

NFMS SPACE SHUTTLE PROGRAM

ASTRONAUT APPLICATION

Congratulations on deciding to apply for an astronaut position with the NFMS Space Shuttle Program. Please read the following information carefully and be sure that you will have the time and motivation to dedicate to this project. You must maintain good grades in all your classes. Remember....NO PASS, NO FLY! You will be representing the student body of NFMS as well as our community.

Six (6) astronauts will be chosen for each of the four shifts. One (1) back-up astronaut will also be chosen for each shift in case an astronaut becomes sick or unable to fly for some other reason. The astronauts will be selected based on this application, your essay, and your parent and teacher recommendations.

Put forth your best effort in preparing and completing your application. Your completed application must be turned in to Mrs. Evans on or before Monday, March 31, 2005. **NO** late applications will be accepted.

JOB DESCRIPTION FOR ASTRONAUT POSITION

“A chain is only as strong as its weakest link...”

Our nation’s space program involves the dedicated efforts of millions of people working together and giving their best efforts. The success of every mission depends on every link (that’s you) performing to its maximum level of performance. In the space business there can be no grade less than 100! Unfortunately it was a grade of 98 that destroyed the space shuttle Challenger and tragically ended the lives of the Challenger crew.

As an astronaut in the SPACE Shuttle Program you will receive the public’s focused attention. You may be asked to speak to the news media and your student body. You will be representing the SPACE Shuttle Program, all the students of NFMS, and also our community. This is a major responsibility and must be treated with the greatest respect.

Accepting the responsibility means that you agree to give 100% to the project; to be the strongest link! You **must** be at every scheduled work session giving your best effort. You will become a team leader helping to train mission control students for the mission. You must remember at all times who you represent.

The project will take much of your personal time. You must maintain passing grades in all your classes. The responsibilities are great, but so are the rewards!

ASTRONAUT POSITIONS AVAILABLE - PLEASE SPECIFY ON APPLICATION

- 4 Shuttle Commanders
- 4 Payload Specialists
- 4 Technology Specialists
- 4 Computer Specialists
- 4 Medical Specialists
- 4 Science Specialists