



Dear Students:

We are pleased to inform you that because you have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, exemplified worthy character, and maintained a commendable attitude, you are cordially invited to join The National Junior Beta Club chapter at Halls Middle School.

The National Beta Club recognizes high academic achievement, promotes character and social responsibility, encourages service involvement to school and community, fosters leadership skills, and provides settings for your child to develop interpersonal relationship skills.

Service Projects (Required to volunteer for AT LEAST one project)

- *Adopt a grandparent at Elmcroft (required by all)
- *Adopt a teacher (required by all)
- *Sponsor a Unit in the Army National Guard by sending supplies & letters when they are deployed
- *Donate our time to run the concessions stand for HMS Basketball Games
- *Sell Little Debbie's to raise money for Operation Christmas Child
(Each member is required to bring in at least two boxes of Little Debbie's)
- *Food Drive - one in fall and one in the spring
- *Operation Christmas Child
- *T-Shirt Fundraiser
- *Fantasy of Trees
- *Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure volunteer (to be determined, if available)
- *In School ball game concessions
Each Beta is required to bring in at least one 12 pack of sodas.
- *Other projects / fundraisers to be determined
- *Black Light Dance Fundraiser
- *Water Day Fundraiser

Convention

*State Convention is where we showcase our Beta talents! Beta members will compete individually, as a small group, and / or as a large group. A sample of some of the competitions offered is: academic tests, engineering, robotics, visual arts, poetry, speech, quiz bowl, portfolio, banner, apparel, performing arts and technology. If students place in the top 5 we get to move on to Nationals which are held during the summer.

*State Convention is November 21-23 at the Opryland Hotel

*National Convention is June 27-30 at the Opryland Hotel

Membership

- *In order to maintain your Beta status, you must maintain the academic requirements of a 3.75 or above.
- *Report cards need to be shown to Mrs. McCoy after each nine week grading period
- *If you fail to maintain the requirements you will be placed on academic probation
- *Two grading periods of not meeting the requirements you will not be eligible for convention and or nationals.

Dues

- *\$60 for the school year (\$45 if you are using last year's shirt)
- *Covers the cost of membership to the National Beta organization, Beta shirt and some of our project work

Induction:

- *Required attendance from all new members and past officers.
- *Induction Ceremony will be September 9 at 5:30 with refreshments to follow.

Meetings:

- *If you want to be an officer, application must be picked up and completed by August 24
- *August 26 at 3:45-4:30 for all members informational meeting, officer speeches & elections
- *September 2 at 3:45-4:45 for any member who wants to participate in convention
- *September 7 at 3:45-4:45 for new members and officers for induction practice
- *Other meetings will be called on the group me. Most of our meetings will be specific to certain events.

Communication

- *A big part of being a Beta is the student being responsible for communication to the sponsor.
- *Students will join GroupMe and this is the main form of communication.
- *GroupMe will only have announcements from the sponsors. Students are not to send messages on the main chat. If they have questions, then they can send the sponsor a direct message (I can show how).
- *If students do not have a cell phone (and even if they do) parents are welcome to join the GroupMe to stay up to date on Beta
- *When you join GroupMe, you will have to like the first post - if you don't then Group Me will remove you for inactivity.

Congratulations on being invited to be a Beta at HMS for the 2021-2022 School Year.

If you wish to join the HMS Beta Club for the 2021-2022 School Year, please complete the google form with your information and bring check / cash to school by August 23, 2021. (Checks made payable to Halls Middle School). The Google Form is located in the announcements section on the front of the Halls Middle website.

Questions?? Email dina.lane@knoxschools.org

Thank you and we look forward to another GREAT Beta Year!

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