

# KNIGHTS NEWS



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NEW YORK MILITARY ACADEMY

## Superintendent's Message



As of today, fifty-six cadets have arrived at NYMA and five are awaiting their visas. Week 3 of instruction has come to an end and interim grades for the first marking period will be out in less than two weeks.

Our newly established NYMA Parent Desk at [parentdesk@nyma.org](mailto:parentdesk@nyma.org) has given parents the opportunity to communicate with the school in a simple and efficient way. All parents are encouraged to contact us using the email address above for non-emergency matters. You are welcome to make inquiries, address any concerns, or make suggestions. Your inquiry will generally be answered within 24 hours.

I had a fun time joining the cadets and staff members at the Open House last Saturday. It was great to meet so many prospective applicants. Please allow me to show off a photo of Cadet Montes, Cadet Liu, and myself taken during the Open House. I had such a good time!

On Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, cadets impressed me with their fantastic presentations at our community meeting. Our first cadet-created newsletter is attached at the end of this one. I hope you will enjoy reading it!

The New Cadet Parade is on the way. Due to an athletic conflict, we had to change the schedule a bit to accommodate everything. As a result, please remember that this year's parade will take place at 10:30 am on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. If weather permits, it will take place on our parade field and lunch will be served afterwards. Please RSVP to Ms. O'Rourke by phone at (845) 534-3710 x4227 or via email at [borourke@nyma.org](mailto:borourke@nyma.org). I am looking forward to seeing many of you there!

## Dean's News

In case you missed last week's announcement about the Rediker Parent Portal, it is now open for viewing. You should have already received an email from Terri Madaia with instructions on how to enter the site. Teachers have been asked to keep their homework assignments up to date on there so that students can have access to them at all times from any location. You should also be able to view any grades that have been entered into the system. If you are having trouble accessing the portal, please do not hesitate to contact the Academic Office and we will troubleshoot as best we can.

I am often amazed at what the students can achieve when they work hard towards a common goal. The first edition of the NYMA NEWSLETTER was published this week. All of the articles were written and edited by a group of students with the intent of keeping our community abreast of current national and local events. We were also entertained by the first filmed news broadcast that featured our very own 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Captains as broadcasters. They did an excellent job and we were very proud



of all the work that went into this project. I couldn't help but think that when they become famous that tape is going to be worth a lot of money!

With great anticipation, we shared a special Moroccan meal prepared by the cadets and kitchen staff. We first learned of some interesting facts about Morocco and then ate Harira soup, Chicken Tagine, Moroccan roasted vegetables, rice pilaf, and Moroccan fruit salad. Thank you to all who had a hand in this activity.



Our literacy group took a short break and walked to the local coffee shop where they continued to brainstorm their ideas for book topics and illustrations. Gianna Whritenour and Morgan Yarnis stood up and shared in the community meeting that the theme of their book is that it's okay to be different. What a great message, girls!



The campus service group worked at sprucing up our landscaping by pruning many bushes, planting mums, and applying mulch. There was also a team working on scraping the gazebo in preparation for a badly needed paint job.

We have just about two weeks left before the end of the first interim marking period. At every opportunity, I continue to stress the importance of using the entire two-hour evening study period for academics. I am discussing new initiatives with teachers that will allow me to track students that might not be completing all of their assignments on time. After interim grades are published, I may be calling for parental support in delaying weekend departure times if assignments haven't been turned in. A save-the-date notice was sent out for parent-teacher conferences which will be held on October 21<sup>st</sup>. As the date draws nearer, we will reach out to make appointment times.

Students had a lot of fun at the first session of Friday Clubs. Yearbook, music, chess, fencing, and board games were among the offerings. We are trying to gather additional fencing equipment so that more students can join this popular club, but

rest assured we will rotate later on to give all a chance to participate.

## From the Admissions Office

Our Open House this past Saturday was a great success. We had multiple families attend who brought with them students whom we feel will be excellent future cadets. The highlight for us was the three cadets who volunteered on their open weekend to guide families around the campus. All three were new cadets who have been on campus for less than a month. In this time, they went from being civilians to being cadets who could be very proud of their accomplishments so far at NYMA.

The families touring our beautiful campus were delighted by the honesty of the cadets who told them about their favorite parts of military school as well as what they found difficult. All three cadets were very confident, excited to tell their story, and looked very sharp with their newly shined shoes and short haircuts.

While waiting on the Open House to begin, the cadets had a discussion with our admissions team. One of the topics brought up by the cadets was their friends back home. While excited to see their friends again, the cadets had started to notice positive changes in themselves and were worried that spending too much time with the wrong friends might not be productive. As a graduate of a boarding military school, our Assistant Admissions Director was able to relate and tell a few personal stories of his experiences with growth and friends back home.



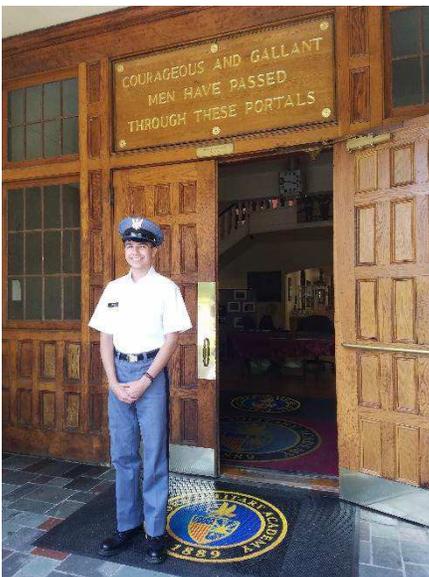
We are very proud of the hard work that our cadets are putting in and excited to know that they are beginning to see their personal growth just like we do.

## From the Athletic Department

It's an exciting week here on campus as we get ready to kick off the fall sports season this weekend. On Saturday, the Knights take the field for the first time led by Coach Mario Espinoza as our soccer team plays host to Darrow at 2:30 pm. Our cross country team is off and running this weekend as well as Coach Forrest Gordon and the cadets head to Faith Christian for their first competitive meet of the year.

Intramurals are also in full swing this week as the cadets got a chance to play volleyball, team handball, basketball, football, and tennis. They also took part in some circuit training, Pilates, and yoga classes as well! Perhaps the most exciting news is fencing and football on Fridays. Some cadets will bring the pigskin back to campus with flag football while others will have a chance to show off their fancy footwork and hand-eye coordination with a fencing saber.

Aside from all our great sports news, it was also an exciting week for the academy on numerous other levels. First, we were able to sign a Team Nike Contract for the school. This brings the brand name and the "Swoosh" to campus where our community will have the opportunity to wear high quality athletic apparel at an affordable price that has a reputation like no other. We are definitely proud to be partners! We will have information shortly on team package options and spirit wear for our players, parents, fans, faculty, staff, and of course our proud alumni!



The second project that began this week was the renovation of our athletic facility, specifically the weight room/wrestling room. The floor has been removed and we will be cleaning, painting, putting new surfaces down, and adding some new equipment in the following months. It should end up looking great and the entire school community will benefit from its use. The improvements should help strengthen our athletes, prevent injuries, and raise our sports programs to new heights!

GO KNIGHTS!!!



peace between conflicting parties as they try and develop a solution. It's important to recognize that when disagreements arise in life there are always ways to alleviate an otherwise stressful situation so that it may be beneficially resolved.

## Counselor's Corner

Thank you for welcoming me into the NYMA family. I look forward to getting to know each student as the school year continues. Our PSAT pre-registration is complete in anticipation for the October 11<sup>th</sup> PSAT 8/9 and PSAT/NMSQT day. Thanks to the amazing Ms. Madaia, the student guides for each test have been loaded into both the student and parent portals so they can be accessed during study periods as well as from home on open weekends. We encourage the students to take some time to review the information and for PSAT/NMSQT test-takers to complete the included practice test. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [smagno@nyma.org](mailto:smagno@nyma.org).



new CAC (Cadet Activity Center) Lounge. Saturday is "Movies on the Hudson Night". Dr. Webb will be accompanying cadets down to Cornwall Landing to watch *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*. Sunday many of our cadets will be helping to construct a bean bag toss game. Next month it will be used in our outdoor gaming event with a neighboring school.

## Commandant's Notes

It's coming to that time of year when the new cadets partake in testing to be recognized as official cadets here at the academy. It is an integral part of assuming the responsibilities that will help them become responsible, active citizens. New cadets were given job training booklets to study and they have been actively training since the beginning of the school year. Tomorrow will be the final push to clean up any minor discrepancies in their techniques. Sunday is test day and the goal is to get all new cadets tested and certified by 5:00 pm. This hopefully will be one less thing they need to worry about and next week should be smooth sailing as they look forward to the recognition ceremonies on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. We hope to see many of you there as we recognize your cadet's achievements.

Every week I meet with the cadets to discuss various topics in leadership and character development. This week I discussed the importance of conflict resolution. I provided them with insight into facing and confronting adversity while maintaining



## From the Activities Coordinator

Our cadets have been busy taking part in many of the weekend activities. They have hiked, gone to a local baseball game, attended a car show, and even participated in drawing chalk murals! Each weekend there are many opportunities for cadets to have fun with the array of events offered.

Friday night is "Spa Night" at NYMA. Many cadets will be treating themselves to facials, manicures, and pedicures as well as making their own sleeping masks. There will be music and plenty of relaxation time in our

**NYMA  
EVENTS**



**SOCCER GAME**  
SAT. 9/16



**CROSS COUNTRY  
MEET**  
SAT. 9/16

**WEEKEND ACTIVITIES**

- SPA NIGHT  
9/15
- TRIVIA NIGHT  
OPEN GYM NIGHT  
9/16
- CORNHOLE  
CONSTRUCTION  
9/17

# NYMA NEWSLETTER



## DEBATING DACA

President Trump is under fire from both the left and right sides as the debate over DACA, or the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, grows. DACA is an American immigration policy founded by the Obama Administration in June 2012. The policy allows certain illegal immigrants who entered the country as minors to receive a renewable two-year period of deferred action from deportation and eligibility for a work permit. President Trump moves to end DACA though, POTUS has called upon congress to act. This past Tuesday he gave the order to end the Obama-era program that shields young illegal

**DACA has been a controversial topic ever since the Obama Administration put it to action.**

immigrants from deportation. POTUS and Attorney General Jeff Sessions used anti-immigration rhetoric claiming immigrants usurp jobs from natural born citizens. Trump argues that DACA protects people who violate US law and are unfair to lawful immigrants, than the right to invade Congress to enact immigration laws. These children were brought into the United States now average age 25, many of them do not even understand the countries outside the United States. It should also be noted that at this point the US has already invested in these DACA individuals and deporting those who have been given skill sets and contribute to society may be a mistake. The most pressing issue is whether or not these dreamers can stay in the United States. If the US government canceled DACA, those children who were brought to the United States would face a homeless fate.

Want to see a specific topic discussed in the next NYMA Newsletter? Let us know!

## NORTH KOREA

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea, otherwise known as North Korea. It's a country that is located in East Asia and is ruled by a dictator named Kim Jong-un. He is only 33 years old and has an entire country equipped with weapons of mass destruction at his fingertips. He has been making risky and eye opening decisions involving nuclear and ballistic missile testing, North Korea fired a missile that flew over Japan and landed in the Pacific waters off the northern region of Hokkaido, Japan. Japan's Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said "The launch was a clear violation of United Nations resolutions and Japan will work closely with the United States, South Korea and other concerned nations on a response."

After North Korea launched a missile over Japan, the Hermit Kingdom threatened more launches into the Pacific. The U.S., however, successfully shot down many medium-range ballistic missiles (just like these) in the past. The U.S. tested this off the coast of Hawaii with their "SM-6" Missile. United States president Donald Trump said: "They will be met with fire and fury like the world has never seen.". If North Korea continues to make threats, we could be facing our next world war.

In response to this, the United States has stationed a naval fleet off the coast of North Korea and Japan has merged their fleet with the United States Navy. There are unconfirmed rumors that Russia will be contributing by providing Air Support but no clear action has been taken by the Russians.

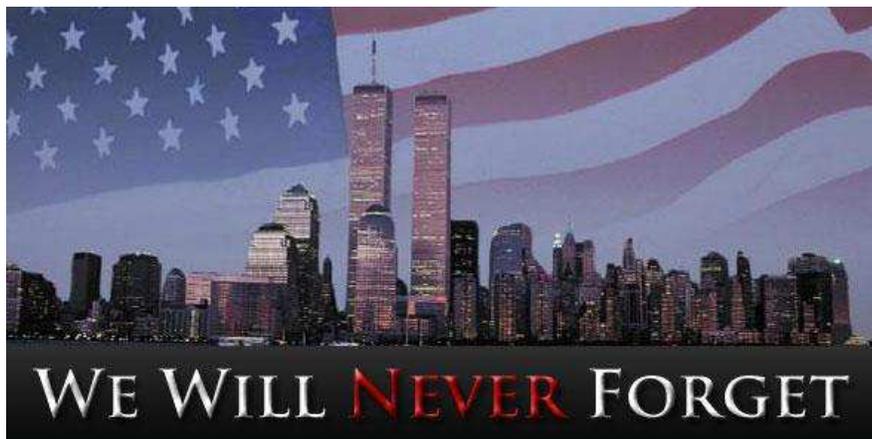


# HURRICANE IRMA

The most powerful storm recorded in the Atlantic, Hurricane Irma, caused a lot of havoc in the southeast United States. Several states and numerous areas suffered from flooding, and high winds. Many houses and businesses, and highways were destroyed. Massive power outages crippled much of the southeast. Hurricane Irma knocked out power in Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina and North Carolina. Among the hardest hit by Irma: FLORIDA: About 4.4 million customers are without power across the state, authorities said (They include homes, organizations and businesses.) GEORGIA: Almost 700,000 customers are in the dark. SOUTH CAROLINA: Almost 55,000 customers have no power. NORTH CAROLINA: More than 29,000 customers don't have electricity. ALABAMA: More than 7,000 customers are without electricity. Irma's core, with maximum sustained winds of 185 mph slammed Barbuda before hitting St. Martin and Anguilla. Hurricane Irma roared toward South Florida as a Category 4 storm with 130 mph winds. Irma is expected to arrive in metro Atlanta with 3 to 7 inches of rain and winds gusting up to 60 mph. At least 17 storm-related deaths have already been reported on the US mainland, according to local officials. Florida has reported 12 deaths, Georgia had three deaths, South Carolina had two deaths. The damage from this hurricane is still being recorded, so these numbers may increase with time.



**This past Monday marked the 16th anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks. We remember those who lost their lives and thank those first responders, civilians and all others who worked towards helping save lives and recovering from such a horrible event.**



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# ENTERTAINMENT

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## MUSIC

Music Business Worldwide and Royalty Exchange published a list of the most successful songwriters of 2017. Metro Boomin was listed number one, being credited for writing hits like 21 savage's "X," Migos "Bad and Boujee," and Kodak Black's "Tunnel Vision." Quavo from the rap group Migos was listed number two with being credited for songs such as "Pick Up the Phone" by Young Thug and Travis Scott and DJ Khaled's "I'm the One." Kendrick Lamar was listed number three after being successful with his latest album, which had included two Billboard hits, "DNA" and "Humble." Some of the other honorable mentions on the list included big name artists like Drake and J Cole.

## THE HORROR MOVIE IT

The movie "It" is an American-Canadian supernatural horror drama originally released in 1990, directed by Tommy Lee Wallace. The new version of the R-rated horror film made a whopping \$123.1 million from 4,103 box office locations. The cast includes Finn Wolfhard (Stranger Things), Jaeden Lieberher (Midnight Special), Jeremy Ray Taylor (Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Road Chip), Wyatt Oleff (Guardians of the Galaxy), Sophia Lillis (37), Chosen Jacobs (Cops and Robbers), Jack Dylan Grazer (Tales of Halloween) and Nicholas Hamilton (Captain Fantastic). The film is confirmed to be more than two hours which means we will see more detail than the original released version in 1990, and with updated film techniques and equipment, this reboot is sure to be a hit.

### NYMA FAVORITES

#### Favorite Songs

Can You Be My Friend

Therapy Session

Bohemian Rhapsody

Perfect Places

Glorious

#### Favorite Movies

Guardians of the  
Galaxy Vol.1

White House Down

A Good Day To Die  
Hard

Pulp Fiction

The Conjuring

#### Favorite Books

Divergent

The Fault in Our  
Stars

Percy Jackson and  
The Lightning  
Thief

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# SPORTS

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## FIGHT OF THE CENTURY

Las Vegas was the place to be on August 26 where the once in a lifetime fight took place between boxing champion Floyd Mayweather and UFC champion Conor McGregor. The streets were littered with fans who caused a scene while pushing for McGregor's victory. Meanwhile loyal fans of TMT (The Money Team) flooded the strip rocking their TMT snapbacks and defended the Mayweather name at all times.

As the fight started, social media was flooded with predictions and opinions on the fight. At first McGregor seemed to have a real shot in the fight. But as the fight raged on it was clear that Floyd Mayweather had the upper hand. In his return from a 2 year retirement Floyd Mayweather improved his record to 50-0 with a 10th round TKO over an incredible match with Conor McGregor. It was truly a unique, once in a lifetime kind of fight.



## RED SOX CHEATING SCANDAL

The Major League Baseball team, the Red Sox, who are currently in first place in the American League East have been caught up in a recent scandal. The Red Sox have been accused of stealing signs and signals from the catcher of the New York Yankees and other teams.

The Yankees' general manger, Brian Cashman, filed a complaint against the Red Sox about two weeks ago. The complaint included a video of a Red Sox staff member looking at his Apple Watch in the dugout. The staff member then told a message to other players in the dugout who signaled their teammates out on the field about what pitch was going to be thrown by the pitcher.

It is unclear what penalties, if any, will be issued against the Red Sox and whether or not a more expansive investigation to determine the extent of the Red Sox' sign-stealing system will be put into place. It is also unclear how the Red Sox will defend themselves against this claim of foul play on their part.



# FOOTBALL

The NFL commissioner Roger Goodell was booed when he appeared on the field before the Patriots vs Chiefs game. As Goodell was talking to Chiefs owner Clark Hunt the fans began to lose interest in his presence on the field and began to boo him off. Patriots fans were mad at him because of what happened the Thursday before. There was Deflategate, the protracted witch hunt surrounding football inflation that led to a protracted legal process involving Tom Brady who was suspended missing four of their play off games in 2015. Along with the Patriots preparing to hoist their fifth Super Bowl banner on Thursday, the team's fans had a lot of pent-up, full-throated opinions to direct at the commissioner. These events led to the NFL's commissioner receiving such a negative response from fans at the Patriots vs Chiefs game.

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