

# **POBJFK Honor Society Information 2019-2020**

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

**Advisor:** Ms. Yannotta

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

**Meetings:** Twice per month in room 136

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

**Advisor:** Ms. Elder

**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 receive two teacher recommendations; one must be from an Art teacher. Must submit an essay showing leadership, service, and character qualifications. Annual membership fee is \$20.00. For general questions and inquiry email [relder@pobschools.org](mailto:relder@pobschools.org)

Once membership begins, students must:

- Attend at least 50% of National Art Honor Society meetings and 50% of either/and Art, Photo and/or Fashion club 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 by January 28, 2020. The remaining five (5) hours of Community Service must be completed and digitally turned in through Google Forms by April 27, 2020.

**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:** Listed in 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**

**Advisor:** Ms. Tortoso

**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)
- 90+ overall GPA (weighted)
- Submit an essay on the importance of Business Education.
- Submit a Business Teacher and General Education teacher recommendation.
- Be an active member (at least 10 hours) of Moot Court, DECA, Wall Street Investors, OR is currently enrolled in 100 hours of our Internship Program.
- Uphold the POBJFK code of conduct without violation.
- If accepted, the student must complete 10 “leadership points” to maintain membership.
- Completed application

**Activities:** Plainview Challenge Business Competition (interscholastic)

**Meetings:** Quarterly, Location TBD

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

**Advisor:** Ms. Williams

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

**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 in room 134

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

**Advisor:** Ms. Pupillo

**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.
- 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 contests and AATI national contest; Foreign Language Week; and field trips to Little Italy, etc.
- Meetings:** Twice per month in room 195

## **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

- Advisor:** Ms. Verdi
- Membership:** 150+
- 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:** 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 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.
- 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
- Meetings:** General membership monthly meetings every third Wednesday of the month in the LGI Executive Board bi-monthly meetings period 11 on Mondays in 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)

## **SCIENCE HONOR SOCIETY**

- Advisor:** Ms. Barditch
- Membership:** 150+
- Purpose:** Promote scholarship, strengthen skills, promote leadership, 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 two 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 years' science teachers. Must submit an 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 are \$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 competition.
- Meetings:** Monthly meetings in room 192A/A (or as announced)
- Eligibility:** See Ms. Barditch's eligibility worksheet in the Honor Society Information tab to help determine you're eligibility.

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

- Advisor:** Ms. Visbal
- Membership:** 100+
- 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 service learning opportunities.
- 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.  
\*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)**

- Advisor:** Mr. Olivari
- 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:** 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 qualifying 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**

- Advisor:** Mr. Bartley
- 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 or better and a minimum GPA of 85.00. 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. Bartley 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 are \$20.

**Activities:** 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:** Community and district-wide events

**Meetings:** Bi-weekly in room 163 (orchestra room)

*Updated: January 2020*