

November 15, 2010

Dear Students and Parents:

As you are aware, National Honor Society inductions were to be held at our school this morning. This letter will clarify why the ceremony was postponed and where we are going from here in the selection process for the 2010-2011 school year.

The National Honor Society is an affiliate of the National Association of Secondary School Principals of which Fisher Catholic is a member. This, along with the paying of annual dues to the association, gives our school the right to have a National Honor Society, and to develop bylaws which determine membership for students of our school, as long as these bylaws are in accordance with NASSP guidelines.

The bylaws for consideration for membership in our local chapter are printed in our Handbook on pages 11 & 12. **They are in accordance with the National bylaws.** There are two discrepancies in what students were asked to do to be considered for membership and what is published in our Handbook. Although these discrepancies are minor, it is essential that we follow them. Therefore, I have made the following determination about selection into National Honor Society for the 2010-2011 school year:

-All students who have previously submitted information for consideration during this school year need to fulfill two additional steps:

-students must "obtain two letters of recommendation from adults who know them well."

-students are asked to "write a 250 word essay describing how the student meets the four characteristics of the society" (character, leadership, service, scholarship).

The deadline for these additional pieces of information is Tuesday, November 30 at 8am. There will be no exceptions to this deadline.

To further clarify questions that will most probably be asked:

-I was notified that I have been inducted? Is there a chance that my membership will be revoked?

You will not have your status changed from membership to non membership if you complete the two additional pieces of information asked for by the deadline. However, if you do not meet this deadline, you will not be inducted.

-I had the G.P.A. to apply but did not meet the original deadline. Can I reapply now?

Students who have not previously submitted their materials may do so, again providing that they complete all materials including the supplemental information asked for, by the deadline.

-I was not accepted for membership? If I complete these additional steps will it change my status?"

Your materials will be reconsidered. However, to achieve membership in the National Honor Society you must have a majority of votes by the faculty selection committee.

Sincerely,

Jim Silcott