

ATTENTION NHS MEMBERS:

**NHS is going green and the NHS Electronic Calendar is here! Please go to Sequoits.com-->Activities-->Clubs-->National Honor Society. Here you will find a live calendar and will be updated with any possible changes or additions to the schedule (special events, etc). Please save it to your favorites and check regularly: <http://www.sequoits.com/Activities/NHS/index.html>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! The following are mandatory meeting dates for 2009-2010:

August 24, 2010
September 21, 2010
October 26, 2010
November 16, 2010
December 14, 2010 (Service hours due - 1st semester)
January 18, 2011
February 8, 2011
March 15, 2011
April 5, 2011 (Service hours due - 2nd semester)
April 10, 2011 (Sunday - Induction Ceremony 1:30 - 5:00 pm)
May 17, 2011



- Meetings are held once a month at **6:30 pm** in the **auditorium (TIME AND LOCATION ARE NEW THIS YEAR!)** ***Note: the meetings are NOT consistent with the third week of the month as they were last year, so please note specific meeting dates accordingly.*
- **Induction - Sunday, April 10, 2011.** Setup will begin at 1:30 pm. Ceremony begins at 3:00 pm.
- **Extreme Makeover- Exact date TBD.** This is a mandatory service project for all members. Plan on it tentatively taking place on a Sunday in October.

Please make arrangements to attend all mandatory meetings, induction, and service projects.

If you are unable to attend a meeting for any reason, you must see Ms. Jowers or Mrs. Krass **prior to the meeting** to report the absence and complete the required form (*located outside of office 251 in the file holder*). If you were not in school on the day of the meeting, we will verify your excused absence in the school attendance records and record the excused absence for the meeting. Please remember, **work is not considered an excused absence.** Give the enclosed letter to your employer regarding required attendance dates. If you missed a meeting for any reason, it is your responsibility to obtain information regarding the meeting from an advisor. **You are required to attend induction - no excuses!**

Service hour deadlines for 2010-2011:

- All **summer** service hours are **due by October 4, 2010 (1st Monday in October)**
- Required service hours for **first semester** are **due by December 14, 2010**
- Required service hours for **second semester** are **due by April 5, 2011**

*Note: Summer service hours count toward your first semester service hour requirements. You will receive credit for a maximum of half of your required service hours for the year. **Submit all service hours** even if you have met the minimum required. Extra hours will be considered for service awards and are used to report chapter accomplishments for the year.*

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Newsletter, service opportunities and important information:

Be sure to check your **school email** on a **regular basis** for updates and information (*You will miss out on VERY important information if you get behind on school email*). Make sure your preferences are set up to delete junk mail so you will not exceed your limited space on your email account. NHS related information will also be posted on the NHS bulletin board located outside Room 251 (NHS Office). Service opportunities, both in and outside of the school, are sent by email and are posted on the bulletin board outside the office.

It is your responsibility to obtain information regarding meetings, service projects, and service opportunities to ensure you meet your obligations. If you have any questions, please feel free to come see us. (Ms. Jowers or Mrs. Krass - Room 251).

Required service hours - Minimum 40 hours total during entire membership:

- **Juniors** will be required to complete **20 service hours** during their first year of membership
 - Minimum of 10 hours due by December 14, 2010 (Can include up to 10 summer hours submitted by October 4, 2010)
 - Minimum of remaining 10 hours due by April 5, 2011
- **Returning Seniors** will be required to complete **20 service hours** during their second year of membership
 - Minimum of 10 hours due by December 14, 2010 (Can include up to 10 summer hours submitted by October 4, 2010)
 - Minimum of remaining 10 hours due by April 5, 2011
- **First year members who are Seniors** must complete all **40 required service hours** this year
 - Minimum of 20 hours due by December 14, 2010 (Can include up to 20 summer hours submitted by October 4, 2010)
 - Minimum of remaining 20 hours due by April 5, 2011
- **Early grad seniors must submit all service hours due for the year by December 14, 2010**

In-school service hours:

- **Service hours** completed during the **regular school day**
- **No more than half** of your required service hours can be for **in-school service hours**
- **Additional hours** should be submitted and count as **"extra hours"**

Examples: Advisory, teacher aide, office aide, library aide, pre-school aide, etc.

Community service hours:

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- **Service provided before or after school hours**
- **Service provided in the evening or on weekends**
- **Service provided on days when school is not in session**
- **At least half of your service hours must be community service hours**
- **Volunteer hours only**

Examples: School events (Open House, Teacher Parent Conferences, concessions, etc.), work performed for a not-for-profit organization (Open Arms, Habitat for Humanity, etc.), volunteer at Public Library, Parks and Recreation, Victory Lakes, for your church, structured tutoring, etc.

Examples of service hours that will not be considered:

- **When required for class** (Choral and band concerts, Math Fair, Concession stand or fundraiser for a sport, team manager IF you receive a varsity letter for it, etc.)
- **Work performed for compensation** (Wages, discount received, etc.)
- **Hours signed by parent** (Must be signed by someone else in organization)
- **Babysitting** (Relatives or others)
- **Work for neighbor or relative** (Yard work, etc. will not be considered for service hours)
- **Giving blood**

IMPORTANT: Be sure to ask an advisor if you have any questions. If you are not certain that your service hours will be approved, ask to make sure you will receive credit for those hours. You must meet your minimum obligation by the deadlines with approved service hours. Email is the fastest way to get a hold of advisors if you have any questions or concerns. We prefer that students contact us if there is a problem, as opposed to parents/guardians contacting us regarding the situation. Thank you.

Sincerely,




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