

## **ATTENTION NHS MEMBERS:**

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

August 25, 2009\*\*  
September 15, 2009  
October 20, 2009  
November 17, 2009  
December 15, 2009 (Service hours due – 1<sup>st</sup> semester)  
January 19, 2010  
February 16, 2010  
March 16, 2010  
April 20, 2010 (Service hours due – 2<sup>nd</sup> semester)  
April 18, 2010 (Sunday – Induction Ceremony 1:30 – 5:00 pm)  
May 18, 2010



- **Meetings** are the **third Tuesday** of the month at 6:00 pm in the cafeteria.  
\*\**Note special meeting on August 25 at 6:00pm*
- **Induction – Sunday, April 18, 2010.** Setup will begin at 1:30 pm. Ceremony begins at 3:00 pm.

**Please make arrangements to attend all mandatory meetings and induction.**

If you are unable to attend a meeting for any reason, you must see Mrs. Krass or Ms. Kenney **prior to the meeting** to report the absence and complete the required form. 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 adviser. **You are required to attend induction – no excuses!**

**Service hour deadlines for 2009-2010:**

- All **summer** service hours are **due by to October 1, 2009**
- Required service hours for **first semester** are **due by December 15, 2009**
- Required service hours for **second semester** are **due by April 20, 2010**

*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.*

**SEE BACK FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING SERVICE HOURS.**

**Newsletter, service opportunities and important information:**

Be sure to check your **school email** on a **regular basis** for updates and information. 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 the library entrance. Service opportunities are sent by email and are posted on the bulletin board in the Library. **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. (Mrs. Krass or Ms. Jowers – 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 15, 2009 (Can include up to 10 summer hours submitted by October 1, 2009)
  - Minimum of remaining 10 hours due by April 20, 2010
- **Returning Seniors** will be required to complete **20 service hours** during their second year of membership
  - Minimum of 10 hours due by December 15, 2009 (Can include up to 10 summer hours submitted by October 1, 2009)
  - Minimum of remaining 10 hours due by April 20, 2010
- **First year** members who are **Seniors** must complete all **40 required service hours** this year
  - Minimum of 20 hours due by December 15, 2009 (Can include up to 20 summer hours submitted by October 1, 2009)
  - Minimum of remaining 20 hours due by April 20, 2010
- **Early grad seniors must submit all service hours due for the year by December 15, 2008**

### **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, etc.

### **Community service hours:**

- **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, 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 adviser 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.