

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY 2011-2012

**President**      **Alexandra Pianalto**      **Secretary**      **Abigail Bashor**  
**Vice-President**      **Elijah Justice**      **Treasurer**      **John Friess**

**Meetings:** Meetings are usually the *first Thursday of every month* at 7:30 a.m. (with some adjustments for calendar conflicts) in Room 256.

*September 1, 2011*

*December 1, 2011*

*March 1, 2012*

*May 10, 2012*

*October 6, 2011*

*January 5, 2012*

*April 5, 2012*

*May 24, 2012*

*November 10, 2011*

*February 2, 2012*

Attendance at monthly meetings is an obligation of membership (see reverse side). The president is responsible for conducting meetings. The secretary will try to remind members of upcoming meetings, sending *reminder notices*; however, members should put meeting dates on their planners/calendars.

**Holiday Favors for Residents of St. Edward Home:** (*Seasonal—mostly done at monthly meetings*) Our ongoing community service project will continue to be providing holiday favors for the residents of St. Edward Nursing Home in Fairlawn. The vice-president is in charge of the project. Favors are sometimes made at monthly meetings and other times during members' study hall time.

**Induction Ceremony and Reception—Monday, November 21, 2011--** The event is at 7:00 in the evening, and *all members are required to attend* (put this on your planner now!) and to bring baked goods for the reception. The officers are in charge of the ceremony, but all members are also asked to serve on committees to help with the event: Invitations, Program, Reception, and/or Clean-Up.

**Curriculum Night—Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.:** Mr. Rathz has requested help from NHS members who will be stationed at various locations in the building to direct parents to classrooms and teachers. Service hours will be earned.

**College Fair Night—Tuesday, October 4, 2011—**Members are encouraged to attend as over 100 colleges will have representatives; also Mrs. Knapp has requested NHS members help set up, clean up, greet reps, etc. Service hours will be earned

**Open Houses—Sunday, October 16 from 11-1; Thursday November 3 from 6:30-8:30; Sunday, Thursday February 23 from 6:30-8:30:** Members are asked to serve as guides for prospective students and their parents. Service hours will be earned.

**“Books for the Bahamas”—Children’s Book Drive—Begins Monday, September 26 and ends Friday October 14—**collecting “gently used” children’s books to be used to stock elementary school libraries on Andros Island in the Bahamas. Currently, most of the schools do not have libraries.

**Scholarship Dinner—(Tuesday, January 3, 2012)—**Attend dinner that recognizes 8<sup>th</sup> graders who have earned scholarships to STVM. NHS members sit with invited recipients and their families and engage in conversation about STVM.

**Power of the Pen Competition—Saturday, January 7, 2012 from 8:00-3:00--** Mrs. Anderson has requested NHS members assist her with various tasks. This competition involves about 200 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Service hours will be earned.

**Seventh Grade Visitation Day—Tuesday, March 28, 2012:** Some members and officers will be asked to organize and staff our “academic excellence” booth (which involves a PowerPoint presentation). Members are strongly encouraged to volunteer their services in some way for this important event. Service hours will be earned.

**“Join Hands Day”—Saturday, May 5—9:00-2:00** —partnering with Gleaner’s Arbor for a community service project.

**“Pizza and Movie” Night—Wednesday, May 16 (6:00-9:00)—** to relax and celebrate the end of AP exams. A committee will take charge of planning this event.

## **ST. VINCENT-ST. MARY CHAPTER STANDARDS**

**Academic Standard:** Members must maintain a 3.5 accumulative grade point average (the same average required for selection). If your accum falls below the standard, you will be placed on probation for one semester. If at the end of that semester, your accum is still below a 3.5, you will be dismissed from NHS. (This is a national standard.) Seniors who are on probation during their final semester and who fail to achieve the 3.5 by the end of the year will not be permitted to wear the honor medallion at graduation.

**Character and Conduct Standard:** Members are expected to maintain a high standard of character and conduct as defined below:

- constantly exemplifies desirable qualities of personality (cheerfulness, friendliness, poise, stability)
- takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously
- upholds principles of morality and ethics; is law-abiding and practices good citizenship
- cooperates by complying with school regulations and policies regarding attendance, property, programs, dress code, tobacco/alcohol/drug use, general code of conduct, etc.**
- demonstrates the highest standards of honesty, reliability, truthfulness and integrity; **has no violations of the school's honor code**
- shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others
- observes instructions and rules, punctuality, and faithfulness both inside and outside the classroom
- has powers of concentration and sustained attention as shown by perseverance in application to studies
- challenges himself/herself to work to ability and to pursue excellence in the classroom
- is a positive role model for peers and others; demonstrates respect for self and others
- has an exemplary discipline record while a student at STVM as verified by the Dean of Students**

Members who accumulate a number of demerits, receive an out-of-school suspension, or are guilty of serious violations of the school's Code of Conduct will be reviewed by the NHS Faculty Council with consequences of probation or dismissal.

**Service Standard:** Members are required to help with a **minimum of one of the following service activities:** Cancer Club Rummage Sale, Curriculum Night, Open House Tour Guide, Power of the Pen, or Join Hands Day. *Also, those members who go "above and beyond" participating in more than half of the service activities earn special recognition at our awards ceremony at our final meeting.*

**Meeting Attendance Standard:** Attendance at monthly meetings is required. A member who accumulates more than three (3) unexcused absences from monthly meetings will be considered for dismissal. Absences from school equal an excused absence from a meeting. If you are in school, but are not able to attend for a valid reason, you must see the advisor personally, and explain the circumstances; otherwise your absence will be designated an "unexcused" absence. After each meeting, the chapter secretary will give the advisor a list of absent members; the advisor will designate as "excused" or "unexcused" and return to the chapter secretary.

**Financial Obligation Standard:** Officers with the advice of the chapter advisor will determine the annual budget and dues. Funds are needed to pay for dues to the national organization, the holiday favors for St. Edward's Home, the "doughnut day" for homeroom winners of the Books for the Bahamas competition, scholarship application fees for our NHS scholarship nominees, our yearbook ad, senior awards at the end of the year, and a few other odds and end. In addition, seniors must pay a fee toward the purchase of the honor medallion worn at graduation (the school pays 75% and seniors pay 25%--about \$4.00. Veteran members must pay dues by the December meeting in order to continue membership during the second semester; new members must pay dues by the February meeting. If the officers decide to engage the chapter in a fundraising activity, all members will be expected to contribute to the fundraiser (such as baked goods) or pay an equivalent assessment. Failure to meet the financial obligations of membership will result in dismissal from NHS for seniors and denial of the privilege of wearing the honor medallion; junior members will forfeit their membership for senior year.