



**NJHS**

### **Selection Procedure Description**

The National Junior Honor Society chapter of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity is a duly chartered and affiliated chapter of this prestigious national organization. Membership is open to those students who meet the required standards in five areas of evaluation: scholarship, service, leadership, character and citizenship. Students are selected for membership by majority vote of a six--member principal-appointed faculty council, which bestows this honor upon qualified students on behalf of the faculty of our school each May.

Students in grade 6, 7 and 8 are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a GPA of 3.85 or better on a 4.3 scale two consecutive trimesters. Each spring, those students who meet this criterion are invited to complete a candidate application that provides the faculty council with information regarding the candidate's leadership and service.

To evaluate a candidate's character, the faculty council uses three forms of input. First, school disciplinary records are reviewed. Second, members of the faculty are solicited for input regarding their professional reflections on a candidate's service activities, character, and leadership. Finally, candidates need to complete a candidate application and an essay.

Any solicited faculty input and all Candidate Applications are carefully reviewed by the faculty council to determine membership. A majority vote of the council is necessary for selection. Candidates are notified regarding selection or non selection according to a predetermined schedule.

Following notification, a formal induction ceremony is held at the school to recognize all the newly selected members. Once inducted, new members are required to maintain the same level of performance (or better) in all four criteria that led to their selection.