

My name is Amy Lach and I am a 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher here at FMS. I am also the advisor for the Franklin Middle chapter of **The National Junior Honor Society**.

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) elevates a school's commitment to the values of scholarship, community service, leadership, character and citizenship. These are the 5 pillars that have been associated with membership in the organization since its inception in 1929.

Today, it is estimated that more than 1 million students participate in NJHS activities. NJHS is found in all 50 states, US territories and other countries around the world. Chapter membership not only recognizes students for their accomplishments, but also challenges them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service.

The 5 main purposes of NJHS here at FMS is to create enthusiasm for learning and scholarship, to stimulate the desire to help serve others, to promote positive leadership among their peers, to encourage responsible citizenship and to develop character in middle school age students.

Our National Junior Honor Society Club is for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders only. The FMS chapter requires a 96.0 average for the first 2 marking periods. This has been our scholarship cutoff for the past 19 years. There is no rounding up. National Junior Honor Society is a membership for committed scholars who place great value on their education and their character as an individual.