

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Membership in the Franciscan Chapter of the National Honor Society requires a standard in scholarship, leadership, service, and character. The Society recognizes the total student who excels in all these areas.

To be considered for membership, juniors and seniors must fulfill the following obligations prior to their candidacy:

- participate in SFP extra-curricular school activities;
- participate in on-going service to school and outside community (see below);
- maintain a minimum yearly average of at least 90% and maintain a cumulative average of 90%;
- complete or be enrolled in at least three Honor/Advanced Placement courses; one within junior year.

Each candidate completes an application modeled on the National Honor Society norms adopted by the SFP chapter. Failure to adhere to specific deadlines or requirements nullifies the application. Accepted members are required to continue the above mentioned activities, complete 20 hours of service, maintain the minimum of 90% for both current and cumulative averages, and to live up to the promises and ideals made in their Induction Pledge. Additionally, members must complete three Honors or Advanced Placement courses over the course of their four years. One of these courses must be completed during 11th grade.

Adherence to SFP's Honor Code and school regulations is expected of all NHS members and applicants. Violation of the Honor Code or repeated disciplinary referrals will nullify eligibility for admission and terminate active membership.

Candidacy and admissions are the responsibility of the Faculty Council. The Faculty Council consists of faculty members appointed by the Principal. The Faculty Council reviews the candidates' application forms and any other verifiable information about the candidates. Inductees must receive a majority of votes from the Council. Two reviews occur annually: seniors apply in September and juniors apply in November. The Induction Ceremony occurs in January.

### Service Requirements

Students must have completed 35 hours of combined service to the school and outside community to be eligible to apply. A student can achieve this minimum eligibility in two ways: 1) Applicant completes 25 hours of continuous service with one community organization and 10 additional hours of service to SFP; or, 2) applicant must have completed 25 hours of combined service to SFP and 10 additional hours to outside community groups.

### Example #1

Student served his or her parish as an altar server for a total of 10 hours during their 9th and 10th grades + 25 hours of service to SFP by assisting with an Open House (8 hours), Peer Tutoring (10 hours), and singing in the Liturgical Ensemble (7 hours).

### Example #2

Student volunteers at Ozanam Hall for 25 hours during 11th grade + 10 hours of school service by volunteering at Presentation Soup Kitchen (2 hours), and Open House (8 hours).

"On-going" service = 25 completed hours with one organization. Completion of these hours can occur during summer or vacation.

## NEW YORK STATE SCIENCE HONOR SOCIETY FRANCISCAN CHAPTER

The purpose of the Franciscan Chapter of the NYS Science Honor Society is to acknowledge those students excelling in the field of science.

The criteria used for consideration in the society are as follows:

- a. The student must be in junior or senior year and must have completed 1 year at St. Francis Prep
- b. The student must have a cumulative average of 92.0 or higher and have grades of :
  - 92 or higher in any regular Science or Math class
  - 90 or higher in any honors Math or Science class
  - 88 or higher in any Advanced Placement Math or Science class
- c. The student must be enrolled in 1 full credit of Science.
- d. Students accepted in junior year are re-evaluated for senior year membership.
- e. Junior inductees must complete 20 service hours to be reconsidered as seniors. New seniors must complete 20 service hours and returning seniors must complete 10 service hours. Failure to complete service hours as a junior disqualifies the student for senior membership.

Upon receiving an invitation to join the Honor Society, students will receive a full explanation of all requirements for continued membership in the Society.

Students will address any questions or concerns to the chapter moderator.

Members are required to do in-school service. This service should be in science. Service may be Peer Tutoring through the Guidance Office (W-101), teacher assistants (in class or in lab), lab aides, or volunteer work at science after-school activities. Any service not listed must be approved by the chapter moderator before serving.

All members must maintain a service log (available on the St. Francis Prep website). Log sheets will be collected at the end of each quarter and mid-third quarter. Senior service must be completed by the ceremony; junior service must be completed by May 31st.

The senior class members of the society elect members of their class for the following positions: President, Vice-President, and Secretary.

## THE NATIONAL ENGLISH HONOR SOCIETY

The National English Honor Society (NEHS), founded and sponsored by Sigma Tau Delta, is the only national organization exclusively for high school students who, in the field of English, merit special note for past and current accomplishments. The St. Francis Prep chapter is composed of superior students who have distinguished themselves in literary studies during their time at St. Francis.

The criteria for admission for students include:

1. Junior or senior level at SFP
2. At least a 90 cumulative average in English at SFP (Student must never have failed a quarter.)
3. Taken English Honors/AP in at least 2 of their years at SFP
4. Been nominated for membership by a current or former SFP English teacher.

Our school's chapter is called the "Red and Blue Chapter" because the name has relevance to the history and tradition of St. Francis Prep. Since the school colors often have literary significance and symbolism, this name is appropriate.

The chapter's moderator is Stephen A. Marino, Ph.D., Chairperson of the English Department.

