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Dear Baker Students and Families,

**Through much conversation with administration and the NHS committee, the society has decided to move the application process to be due the FALL of their *SENIOR* year, with an induction ceremony in early October of their senior year.** Traditionally the invitation to apply to this society has been handed out in the winter of students' junior year with an induction ceremony in May.

National Honor Society is committed to honor selected students who have met the chapter's selection standards of academic excellence, community service, and participation in school activities. The society continues to promote the development of character within the students of C.W. Baker High School.

Here are the benefits of this change:

- 1.) We believe that this gives even more students the opportunity to meet the requirements of the academic excellence standards of a 93% overall average (more marking periods, more chances).
- 2.) We believe that this also gives students more time to complete the service requirement (at least 15 hours) and school participation requirement (3 or more school based clubs/sports in 10th and 11th grade).
- 3.) In years past, seniors were able to apply in the spring of their senior year, which meant they were not ever fully participating in our society events of fundraising and volunteering. This new timeline would have all students entering the society together for a full year of activities.
- 4.) It will give students more time to build their application resume over the summer, free of the burden of academic and athletic commitments.
- 5.) Lastly, having one application opportunity will allow for students to be celebrated by the same standards as their peers.

Information about the new application process will be sent to families and eligible students in July.

**Considering these changes, we are aware of a current cohort of seniors that would be impacted by this. Through the 2022-2023 school year ONLY we will be having one last eligibility check and application process for CLASS OF 2023 graduates to apply to National Honor Society after the 2nd marking period ends.**

We are excited to now have a clearer process of applying and full participation by all members. As we go through this transition please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

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