS website, "The National Honor Society (NHS) is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. NHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character." We appreciate and admire that the Mu Sigma Alpha members treat NHS as more than a positive notation on a transcript and work diligently to exemplify these pillars of our society. We encourage you to continue to recognize this organization as a venue in which you can foster the development of leadership skills, demonstrate scholarly excellence, serve others, and portray strong character.

Although many of you have been representing NHS over the summer, the beginning of a new academic year is always an excellent time to recommit to NHS and the MSA community. We admonish you to go beyond the minimum requirements of membership. We are excited to be your advisors and look forward to working with you as you demonstrate your commitment to all that membership in NHS represents.

Best regards,

Handwritten signatures of Caitlin Harper and Teresa Ward in cursive script, with the word "and" written between them.

Caitlin Harper and Teresa Ward

The Four Pillars of National Honor Society

Scholarship: Scholarship is characterized by a commitment to learning. A student is willing to spend the necessary time to cultivate his/ her mind in the quest for knowledge. This pillar can only be achieved through diligence and effort. Scholarship means always doing the best work possible, regardless of impending reward.

Service: The pillar of service can be reached in a variety of ways. The willingness to work for the benefit of those in need without compensation or recognition of any kind is a quality that is essential in NHS members. As a service club, the National Honor Society is highly concerned with giving its all to the school and community at large.

Leadership: Leaders take the initiative to aid others in a wholesome manner throughout their daily activities. Leaders sacrifice their personal interests in order to yield to the needs of others. Leaders need wisdom and self-confidence to affect change in all aspects of their lives. Some examples of leadership can include, but are not limited to, leading group activities in the classroom and in the community, being an officer in a club, being a primary member of the band or choir, or being the captain of a sports team.

Character: Character is what distinguishes one individual from another. It is the product of constant striving to make the right choices day after day. Students with good character demonstrate respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, fairness, caring, and citizenship in all of their actions.

NHS SCHEDULE 2016-2017

- ★ ~~September 13: Meeting #1 (old members only)~~
- ★ September 27: Meeting #2 (old members only)
- ★ October 11: Meeting #3 (first meeting with new members)
- ★ October 25: Meeting #4 (NHS Dues and Banquet forms are DUE)
- ★ November 2: NHS Banquet at Eagle Valley Golf Course from 6-7:30 PM
- ★ November 8: Meeting #5
- ★ November 22: Meeting #6
- ★ December 6: Meeting #7
- ★ January 3: Meeting #8
- ★ January 17: Meeting #9 (mid-year check-in on updating your hours sheets)
- ★ January 31: Meeting #10
- ★ February 14: Meeting #11
- ★ February 28: Meeting #12
- ★ March 14: Meeting #13
- ★ March 28: Meeting #14
- ★ April 18: Meeting #15
- ★ May 2: Meeting #16
- ★ May 16: Meeting #17 (officer elections for 2017-18)
- ★ May 30: Meeting #18

Dear NHS member,

We will be kicking off the new season with a banquet at Eagle Valley Golf Course (2600 Double Eagle Lane, Woodbury, MN 55129)

You and your family members are cordially invited to join MSA staff, current NHS members, and their families at Eagle Valley Golf Course on Wednesday, November 2nd, from 6:00pm-7:30pm.

Please fill out the attached form by including your name and how many family members will be requiring a meal. The meal price includes a buffet dinner.

The banquet payment, as well as the yearly NHS fee of \$10 per member is due by **October 25th**

Please cut off the bottom portion of this paper along with the check to give to Mrs. Ward, Ms. Harper or one of the officers ASAP. Thanks!

NHS member(s) _____

	Price		Quantity		Sub-total
• Buffet Dinner	\$20	X	_____	=	_____
• NHS fee	\$10	X	_____	=	_____
			Grand Total		_____

*checks are made out to: Math and Science Academy