



KNIGHTS NEWS



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129th Convocation

On August 27th, more than 100 people attended NYMA's 129th Academic Convocation.

We were so pleased that so many parents were able to join us this year and share a delicious meal with their cadets and our faculty in Curie Dining Hall.

The convocation address read by the new Dean of Academics, Maria Reeves, featured the impressive credentials of the talented faculty assembled for this school year. The Academic Call to Arms, meant to rally the corps of cadets to academic success, was read by Adam Quinn and we were serenaded by a beautiful acapella version of the national anthem by Gianna Whritenour.

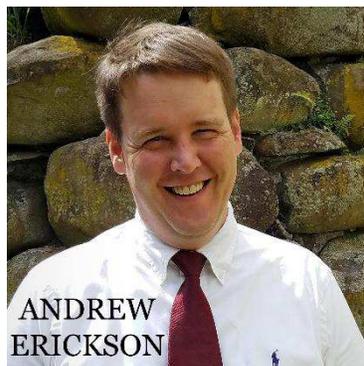
Superintendent's Message

Greetings to all cadets, parents, faculty, staff, community partners, and alumni! I am so excited to officially welcome you to the 2017 – 2018 school year.

Returning cadets have come back to campus from all over the world and we have also welcomed over 30 new cadets. This brings our official opening enrollment total for this school year to 57! Many new faculty and staff members have joined the NYMA family for this year as well. These additions include new Commandant, Major Dan Lorenzen, Assistant Director of Admissions, Andrew Erickson, new Director of Dining Facilities, Richard Thorn, Athletic Coordinator, Bobby Rahn, and several new teachers. Congratulations to Ms. Maria Reeves for becoming the new Dean of Academics and to Dr. Jonathan Gastel, former Dean of Academics, for being named the new Assistant Superintendent.



MAJOR DAN LORENZEN



ANDREW ERICKSON



RICHARD THORN



BOBBY RAHN

With all these additions, we are eagerly looking forward to a new and innovative school year. We will be strengthening our leadership and character education, improving cadet residential life, increasing the number of weekend activities, and offering new and challenging courses such as Advanced Placement Calculus, Advanced Placement Psychology, and Advanced Placement Principles of Computer Science.

To make school-home communication more efficient and streamlined, we have created a dedicated email for parents to submit general inquiries such as doctor appointment requests, weekend trip arrangements, and airport runs. The email address is parentdesk@nyma.org and your inquiries will be answered within 24 hours. If you have an urgent matter, please call the academy at (845) 534-3710 extension 4210 (day) or 4278 (night).

Weekly newsletters will be sent to all the parents/guardians via email and posted on our website, nyma.org under "Parents". I cannot express how proud I am of our achievements thus far and look forward to an exciting year together!

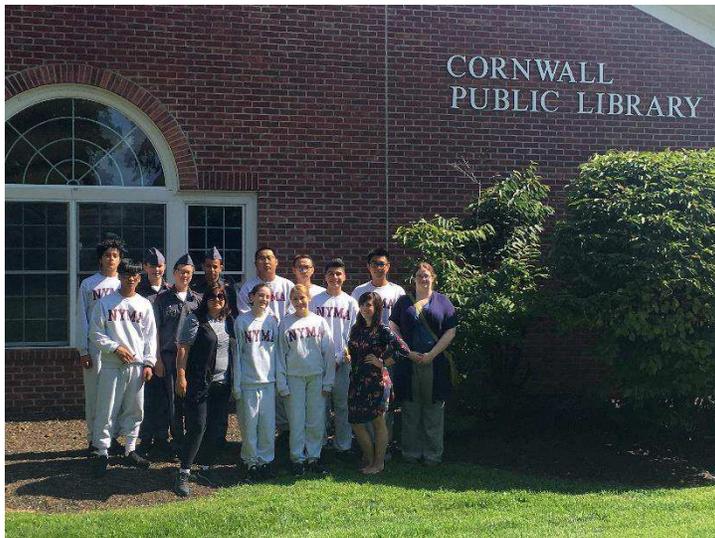
Dean's News

Classes began this past Monday and the teachers couldn't be happier with the students that have filled their classrooms. The cadets have all acclimated so quickly that it's hard to believe that summer separated us from this point. We have added five new faculty members which allows us to increase our course selections with many new, interesting, and rigorous offerings. We have also incorporated a block of time at the end of the day where teachers are in their rooms for extra help. Students are assigned to a particular classroom to meet with an adviser or begin their homework, but they may obtain a pass to visit with any of their teachers for extra help during this time. Additional time has also been scheduled for AP classes.

This year students have the opportunity to study in three different settings during the allocated study period from 7 to 9 pm. There are teachers on duty in the library to offer help and answer any questions that might arise. Coach Bobby Rahn is also offering a quiet study area in the auditorium of Scarborough Hall. Of course, students can also choose to remain in their dorm rooms to do their work with a circulating TAC Officer on duty. I have been visiting all areas nightly and am extremely encouraged by what I have seen in every location thus far.

At our first community meeting this Wednesday, cadets were briefed on the new service learning program that we are launching. The goal of this program is to combine community service activities with a facilitated means for applying the experience to academic and personal development. The Corps was divided into 4 teams with each led by 3 faculty members.

The four themes included community service oriented projects, a NYMA news station that will collect and report current events and NYMA happenings, a researching of picture books that involves students creating and publishing their own to be read to preschool students, and a researching and celebrating of various cultures through cuisine. I hear the community service crew already has three projects lined up, the picture book students will be traveling to a local school on Wednesday to read to younger children in celebration of National Read A Book Day, and the first menu has already been planned and will be served to the entire Corps next Wednesday. I am really looking forward to our next community meeting where students will have an opportunity to reflect and share their experiences.



If for some reason you did not receive a list of books to purchase for your child, please contact Mrs. Madaia immediately at tmadaia@nyma.org. Packages containing books and supplies arrive daily and the TAC Officers have been delivering them to the barracks.

Samantha Hill has added Activities Coordinator to the list of many things she does here at NYMA. She has created a calendar of exciting activities for our students to participate in. On Friday, I will be taking a group of students to the Renegades baseball game with Mr. Forest. On Saturday, students will be going on a waterfall hike with Ms. Hill and then on Sunday they will be going to a car show in town with Ms. Hill and Mr. Roselli.

Mrs. Madaia will be sending out an e-mail on Tuesday outlining the instructions for entering the Rediker Parent Portal. This information system is new to our entire faculty so please be patient with us as we work out some of the kinks. Teachers have been instructed to enter their weekly assignments so that students can open their portals and view them. When things are running smoothly you should be able to readily monitor their progress.

The registration deadlines for the October testing dates of the SAT and ACT are quickly approaching. The newly hired guidance counselor, Sarah Magno, will be working with students who wish to register for either exam. The SAT deadline is 9/8 and the ACT deadline is 9/22. Please encourage your senior to take these exams; the scores from these will be back in time for their college applications.

From the Admissions Office

The start of our fall semester began August 21st and the day began with cadets both new and old arriving full of energy and excited to meet up with friends they hadn't seen over the summer. We are delighted to see our school continue to grow as we have doubled our starting enrollment from last year. The Admissions Department is happy to see that the new cadets have settled in very quickly and we wish them and their families a wonderful year as a part of the New York Military Academy.

If you know of any students that would be a great fit for our growing school, please get in touch with our admissions team. We would love to show them our fine school!

From the Athletic Department

On behalf of the Athletic Department, we would like to welcome everyone to the 2017-2018 school year. We are dedicated to the overall vision and mission of the school. The department prides itself on helping our student athletes reach their full potential by learning, developing skills such as teamwork, and through competition.

As we gear up for the fall season, our NYMA Knights will be working hard to compete in the Hudson Valley Athletic League in the following sports: soccer, cross country, and volleyball. In addition, we will be offering an intramural program for cadets. Some of these intramural sports will include football, tennis, basketball, swimming, handball, kickball, and strength & conditioning.

We hope to see all of our family and friends cheering on the Knights at our games, matches, and athletic events this year. For more information such as schedules and results please visit nyma.org.

Go Knights!!!

Commandant's Notes

Hello and welcome to new and returning cadets and their families! My name is Major Dan Lorenzen and I'm the new Commandant here at NYMA. I'm retired from 22 years of active duty and am excited to get to work! I wanted to share with you the core values that I'll be instilling in the cadets this year. Everything I do and everything the cadets will do will be based on these six words: Dignity and Respect, Discipline and Diligence, and Integrity and Trust. I would ask for your support in helping me communicate these core values to the young men and women; I believe people learn best when information is received from many different sources. If you need any assistance during the year, please feel free to contact me at dlorenzen@nyma.org.

