

# Pittsburgh Allegheny 6-8 November PSCC Meeting NJHS Night

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Thursday, November 30, 2023  
5:00-6:00 p.m.  
Virtual

# This Evening's Agenda:

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- Welcome & Introductions
- Character Chat: Gratitude
- National Junior Honor Society
  - What is it?
  - The 5 Pillars
  - How to get involved?
  - Additional Information
- Principal's Attendance Report
- Upcoming Events
  - December PAC
  - December PSCC





# Who is in the VIRTUAL ROOM?

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In the chat, please drop your name and how  
you're connected to ATA 6-8.

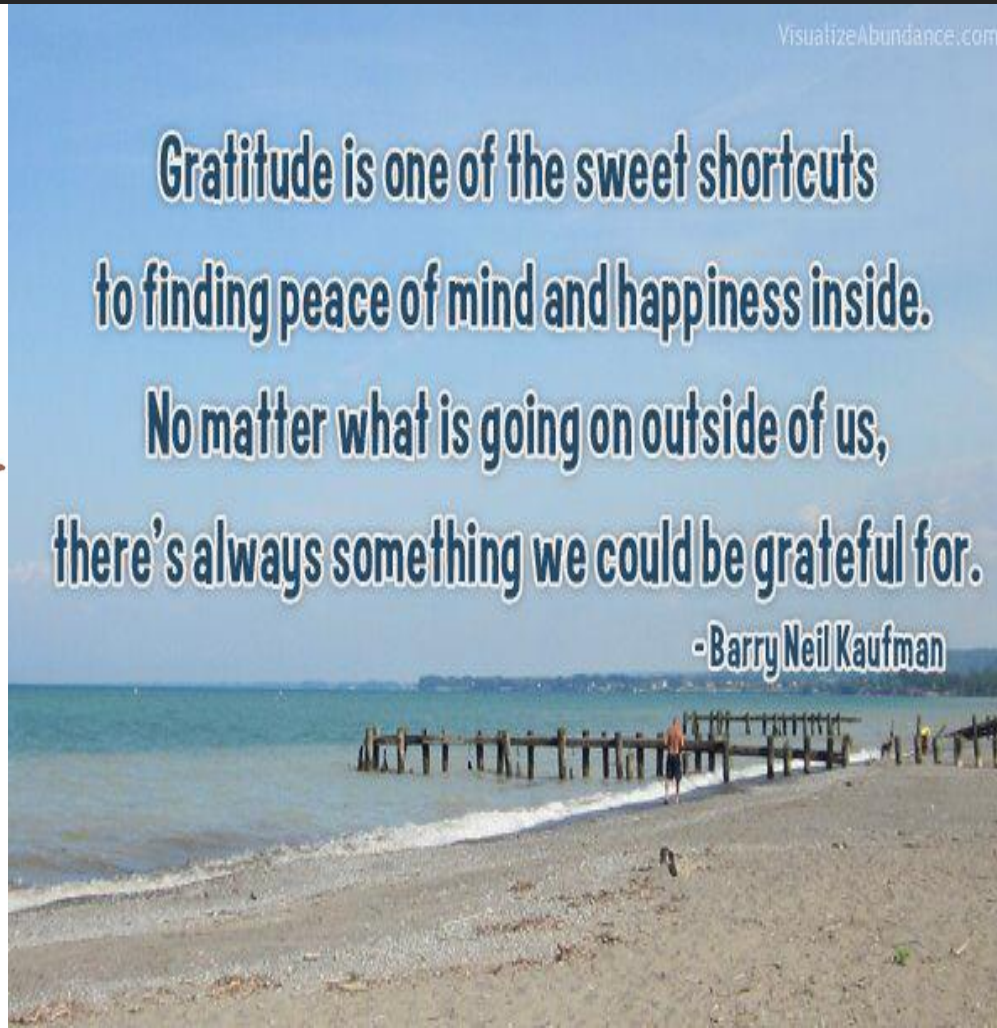
(student, parent, guardian, community member, staff member, etc.)







# Character: Gratefulness



Gratitude is one of the sweet shortcuts  
to finding peace of mind and happiness inside.  
No matter what is going on outside of us,  
there's always something we could be grateful for.  
- Barry Neil Kaufman

I AM GRATEFUL FOR ALL OF MY  
PROBLEMS. AFTER EACH ONE WAS  
OVERCOME, I BECAME STRONGER  
AND MORE ABLE TO MEET THOSE  
THAT WERE STILL TO COME. I GREW  
IN ALL MY DIFFICULTIES.

- JAMES PENNEY

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# National Junior Honor Society

# What is National Junior Honor Society?

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- **N**ational **J**unior **H**onor **S**ociety, aka **NJHS**, is an international student organization that consists of chapters in middle and high schools across the world. This organization recognizes students who exemplify the “five pillars” of leadership, citizenship, character, service, and scholarship.
- **NJHS** serves a prerequisite to students who intend to join the National Honor Society (post High School).





# The 5 Pillars of NJHS

## Everyday Scholarship, Service, Leadership, Character, and Citizenship

- **Everyday Scholarship** is a commitment to learning and growing on an educational path. It means making the most of the educational opportunities provided and seeking out learning, not only in school or similar settings, but also personally. Everyday Scholarship doesn't require a minimum GPA—but it does require effort. More importantly, it stems from a desire to contribute to this world in a positive way by building on one's own knowledge, skills, and talent through different experiences.
- **Everyday Service** is seeking out and engaging in meaningful service. It calls for a *service mindset*, the desire to seek opportunities to help others as well as *acts of service*. As Honor Society students, many young teens and young adults at local chapters are required to meet minimum service participation requirements for service.
- **Everyday Leadership** builds on Everyday Service. Everyday Leadership is carrying oneself with dignity and taking ownership and responsibility for one's own actions and participation. Being a public speaker, playing quarterback, or having an official title is not required for Everyday Leadership. Everyday Leadership means being an agent—someone who takes action and responsibility—of your own pathway.
- **Everyday Character** is valuing diverse cultures and building relationships that reflect love of self but also concern for others. There are endless attributes to good character: perseverance, respect, integrity, honesty, sacrifice—the list goes on. Good and noble character is a high calling.. Everyday Character is not about praiseworthy or blameworthy behavior but the personal commitment to ethical and compassionate decision making that affects oneself and others.
- **Everyday Citizenship** is accepting one's place and role in the community and seeking to understand the concerns and strengths of that community. Community includes but is not limited to neighborhoods, tribes, and local and regional districts. For young people in particular, Everyday Citizenship is an opportunity to be educated about and to demonstrate care for the issues that impact those who are citizens in their shared community.



# How to Become a Member of Your School's NJHS Chapter

STEP 1

## DISCOVER

Find out if your school has a chapter.

Ask your main office or use our chapter finder on the NJHS website:

[www.njhs.us/chapter-finder](http://www.njhs.us/chapter-finder)



STEP 2

## PREPARE

Figure out if you meet the requirements.

Are you in grades 6-9?

Do you meet your school's minimum GPA requirement?

Can you demonstrate the NJHS membership pillars?

SCHOLARSHIP  
SERVICE  
LEADERSHIP  
CHARACTER  
CITIZENSHIP



STEP 3

## SHARE

Complete your school's Candidate Form and other required steps to demonstrate your eligibility. There may be more requirements at the local level.

STEP 4

## LEARN

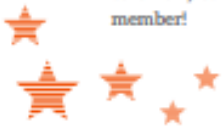
Your school notifies you that you have been chosen for membership.

CONGRATULATIONS!

STEP 5

## CELEBRATE

Attend your chapter's induction ceremony to become an official member!



STEP 6

## PROSPER

Enjoy all that NJHS has to offer!

College & career readiness programs

Leadership development

Service planning resources

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- Must be a student in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Pittsburgh Allegheny 6-8
- Must have a cumulative GPA to 3.4 to receive an invite or recommendation
- Complete the application packet (Students must have teacher recommendations, write a simple essay, and have proof of some of the 5 pillars)
- Contact Mrs. Castillo to express interest in NJHS at [athuransky1@pghschols.org](mailto:athuransky1@pghschols.org)

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# Additional Information

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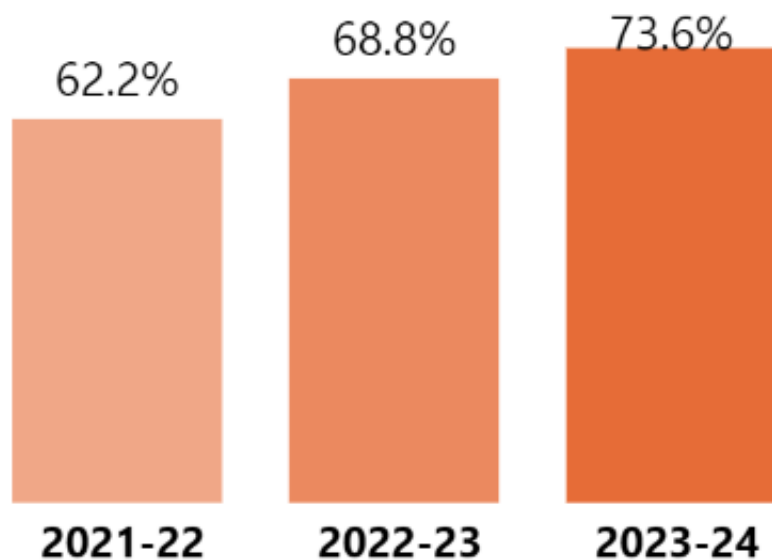
- We currently have 8 members. The students meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month for a period.
- Our NJHS students are permitted to wear red shirts in addition to the regular uniform attire.
- Students recently participated in a community clean-up and a canned goods drive. They are actively searching for other fundraisers and service opportunities.
- Please contact Mrs. Castillo if you're interested or know someone who may be interested in being a guest speaker.
- The new National Junior Honor Society Induction will be in May (TBD)

# Principal's Attendance Report

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## YTD Regular Attendance Rate by School Year



## School Improvement Plan reporting

The table below shows the cumulative regular attendance rates for each marking period (e.g. the regular attendance rate for Q2 includes Q1 and Q2).

School year	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4 (Total)
2023-24	79.7%			
2022-23	75.0%	75.6%	75.2%	73.9%
2021-22	65.4%	53.8%	54.5%	58.3%

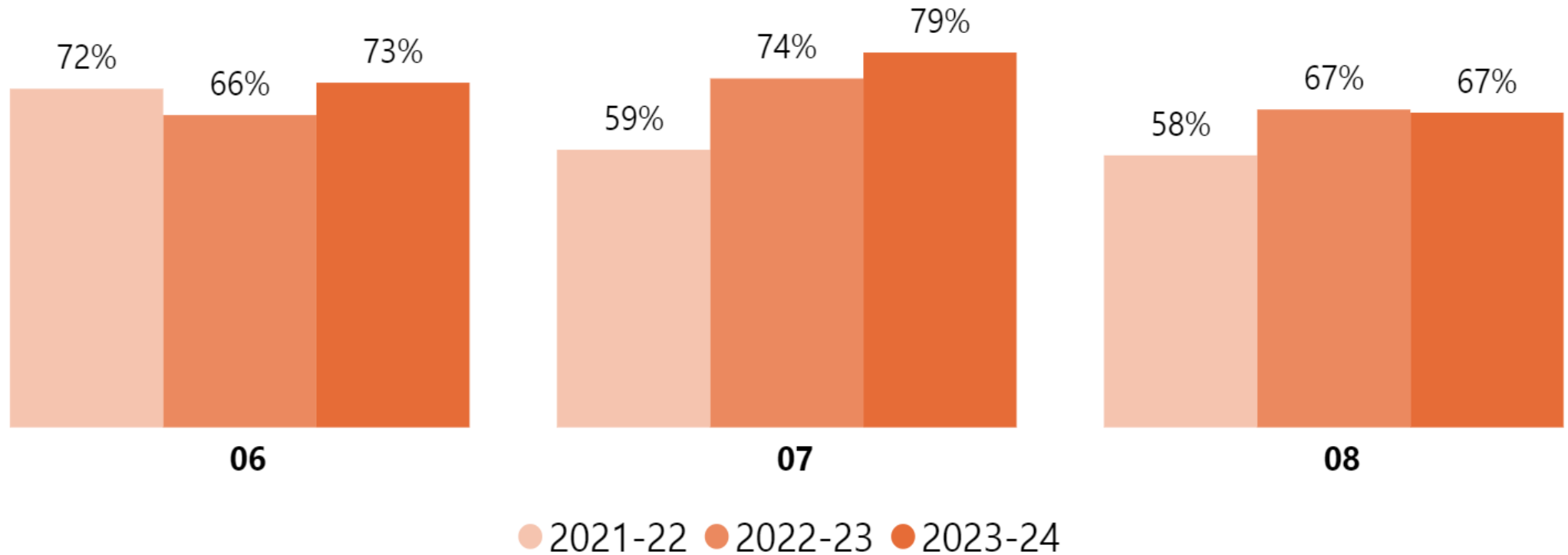


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## YTD Regular Attendance Rate by Grade



# Upcoming Engagement Opportunities

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- **December PAC Meeting- Thursday, December 7, 2023, 6:00-8:00 p.m.**
  - Administrative Building Conference Room A, 341 S. Bellefield Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213.
  - The presenter for the evening will be Tamiya Larkin, Title Programs Coordinator.
  - RSVP to [egandy1@pghschools.org](mailto:egandy1@pghschools.org) or [mgomez1@pghschools.org](mailto:mgomez1@pghschools.org)
- **December PSCC Meeting- Tuesday, December 12, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.**
  - Art Maker's Night- Paint n' Sip Edition
  - Hot Chocolate Bar, Canvas Painting, Cookie Decoration
  - RSVP to [mnewton1@pghschools.org](mailto:mnewton1@pghschools.org)





# Questions

*We want to hear from you...*

# Suggestions

# Comments

*Many THANKS!!!!!!*