



KNIGHTS NEWS



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NEW YORK MILITARY ACADEMY

Superintendent's Message

Our cadets got off to a great start this year! Classes are now in full swing and our academic program is under way. All of our 56 cadets have settled into their courses and daily routines. New cadets continue to receive training and many returning cadets have been promoted. On Thursday, September 7th, I had a fun time joining the cadets in celebrating Morgan Yarnis's birthday and enjoyed a delicious cupcake provided by Morgan's mom. Thank you so much Mrs. Yarnis!

This week we welcomed our new guidance counselor, Ms. Sarah Magno. She has now met all the cadets and has begun working on many projects. She has planned to start a chorus program here at NYMA and I am determined to be part of it!

Our Admissions Office continues to receive applications. A number of students have currently been accepted to the academy. Some are applying for financial aid and others are waiting for their visas. I am absolutely thrilled that we have broken the 60-cadet mark and am confident that we will soon exceed 70. In an effort to recruit more students, we will be holding an Open House this Saturday at 10 am and hope to see many future cadets there.

Our thanks to the parents who used our newly established NYMA Parent Desk at parentdesk@nyma.org to communicate with us about their cadet's weekend arrangement. You made the implementation of this initiative a huge success! It is my hope that this will provide you with an easy and efficient way to contact us for non-emergency matters. You are welcome to make inquiries, address your concerns, or make suggestions by contacting us at parentdesk@nyma.org. On weekdays, your inquiries will generally be answered within 24 hours.

Many cadets are going home this weekend for the first time since their arrival. We all know how valuable time spent with family is, so please enjoy it! I'd also like to give everyone a heads-up about the New Cadet Parade. It will take place on Saturday, September 23rd. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you there. More details to follow!



Dean's News

The faculty gathered for our first meeting since the start of the school year and the reports of classroom productivity were extremely positive. There are a few items that you can assist with to help ensure your student's success. It was mentioned that not all cadets have the items on their book and supply lists. While we have a copy of most textbooks available in the library, the language classes require workbooks that students must write in to complete their assignments. Students are also required to have calculators for their Math and Science classes. Please use the open weekend to obtain all of the supplies that your cadet needs. If you have any questions about these items, you may call Terri Madaia at 845-534-4262 and she can provide you with additional information.

Most impressive to me is the community spirit that is alive and well at NYMA. The team that has been assembled to educate and nurture your children is truly amazing. The new service learning program has been quite the undertaking and would not be possible without the help of the entire

community. As a result, the program's start was a resounding success. Alicia Simon, Jena Webb, and Susan Pasquale took their service learning team off campus to a local pre-school to read picture books. The preschoolers received our NYMA cadets with absolute delight.

We were also treated to a PowerPoint presentation of interesting facts about Spain by our culture-through-cuisine group. Students were mentored by Susan Pasquale, Liz Harrell, and Mrs. Clavin. Chef Richard Thorn allowed several students along with Mrs. Clavin to assist him in the preparation of the recipes that the students had selected in celebration of Spain. The menu included chicken and shrimp paella, Spanish onion soup, Spanish green beans and tomato, and crème caramel for dessert. It was absolutely delicious! We can't wait to learn about Morocco and experience typical Moroccan fare.

Our current events group has committed to producing a written newsletter and video newscast with the video camera that was recently purchased. Phil Mavrikis, Tom Roselli, and Deborah Tamulis have all been assisting students who are focusing on specific topics which will ultimately combine to form the finished products.

Last but not least, there were the students led by Yvette Furnia, Elissa Larabee, and Forrest Gordon. Their service team tore apart the infirmary to clean and prepare it for the new school year. They may have thought that they had pulled the short straw until they were met with a round of applause from the other students. The Superintendent, Sgt. Brockington, and Nick Mishkovski made sure that this group had all the supplies they needed to accomplish their mission. We thank all of them from the bottom of our hearts for a difficult job well done.

Seeing our cadets stand up in the community meeting and share what it felt like to give back was surely the highlight of my week. This demonstrates just one of the many ways that our team is committed to providing your children with experiences to help them foster the concept of good citizenship.

The Parent Portal of Rediker is open and you should be able to see your cadet's assignments and any assessments that have been graded thus far. If you are having difficulty entering the portal please contact Terri Madaia at 845-534-4262 for assistance.

Our new guidance counselor, Sarah Magno, has been working with all our seniors to make sure that they have registered for the October SAT exam before the deadline. She will also be meeting with them individually to formalize their college lists. The PSAT/NMSQT will be administered on campus on Wednesday, October 11th to our 10th and 11th graders. Additionally, we will be administering a special version of the PSAT exam to our 8th and 9th graders on the same day. These practice exams do not require individual registrations.

Students have been responding very positively to the weekend activities being offered. This weekend's activities include creating chalk murals on Friday, a trip to nearby Montgomery to celebrate General Montgomery Day on Saturday, and a hike on Sunday. Fun was had by all last week on the trips to the Renegades game, car show, and hike.

Students will be attending their Friday clubs for the first time today. Most students are participating in their first-choice activities, but we will rotate some of the more popular offerings. Students can choose from yearbook, music, chess, board games/magic, and fencing. Our hope is to offer an entirely new group of club choices for the second semester.



From the Admissions Office

As our parents and alumni know, the NYMA campus is a unique leadership laboratory. Our junior high and high school students are guided, trained, and tested with leadership and character development. Like other military schools, this helps to prepare our graduates for the work of life. Part of what sets NYMA above other schools is our diverse environment which includes not only students from all around the world, but also students of both genders from these varied places. Our team is not just made up of similarly like-minded people, but a realistic group ready to compete in the modern world.

In looking to grow our female cadet enrollment, we have developed a **Women's Leadership Scholarship**. This will help motivated, smart, and high-achieving students to not only attend our fine academy, but also to help us grow our distinctive leadership program. This scholarship is not all-inclusive, but may help to offset part of our tuition for a few exceptional, young women.

For more information about applying or donating, please contact our Admissions Department at 845-534-3710 or admissions@nyma.org.

From the Athletic Department

We are off to a great start here at NYMA as all of the cadets are gearing up for the fall athletic season. This past week was a short one due to the Labor Day holiday and I'm sure the cadets are excited for the upcoming open weekend as well. Next week begins our first week of competition for our fall sports teams. We wish them luck and are excited to cheer them on!

Our intramural program is off to a great start this year. Our student-athletes have had the opportunity to enjoy kickball, basketball, and volleyball so far. In the upcoming weeks, we will also be offering team handball, Pilates, yoga, circuit training, dodgeball, football, tennis, swimming, and fencing.



Stay tuned for news from all our sporting events once the season gets underway! Also, please be sure to check the school website, nyma.org, as we will be adding coaches, rosters, pictures, schedules, results, and recaps throughout the season.

Go Knights!!!



Commandant's Notes

I'm so proud of the work the cadets did this past weekend! A lot of hard work and attention to detail was apparent during their inspections and training. Additionally, a great amount of respect was shown amongst all cadets and faculty. Everyone had a solid understanding of the standards we have here at NYMA. It was this fantastic display that led me to open up the weekend to both old and new cadets. Please acknowledge this with your cadet and help me to maintain such a great set of standards through your positive reinforcement. Please feel free to contact me at dlorenzen@nyma.org if you need assistance or have any questions or concerns.