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English Honor Society
Chapter Name -Valley of the Ashes
Advisor: Mrs. Tarkington

Grade of the student to apply: 11th grade (12th graders are eligible as well)

Application Requirements:

1. Attendance at the school the equivalent of one semester prior to being considered
2. An overall GPA of 87 or above
3. A 92 or above combined average for English (9th and 10th grades)
4. The signature of your guidance counselor
5. No serious referrals or disciplinary record
- *6. Completion of an application process (after you have met 1-5)

Application Process:

- Attend an interest meeting for all eligible applicants in late September / early October
- Download, review and complete the introductory letter and application on the NEHS Google classroom that will be provided to all interested applications at the interest meeting
- Join the Remind App for updates, announcements and reminders. This code will also be available at the initial interest meeting and posted to the NEHS Google classroom
- Complete the application as instructed and attend any announced meetings leading up to the date of application submission
- Submit application along with your best work of writing and an explanation as to why you chose it

Application Timeline: The application process will span during the month of October and will be due **NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 1st, 2017**. There are no exceptions to the deadline policy.

Honor Society Responsibilities: NEHS member responsibilities include, but are not solely limited to the following:

- Maintaining good character, role modeling and ethical decision making during your membership
- Maintaining good, academic standing during your membership that is aligned with the requirements of the society
- Regularly attend all meetings (meetings will range in frequency from 1-3 times per month, depending on the events we have scheduled during a particular month)
- Participation and cooperation in the following NEHS sponsored events: The induction (2/6/18), National Poetry Month and Poem In Your Pocket Day (April), Shakespeare's Birthday Celebration (April) and Shakespeare Education with knighthorse Theater Company (April / May)

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- 10 hours of community service pertaining to or relating to the reading / writing / artistic / theater communities such as, but not limited to: tutoring in reading, writing, ELA or ELL, tutoring or appearances for readings at libraries, bookstores, nursing homes, daycares, etc., assistance or tutoring with reading or writing with peers / students who may need support in PV schools, assistance or volunteering with Theaterworks or other theatrical productions

Date of Induction: Tuesday, February 6, 2018 : 7pm (Snow date TBD)

French and Spanish Honor Society

Chapter Name- Victor Hugo

Advisor: Alexis Thornton

Grade of the student to apply: 11th or 12th

Application Requirements:

- Students are eligible after completion of Level 3 and enrollment into Level 4
- Any student who is permitted by the department to skip over a level and enter into another (example: skip level 3 and go straight to level 4), must complete 2 years of study of the language at the high school in order to be eligible for membership.
- Students must maintain an 89 or better in French over the course of Levels 2 & 3
- Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of B or better (85+) overall in their classes over the course of Freshmen & Sophomore Years
- A student who is ineligible after calculating grades for levels 2 & 3 may be considered for enrollment after completion of Level 4 and entrance into Level 5 by recalculating grades and must have earned an 89 overall in French (by averaging two years of their French studies) and must have earned an overall GPA of 85 or higher
- In order to maintain active status (and graduate with cords), a student must continue through their senior year in high school
- *ONLY EXCEPTION IS FOR STUDENTS WHO COMPLETE THE REQUIREMENTS IN SPANISH AND SWITCH TO FRENCH- THEIR MEMBERSHIP MAY BE TRANSFERRED

Application Process:

- Advisor(s) will analyze student world language grades for levels 2 and 3
- If a student has met the required GPA in their world language class, they are invited to complete an application form
- Application form contains basic information and requires them to visit guidance and obtain their overall GPA (with guidance signature)- form is to be returned to advisor by mid-October

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- If a student has met all of the requirements, they receive an invitation to the induction ceremony

Application Timeline:

- Applications are distributed to students who have met the world language requirements by late September/ early October
- Final applications are due by **mid-October**
- Invitations to Induction ceremony are sent to those who have met all requirements by late October

Honor Society Responsibilities:

- Attend induction ceremony practice and induction ceremony
- One meeting monthly as well as special events (National French Week celebration, Mardi Gras celebration, National Foreign Language Week celebration)
- Students are encouraged to participate in the International Dinner (not mandatory)
- Students must complete 6 hours of community service by May (students are given a variety of ways to meet community service hours including tutoring, helping prepare materials for French classes, participation in International Dinner)

Date of Induction: **Wednesday, November 8th, 2017: 7pm**

Math Honor Society
Chapter Name- Mu Alpha Theta
Advisor- Mrs. Rossano (mrossano@pvesd.org)

Grade of the student to apply: 10th-12th (The student must have completed 2 years of high school level math.)

Application Requirements:

- Completed at least 2 years of high school level mathematics
- Currently enrolled in a mathematics course
- Mathematical work was done with distinction (90 or above weighted overall average for all math course work)
- A score of 70 or above on all Math Regents exams

Application Process: (Bulleted)

- At the end of second quarter, obtain an application from your current math teacher or Mrs. Rossano
- Complete the application and submit it to Mrs. Rossano by the deadline

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- Ask your current math teacher to complete a recommendation form - they will return it to Mrs. Rossano.
- You will receive a letter informing you of whether your application has been accepted.

Application Timeline: The process starts at the end of the second quarter as students' 1st and 2nd quarter math grades are included in their weighted average. Applications are due in mid- to late February and students will be informed of the status of their application by the beginning of March.

Honor Society Responsibilities: 10 hours of math tutoring annually, attend meetings, attend the Induction ceremony annually, maintain GPA requirements

Date of Induction: March 15, 2018 at 7 PM in the PAC (Snow Date: March 14, 2018)

Music Honor Society
Chapter Name- Tri-M
Advisor: Mr. Odell

Grade of the student to apply: 11th Grade

Application Requirements:

- Score of 95 or better NYSSMA Solo 5,
- 90 or better on NYSSMA Level 6 or
- Recording of audition piece of similar level of difficulty.
- Written ESSAY.

In order to be considered for membership, a student must:

- have been enrolled in a music ensemble and/or class for at least one semester of the current school year at Putnam Valley High School;
- exhibit leadership, service, and character in their activities while at Putnam Valley High School; and
- have maintained for the previous semester at least a **95** average grade or equivalent in music with at least a **80** average grade or equivalent in other academic subjects.

Application Process:

The application process for Tri-M is done in Google Classroom and is 100% paperless. The application process begins in late January/February and is detailed on the google site.

Students submit:

- 1) A Pre-Application Form (signed by their counselor verifying their grades) then
- 2) Submit a audio recording or copy of previous years NYSSMA score with a
- 3) Essay (subject of which is presented at the time of application.

Application Timeline: Approx 1 month January-February or each school year

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Honor Society Responsibilities:

- Attend General Membership meetings (1 per month)
- Attend Executive Board meetings if needed (TBD)
- Student leadership positions available with more significant responsibilities.
- General Membership Responsibilities:
 - Participate/contribute to annual Tri-M activities and programs
 - Volunteer for at least 3 musical events throughout the school year
 - Serve at the request of student leadership
 - Maintain academic requirements throughout the year

Date of Induction: **Wednesday, February 28th : 7pm** (Snow Date March 1) 2018

National Honor Society

Advisor: Ms. Penta (lpenta@pvcsd.org)

Grade of the student to apply:

- In 11th grade contingent upon an NHS Invitation Letter that is sent in late February. This letter will notify the student regarding the details of the application process.
- In 12th grade contingent upon an NHS Invitation Letter that is sent in late September. This letter will notify the student regarding the details of the application process.

Application Requirements:

- You must have completed at least five semesters of high school coursework.
- You must have at least an 89.5 cumulative GPA. All students meeting these first two criteria will be invited, in writing, to complete this application. Home-schooled students please contact the Advisor if you qualify and have not been contacted.
- You must have earned a minimum of 20 hours of documented community service to date, with Mr. O'Connor.

Application Process: (Bulleted)

- The NHS application is available on the Putnam Valley School District website (**PVCS.D.ORG**) under the **HIGH SCHOOL PAGE/ STUDENT RESOURCES/HONOR SOCIETIES / NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**.
- **TYPE** all the information directly on the application. After completing your portion of the application, print it out so you can gather all the appropriate signatures. Please allocate enough time to complete the **ENTIRE** application and get all the signatures. References are not always available the day before the application is due so do not wait to get signatures.
- Review your application carefully to be certain that all sections have been completed to the best of your ability.

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- Examine your application for neatness, grammar, punctuation, spelling, and writing skill. These will be taken into consideration when evaluating your application.
- Scan and submit your signed application using this form (URL) by the due date.
- **Incomplete or late applications will be disqualified.**
- The PVHS National Honor Society Faculty Council will review all applications and identify qualified candidates. **All applicants will be notified by email.**
- Please note that completion of this application **DOES NOT** guarantee acceptance into the National Honor Society.
- **Any questions should be directed to the PVHS National Honor Society Advisor, Ms. Lisa Penta (lpenta@pvcsd.org) .**

Application Timeline: Approximately 1 month: February to March (for 11th grade) and September to October (for 12th grade)

Application due dates are posted on the PVHS NHS website.

Honor Society Responsibilities:

1. Attend bi-weekly NHS meeting. Meetings are held after school every other week, when possible, in Room 316.
2. Complete an additional 20 hours of service during my membership in NHS per the guidelines of the Putnam Valley High School Chapter of NHS.
3. Maintain your GPA: Your GPA should not fall below an 89.5 any semester. Should your GPA fall below the 89.5 minimum, your membership will be jeopardized, and you will be subject to review by the Faculty Council and possible dismissal.
4. Participate in NHS sponsored events (Peer Tutoring, Blood Drives, Maria Farari Children's Hospital, Pajama Program, Relay for Life etc.)
5. Abide by the Code of Conduct, school rules, local, state and federal laws. Should a member be found to participate in any activity that is illegal, inappropriate or unacceptable, the member will be reviewed by the Faculty Council. They will, with the Administration, determine the appropriate consequences up to and including dismissal.
6. Students who fulfill the duties of the NHS will graduate with **DISTINCTION** and will receive the NHS Honor Cord to wear at graduation.

Date of Induction: **Thursday, April 26th 2018 at 7pm**

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Science Honor Society

Advisor: Mr. Horr

Grade of the student to apply: 10-12

Application Requirements: Must be at least sophomore, cumulative GPA 85%, science GPA 90% (may include middle school Earth Science if helps), must be enrolled in Honors science course, AP, science research or physics at time of application and throughout entire membership.

Application Process: download and complete application on HS website under Honor Societies or by clicking here: <https://sites.google.com/pvcasd.org/sciencenationalhonorsociety/>

- List science courses, current GPA overall and in science and have signed by guidance
- 300 word essay: "What does science mean to you and how does it impact your life?"
- sign agreement
- list service you've provided community
- list leadership activities
- have someone complete the recommendation form and submit in sealed envelope or directly to supervisor
- turn in application by first Friday of October unless otherwise stated/posted

Application Timeline: Applications are available from the beginning of June (prior to applying year) until the first Friday of October of the applying year.

Applications are due on **October 6, 2017 by 2pm** in Mr. Horr's mailbox for the 2017-2018 school year.

Honor Society Responsibilities: 10 hours of community service annually, attend meetings, assist in tutoring science in HS & middle school, seniors must assist 4th graders in designing their experiments twice and then all seniors attend the ES science fair, maintain GPA requirements, continue upper level science courses listed on the application and in the PV SNHS Constitution.

Date of Induction: Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 7pm