POBJFK Honor Society Information

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL) HONOR SOCIETY

Membership: 20+  Ms. Yannotta

Purpose: A national organization that rewards excellence of achievement in American Sign Language; promote awareness of ASL; stimulate interest in the study of ASL and the impact of the Deaf community; explore career opportunities using ASL.

Activities: Grades 11,12. Must have a minimum average grade of 93.0 un-weighted in 2 prior years ASL courses and be currently enrolled in one ASL class. Must receive two teacher recommendations; one must be from a World Language teacher. Must submit essay on Scholarship, Leadership, Character and Service as it relates to ASL. Once membership begins, student must complete 10 hours of World Language Community Service.

*Applications distributed by World Language teachers to those students who meet academic requirements.

Meetings: Twice per month, 136

ART HONOR SOCIETY (National) Membership: 50+  Ms. Elder

Purpose: To recognize excellence in art and to promote art service throughout the community.

Requirements: Grades 10, 11,12. Must have a general GPA of 85.0 and completed one Art class with a minimum grade of 93.0 and be enrolled in an Art class the year of induction at JFK high school and for entire membership. Must receive two teacher recommendations; one must be from an Art teacher. Must submit essay on Scholarship, Leadership, Character and Service related to their art education. Membership fee of $20.00 for new members and $20.00 for current members. Once membership begins, student must attend at least 50% of National Art Honor Society meetings and 50% of either/and Art, Photo and/or Fashion club meetings. Complete 10 hours of art related community service hours each year once membership begins. Five (5) hours must be completed and turned in by January 31, 2019 and a minimum of 5 hours or more must be completed with NAHS & 5 hours can be outside school (art related). All hours must be completed during school year.

Activities: Paint Days with Senior Citizens, Child Care and staff; art murals; NAHS students curate & exhibit artwork at the Tim Sanchez Gallery; and work on all aspects of NAHS Induction ceremony, and more.

Meetings: Listed in 2018-19 NAHS Google Classroom

How to calculate if your ART GPA is academically eligible for NAHS:
1. Add final High School art grades together.
2. Divide your total by the number of classes you added.
3. This will give you your cumulative GPA (average) for Art

Sample:
Studio Art  95
Drawing & Painting I  94

Add  95 + 94 = 188
188 / 2 = 94 is your Art GPA

See your Guidance Counselor for your General GPA
BUSINESS HONOR SOCIETY
Membership: 65
Advisor: Ms. Tortoso

Purpose: A New York State organization that recognizes students with academic excellence in business. Provide service to the school and community by organizing and holding various fundraisers and activities.

Requirements:
- Completed application
- 93+ business GPA (weighted)
- 90+ overall GPA (weighted)
- Has taken 2 credits of business
- Juniors – Student is enrolled in a full credit of business for their Senior year.
- Sophomores – Student is enrolled in a full credit of business for their Junior year & will take a full credit of business their Senior year to maintain membership.
- Must submit essay on passion for Business education
- Business teacher recommendation
- General Education teacher recommendation
- Must be an active member of Moot Court, DECA, Wall St. Investors or in the process of completing an Internship/Service Learning or Work Study and put in at least 10 hours to such clubs once membership begins.
- If inducted to BHS, you will be required to complete 10 “leadership” points throughout the school year.

Activities: Plainview Challenge Business Competition (interscholastic)
Meetings: Quarterly, Location TBD

FRENCH HONOR SOCIETY (National)
Membership: 50+
Advisor: Ms. Williams

Purpose: A national organization that rewards excellence of achievement in the French language. The major purpose is to provide service to the school via an extensive tutoring program.

Requirements: Grades 11,12. Must have a minimum average grade of 93.0 un-weighted in 2 prior years’ French courses and be currently enrolled in one French class. Must receive two teacher recommendations; one must be from a World Language teacher. Must submit essay on Scholarship, Leadership, Character and Service in target language. Once membership begins, student must complete 10 hours of World Language Community Service.
*Applications distributed by World Language teachers to those students who meet academic requirements.
Annual dues $10.

Activities: Induction ceremony; tutoring program; fundraisers; charitable contributions; foreign language week activities; activities on francophone culture such as Buche de Noel cake contest; AATF Grand Concours National French Contest; AATF poetry contest.
Meetings: Twice per month, room 138
ITALIAN HONOR SOCIETY (National)
Membership: 25
Advisor:  Ms. Pupillo
Purpose: To recognize academic excellence in Italian; promote awareness of the Italian language and culture; stimulate interest in the study of Italian; provide leadership opportunities in the study of Italian
Requirements: Grades 11,12. Must have a minimum average grade of 93.0 un-weighted in 2 prior years’ Italian courses and be currently enrolled in one Italian class. Must receive two teacher recommendations; one must be from a World Language teacher. Must submit essay on Scholarship, Leadership, Character and Service in target language. Once membership begins, student must complete 10 hours of World Language Community Service.
*Applications distributed by World Language teachers to those students who meet academic requirements.
Activities: Tutoring program; fundraising for charitable organizations; play Italian scrabble; induction ceremony of new members; learn about Italian culture (food, music and life); participate in poetry contest and AATI national contest; Foreign Language Week; and field trips to Little Italy, etc.
Meetings: TBD

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
Membership: 150+
Advisor:  Ms. Baum
Purpose: To recognize students based on their Junior year high academic achievement. Candidates also possess character, leadership, and service qualities. Students provide community service which may include tutoring and other community activities.
Requirements: Cumulative minimum weighted GPA of 90.00. Qualified students must submit an essay and extensive Candidate Form showing leadership, service and character qualifications. All student Candidate Forms will be accessed via digital connections through our Google platform. Students must be approved by Faculty Council. Once membership begins, students must complete 10 hours of Community Service, 5 of which are with the NHS chapter. Of these 5 NHS hours, 2 hours are reserved for and of the NHS tutoring programs. Members must participate in at least 1 Chapter service project.
Annual dues $20.
Activities: Underclass tutoring program for Math, Social Studies and English; High School Homework Help; Senior to Senior Tutoring; Service Projects; Fundraising Programs; Scholarships; Community service & Induction Ceremony.
Meetings: (General Membership) Monthly 3rd Wednesday of each month, LGI or Cafeteria/ Library during LGI construction. (Executive Board) Monthly Tuesdays 11th-period room 161.
Contact: For general questions and inquiry email NHS@pobschools.org
Tutoring: For tutoring questions or to be paired with a tutor from NHS, email pobtutoring@gmail.com (active Sept-June)

SCIENCE HONOR SOCIETY
Membership: 150+
Advisor:  Ms. Barditch
Purpose: Promote scholarship, strengthen skills, promote leadership and develop character, render service within the science department, school and community; encourage students to seek science and technology-related careers; encourage talented students to help other students to develop an interest and achievement in science.
Requirements: Grades 10,11,12. Must have completed 2 years of high school level science. Must have a minimum science average of 93.0 (for students who have not taken Honors classes) or 90.0 (for students who have taken Honors classes) and be currently enrolled in one Science class. Must receive teacher recommendations from the previous two year’s Science teachers. Must submit essay on Scholarship, Leadership, Character and Service related to Science education.
Applications must be filled out on-line by qualified, interested students during the application period in September. Once membership begins, students must complete 10 hours of Science Department Community Service. Accepted members must attend a minimum of 50% of meetings.

Annual Dues: $10

**Activities:** Honor society meetings, tutoring, science service and a year-end induction ceremony. Trips can include judging science fairs at the middle schools or volunteering at a robotics completion.

**Meetings:** Monthly, Room 192AB or as announced

**Eligibility:** To see if you’re eligible, see Ms. Barditch’s eligibility worksheet in the Honor Society Information tab.

### SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY

**Membership:** 100+

**Advisor:** Ms. Visbal

**Purpose:** Provides a variety of leadership opportunities that are differentiated based on student interest. The SHS leadership is inclusive and invites all students who study Spanish, and other second languages to join in the fun and participate in constructive servicing learning opportunities.

**Requirements:** Grades 11, 12. Must have a minimum average grade of 93.0 un-weighted in 2 prior years Spanish courses and be currently enrolled in one Spanish class. Must receive two teacher recommendations; one must be from a World Language teacher. Must submit essay on Scholarship, Leadership, Character and Service in target language. Once membership begins, student must complete 10 hours of World Language Community Service.

*Applications distributed by World Language teachers to those students who meet academic requirements

**Activities:** Fundraisers for charity; Induction ceremony; Create Spanish newspaper; Poetry contest; Relay for Life; Mix-It-Up Day and Foreign Language Week festivities;

**Meetings:** Weekly for officers; twice per month for special committees; once per month for general membership gatherings

### THESPIAN HONOR SOCIETY (International)

**Membership:** 80+

**Advisor:** Mr. Olivari

**Purpose:** Designed to be an honorary organization that recognizes and rewards excellence among the participants in the theatre arts program. Thespian membership should be viewed as an honor and a goal to which participants in the theater arts program aspire. To become eligible for induction, students must earn 10 Thespian points through participation in high school productions. Once inducted, students must continue to perform in at least 1 Drama Cadets’ production each year.

*Applications distributed to qualified Drama Cadet students.

**Activities:** Assist with the fall and spring drama productions, usher drama productions, election of troupe officers, induction ceremony and dinner.

**Meetings:** Bi-monthly, Location: TBD
TRI-M MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY

Membership: 75+
Advisor: Mr. Rubin

Purpose: To recognize music students who have attained excellence of music performance and are leaders in their respective ensembles. With the privilege of being an excellent music student comes the responsibility to serve our school and community by performing live music at special concerts and other forums.

Requirements: Grades 11, 12. Must have a minimum grade of 93 or better and a minimum GPA of 85. Must have a NYSSMA grade of level 5 or 6A-minus or better. Must be enrolled in a music course at the time of selection as an apprentice as well as the previous year. Students must pass a Tri-M exam administered by Mr. Rubin and receive two teacher recommendations; one must be from a Music teacher. Must submit essay on Scholarship, Leadership, Character and Service related to Music education. Once membership begins, student must volunteer at various Tri-M events, participate in Musical Mornings, attend at least 75% of Tri-M meetings/rehearsals and perform at two concerts for senior citizens.

*Applications distributed by Music teachers to qualified students.

Annual dues $20

Activities: Manage refreshment concession and usher at school concerts; Concert for senior citizens at “Y”; Food drive for food bank; Charity concert; Movie night; “Musical Mornings” in school lobby; Certification class for tutors; Induction ceremony and reception; Award annual music scholarships.

Trips: Community and district-wide events

Meetings: Bi-weekly in Orchestra Room 163