

# **POBJFK Honor Society Information 2020-2021**

## **As of September 2020, All Meetings Will Be Virtual**

### **AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL) HONOR SOCIETY**

**Advisor:** Ms. Yannotta

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**Membership:** 20+

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

**Criteria:** **Grades 11 & 12.** Must have a minimum average grade of 93.0 unweighted in two prior year 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 an essay on Scholarship, Leadership, Character, and Service as it relates to ASL. Once membership begins, the student must complete 10 hours of World Language Community Service, with 2 of those 10 hours being completed specifically with the ASL Honor Society.

\*Application survey link will be distributed by World Language teachers.

**Meetings:** To be posted on Google Classroom; Bi-weekly (twice a month, once for board meetings and once for general meetings)

**Classroom Code:** Google Code is made available to active members once inducted into the Chapter.

### **ART HONOR SOCIETY (National)**

**Advisor:** Ms. Elder

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**Membership:** 50+

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

**Criteria:** **Grades 10, 11, & 12.** Must have a general GPA of 85.0, have 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 the entire membership. Must submit an essay showing leadership, service, and character qualifications. Annual membership fee is \$20.00. Once membership begins, students must:

- Attend at least 50% of National Art Honor Society meetings
- Complete all Chapter 2216 NAHS approved 10 hours of art related community service with Chapter 2216 NAHS each year once membership begins
- All hours of NAHS approved community service must be completed during the current school year. THREE (3) 40 minute periods equals TWO (2) Community Hours. (One 40 minute period is NOT one hour of Community Service). Five (5) hours of NAHS approved community service must be completed and digitally turned in through Google Forms. The remaining five (5) hours of Community Service must be completed and digitally turned in through Google Forms.

**Activities:** Paint days and craft days with senior citizens, child care, and staff; art murals; work on NAHS Courtyard activities, Homecoming activities, create crafts for fundraising. NAHS students also curate and exhibit artwork at the Tim Sanchez Gallery, work on all aspects of NAHS Induction ceremony, and more.

**Meetings:** To be posted on Google Classroom; One to two meetings per month

**New Applicant Classroom Code:** rrv5aog

**Current Member Google Code:** Google Code made available to active members once inducted into the Chapter.

**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 = 92

Drawing & Painting I = 94

Add 92 + 94 = 186

186 / 2 = **93 is your Art GPA**

**See your Guidance Counselor for your General GPA**

**BUSINESS HONOR SOCIETY**

**Advisor:** Ms. Tortoso

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**Membership:** 65+

**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.

**Criteria:**

- 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.
- 93+ business GPA (weighted, not rounded)
- 90+ overall GPA (weighted, not rounded)
- Must submit a 1-2 page, double spaced essay - "In your opinion, what is the importance of business education in high school?"
- Be an active member (at least 10 hours) of Moot Court, DECA, Wall Street Investors.
- Uphold the POBJFK code of conduct without violation.
- If accepted, the student must complete 10 "leadership points" to maintain membership. Until further notice, these leadership points will be completed virtually.
- \*Please note, our Internship course only counts as a credit towards BHS if you have already COMPLETED the course or are IN PROGRESS of completing the course. If it is a course you are taking next year as a business credit, it does not count towards your 1 or .5 credit to apply.
- Completed application
- Applications are distributed in April for a June Induction.

**Activities:** POB Challenge (interscholastic)

**Meetings:** Members will be notified of our meetings through the Remind app, an email and a reminder on our Google Classroom.

**Classroom Code:** Google Code is made available to active members once inducted into the Chapter.

**CHINESE HONOR SOCIETY (National)**

**Advisor:** Ms. Clausi

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**Membership:** TBD

**Purpose:** A national organization to reward excellence of achievement in the study of the Chinese language; promote awareness of the Chinese language and culture; stimulate interest in the study of Chinese and provide leadership opportunities for students dedicated to the study of the Chinese language. The purpose of the honor society is to encourage its members to become life-long learners in order to get a better understanding of the Chinese language and culture.

**Criteria:** **Grades 11 & 12.** The applicant must be a full time high school student who has studied Chinese

for four semesters in high school with a minimum average of 93.0 unweighted. A qualified candidate is someone who is willing to work with the school chapter advisor, as well as with other students, to serve as a positive role model in the area of Chinese studies. The applicant must receive two teacher recommendations. Must submit an essay on Scholarship, Leadership, Character, and Service in the target language. Once membership begins, the student must complete 10 hours of World Language Community Service.

\*Application survey link will be distributed by World Language teachers.

**Activities:** Community service activities, virtual tutoring, Lunar New Year celebrations, induction ceremony of new members, virtual language activities, virtual fundraisers.

**Meetings:** Twice per month on Tuesdays. Members will receive communications via Google Classroom and Remind

**Classroom Code:** Google Code is made available to active members once inducted into the Chapter.

## **FRENCH HONOR SOCIETY (National)**

**Advisor:** Ms. Williams

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**Membership:** 50+

**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.

**Criteria:** **Grades 11 & 12.** Must have a minimum average grade of 93.0 unweighted in two prior years' French courses and be currently enrolled in one French class. Must receive two teacher recommendations. Must submit an essay on Scholarship, Leadership, Character, and Service in the target language. Once membership begins, the student must complete 10 hours of World Language Community Service with 2 specifically completed through French Honor Society activities.

\*Application survey link will be distributed by World Language teachers.

**Activities:** Induction ceremony; tutoring program; fundraisers; charitable contributions; foreign language week activities; virtual activities on francophone. AATF competitions are subject to change and Bûche de Noël competition is postponed until further notice.

**Meetings:** Monthly for general members; Bi-monthly for executive board. Meetings to be posted on Google Classroom/Remind.

**Classroom Code:** Google Code is made available to active members once inducted into the Chapter. Accepted members should join the Google Classroom when the code is provided to them upon, and review the calendar of meetings as well as access the Google Meet Code.

## **ITALIAN HONOR SOCIETY (National)**

**Advisor:** Ms. Pupillo

**Contact:** [NPupillo@pobschools.org](mailto:NPupillo@pobschools.org)

**Membership:** 25+

**Purpose:** A national organization to reward excellence of achievement in the study of the Italian language; promote awareness of the Italian language and culture; stimulate interest in the study of Italian and provide leadership opportunities for students dedicated to the study of the Italian language.

**Criteria:** **Grades 11 & 12.** Must have a minimum average grade of 93.0 unweighted in two 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 an essay on Scholarship, Leadership, Character, and Service in the target language. Once membership begins, the student must complete 10 hours of World Language Community Service.

\*Application survey link will be distributed by World Language teachers.

**Activities:** Induction ceremony of new members; tutoring program; fundraising for charitable organizations; learn about Italian culture (food, music, and life); participate in poetry contests and AATI national contest; Foreign Language Week; play Italian virtual games and participate in virtual activities, etc.

**Meetings:** Twice per month to be announced on Google Classroom. More meetings as needed prior to larger events

**Classroom Code:** Google Code is made available to active members once inducted into the Chapter.

## **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

**Advisor:** Ms. Verdi

**Contact:** [NHS@pobschools.org](mailto:NHS@pobschools.org)

**Membership:** 170+

**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.

**Criteria:** **Grades 11 (in February) & 12 (in September).** Cumulative minimum weighted GPA of 90.00. Qualified students must submit (2) essays and an 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 the Faculty Council. Once membership begins, students must complete 10 hours of Community Service with the NHS chapter. Of these 10 NHS hours, five hours are reserved for the NHS tutoring programs. Members must participate in at least 1 Chapter service project totaling three hours and NHS approved community service for the remaining two hours. Annual dues are \$20.

\*All academically eligible students will be informed through official mailing sent home in **February for Juniors for the Spring induction** and in **September for the Fall inductions for Seniors**. All decisions on society membership will be mailed home.

**Activities:** 1:1 underclass tutoring program for math, social studies, and English; high school homework help; elementary childcare tutoring; senior to senior tutoring; middle school homework help; service projects; fundraising programs; scholarships; community service & Induction Ceremony. Programs have transitioned to virtual opportunities for the 20-21 school year.

**Meetings:** General membership monthly meetings every third Wednesday of the month during period 11 (when in person: the LGI). Executive Board bi-monthly meetings period 11 on Mondays (when in person: room 161).

**Contact:** For general questions and inquiry email [NHS@pobschools.org](mailto:NHS@pobschools.org)

**Tutoring:** For tutoring questions or to be paired with a tutor from NHS, email [pobtutoring@gmail.com](mailto:pobtutoring@gmail.com) (active Sept-June ONLY)

**Classroom Code:** To be made available to active members once inducted into the Chapter.

## **SCIENCE HONOR SOCIETY**

**Advisor:** Ms. Barditch

**Contact:** [SHS@pobschools.org](mailto:SHS@pobschools.org)

**Membership:** 180+

**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.

**Criteria:** **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 an essay on Scholarship, Leadership, Character and Service related to Science education. **To help you determine if you are eligible for the Science Honor Society, please see the "[Science Honor Society Eligibility Worksheet](#)"** ←**Click Here**. Annual Dues: \$10

\*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 virtual meetings.

**Activities:** Virtual honor society meetings, virtual tutoring, science service and a year-end induction ceremony (virtual if necessary).

**Meetings:** Monthly: dates to be announced on Google Classroom & on Ms. Barditch's Website.

**Classroom Code:** Google Code is made available to active members once inducted into the Chapter.

## **SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY (National)**

**Advisor:** Ms. Visbal

**Contact:** [Cvisbal@pobschools.org](mailto:Cvisbal@pobschools.org)

**Membership:** 180+

**Purpose:** Promote and raise awareness of the importance of mastering Spanish, as a Second (L2) Language, through a variety of virtual activities, that generate and develop a positive school-community culture, related to the world-wide Spanish-speaking culture. Encourage academic achievement sponsored by the AATSP, American Association of Teachers of Spanish & Portuguese in regional, state, and national competitions. Develop L2 leadership skills. Organize and participate in virtual fundraising and community service events. Practice and promote Social Emotional Learning.

**Criteria:** **Grades 11 & 12.** Must have a minimum average grade of 93.0 unweighted in two 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 an essay on Scholarship, Leadership, Character, and Service in the target language. Once membership begins, the student must complete 10 hours of World Language Community Service. Five of those hours must be Spanish related. Membership dues for Induction are approximately \$15

\*Application survey link will be distributed by World Language teachers. Accepted members must attend a minimum of 50% of virtual meetings.

**Activities:** Regional, state, and international competitions w/ AATSP; installation of members; end of year awards for general membership & officers. Preparing Honor Society Induction Applications for new members / Planning for, Organizing, and Carrying out our 1st Virtual World Language Induction Ceremony / Promoting an essay contest for Hispanic Heritage Month / Raising awareness for Spanish Culture at "Back to School Night" / Run a virtual "mask" fundraiser for Members at Parent-Teacher Conferences / Establishing a Remote Spanish Tutoring Program / Preparing for a Día de los Muertos cultural celebration with e-Skull Posters / Design a Social-distance Walk for Life / Develop a quizlet account for members to make a bank of quizlets for Spanish classes to utilize before a test / Prepare Google slide for School Club Fair / Promote the AATSP "PostCard Contest" / Develop a Virtual Spanish Story-Telling Podcast to share with Hispanic children in recovery at the Ronald McDonald House

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

**Classroom Code:** Google Code is made available to active members once inducted into the Chapter.

## **THESPIAN HONOR SOCIETY (International)**

**Advisor:** Mr. Olivari

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**Membership:** 80+

**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.

**Criteria:** **Grades 10, 11, & 12.** There is no GPA requirement to be eligible for induction in the Thespian Honor Society. To become eligible for induction, students must earn 10 Thespian points through participation in high school productions. Students are inducted in the spring of their sophomore year. Once inducted, students must complete 10 hours of community service and continue to perform in at least 1 Drama Cadets' production each year.

\*Applications distributed to qualifying Drama Cadet students.

**Activities:** Assist with the virtual fall and spring drama productions; election of troupe officers; induction ceremony

**Meetings:** Bi-monthly (notifications sent via e-mail and REMIND)

**Classroom Code:** Google Code is made available to active members once inducted into the Chapter.

## **TRI-M MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY**

**Advisor:** Mr. Bartley

**Contact:** [DBartley@pobschools.org](mailto:DBartley@pobschools.org)

**Membership:** 75+

**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.

**Criteria:** **Grades 11 & 12.** Must have a minimum grade of 93.00 in music and a minimum overall GPA of 85.00 unweighted. Must have a NYSSMA grade of level 5 or 6A-minus or better OR have been registered to perform a level 5 or 6 NYSSMA solo in spring 2020. 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. Bartley and receive two teacher recommendations; one must be from a music teacher. Once membership begins, students must volunteer for a minimum of 10 hours at various Tri-M events such as participating in Musical Mornings, senior center performances, and others. Members must also attend at least 75% of Tri-M meetings to maintain membership. Annual dues are \$20.

\*Applications distributed by Music teachers to qualified students.

**Activities:** In a typical year, manage refreshment concession and usher at school concerts; concert for senior citizens at "Y"; food drive for the food bank; charity concert; movie night; Musical Mornings in school lobby; certification class for tutors; induction ceremony and reception; award annual music scholarships

**Trips:** Currently On Hold

**Meetings:** Bi-weekly on Tuesdays. Students who are eligible to become Tri-M Apprentices will be identified by the music department and contacted individually, at which time they will be given the Google Classroom and Google Meet codes.

**Classroom Code:** To be made available to active apprentices once invited to join the Chapter.

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