

## National Junior Honor Society

One of the many ways that we honor students at RCMS is through invitation and induction into the National Junior Honor Society. The NJHS recognizes students for excellence in Scholarship, Character, Leadership, Citizenship, and Service. Membership in the society indicates that a student attains, demonstrates, and promotes all of these qualities. The NJHS candidate also makes a commitment to contribute positively to the school community. All seventh grade students who have maintained a 3.5 cumulative GPA (grade point average) in the first three quarters of seventh grade will be invited to complete an application to join the NJHS. The 3.5 GPA is calculated by the county office and not at RCMS. The query used to calculate a 3.5 is 3.4999. Any average below the 3.4999 is **not** considered a 3.5. Students will **not** receive GPA notifications throughout the year. It is the responsibility of the student to check for and maintain a 3.5 GPA. The student's counselor can instruct the student how to do this. Besides maintaining a 3.5 GPA (Scholarship), students must write an essay on how they meet the other four qualities. They must also receive teacher/staff recommendations.

In eighth grade, students inducted into the NJHS must maintain a 3.5 GPA and complete 20 hours of service at RCMS. These hours are considered an essential part of this society and must be completed in order for the student to remain a member and receive an NJHS pin. If you have questions about the NJHS, please call your child's counselor.