



KNIGHTS NEWS



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NEW YORK MILITARY ACADEMY

Superintendent's Message

Days are getting shorter and the temperature is slowly dropping. All of the cadets have received their winter jackets. It feels so great to walk around our beautiful campus and see our cadets doing so many wonderful things!

During the community meeting on Wednesday, I had the pleasure to share the story of the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival and invited everyone to taste mooncakes and enjoy the full-moon at night.

This week we also welcomed another new cadet. Let's hope our NYMA family continues to grow!



Dean's News

I hope you have all had the chance to view your cadet's progress report via the Rediker portal. The document lies in the E-Portfolio section of the E-locker tab. Though you have been able to see grades entered by the teachers in real time, the progress report contains their interim grades. The report also will show any comments provided by teachers in the narrative section. Let us know immediately if you are having trouble viewing the portal or if you would prefer a copy of the report emailed to you.

The first session of our Friday afternoon study hall was very successful and students handed in a lot of completed work. I'm hoping that the number of students in attendance will decrease over time.



Invitations for Parent Teacher Conferences have been sent out via email. These meetings will take place by appointment on October 21st from 8 am - 12 pm and will be followed by lunch in our dining hall. After the RSVP date of 10/18, your individual schedules will be sent to you. We hope to see you then. Please let Ms. Madaia know if you would like to schedule a meeting with the college counselor as well (Ext. 4262). Leave ample time for travel that day as there is a football game scheduled at West Point which can cause a traffic jam on 9W.

This coming Wednesday, October 11th, grades 8-11 will be taking either the PSAT 8/9 or PSAT/NMSQT. Everyone has already pre-registered so we will begin testing directly after breakfast. The seniors and 7th graders will be off to Marist College in Poughkeepsie for a college visit.

The book group invited a guest speaker from the publishing company, Hachette Book Group. Jeffrey Shay, who is the Creative Director and Web Services Manager, came to share his knowledge and experience about the creative aspect of publishing books. The students really enjoyed the time with him and we were grateful for his generosity.

The culinary group researched delicious Russian recipes including meatballs in a mushroom gravy with potatoes and asparagus. More importantly, this group was moved to help raise money for the relief effort for Puerto Rico. They were shown before and after photos of the disaster and decided to have a bake sale during our upcoming lunch periods to raise money. If you would like to help the cause, you may either forward your donation to Jena Webb or use the following link. All monies received will be forwarded via PayPal through www.unidosporpuertorico.com/en/



The projects group has multiple works going on simultaneously. Mr. Gordon's group is trying to get the gazebo finished in time for the cross country invitational while Ms. Larabee's group continues to work on the Chemistry Lab. Ms. Furnia's group put the finishing touches on the cornhole boards for our upcoming competition with a rival school. The culinary group helped out with refreshments for this competition as well.

The news team has now become so professional and their delivery so polished that the advisors will certainly miss this well-oiled machine. All of the groups have one more meeting before the students will be asked to rotate for a new experience.

From the Admissions Office

Students are still matriculating for this semester, but we are gearing up for next semester and next year's enrollment. Inquiries by future cadets have been increasing. We have been attending school fairs and recently attended a local Women's Leadership Conference. Our community is excited about our school's successes and they want us to continue growing.

We have two upcoming Open Houses:

October 21 & November 18, 2017

Open Houses are only conducted on certain weekends throughout the year. They begin promptly at 10:00 am and end at approximately 1:00 pm. Families will join in an informal meet and greet with key team members, enjoy a presentation by the Superintendent, and be shown around campus by the cadets. To RSVP please contact the Admissions Team at admissions@nyma.org or [845-534-3710](tel:845-534-3710).

From the Athletic Department

On Wednesday, October 5th, the NYMA soccer team traveled to Saugerties for a game against Woodstock Day School. It was a great game with the Knights earning the victory by a score of 2-1. Both teams played with discipline on defense and patience on offense. All players were extremely respectful of one another, showing great sportsmanship. NYMA was led by Leo Baitao who scored both goals. Additional highlights came from Nigel Petti-Fernandez, Remy Sykes, and Henri Racine. This weekend the Knights are back in action traveling to Marvelwood for a HVAL game. Their record is now 2-3 in league play and 3-3 overall.

I would like to thank the following faculty members for their help this past week: Ms. Christina Canary, Dr. Jena Webb, and Mrs. Jennifer Erikson. They are all very important people who really stepped up for our athletic program and its members! Whether it was riding with the teams as chaperones, providing support for our student athletes, or behind the scenes work like organizing our transportation, they all did a great job! THANK YOU!!!

Our cross country team has been working hard at practice and went for a nice run this week with Coach Gordon. They enjoyed some great team bonding during the run and also sampled some slushies from a local shop in the town of Cornwall. Don't let the sweet treats fool you though as the boys are ready to hit the road on Saturday for the invitational at Darrow. GO KNIGHTS!!!

The corps had a physical fitness test this week. Their scores were recorded and timed individually. We will announce the top finishers in next week's newsletter and on the school website, www.nyma.org.

Good luck to all of our student-athletes who are taking the SAT Test this Saturday. Get a good night's sleep, have some breakfast, take your time, and do your best! You're going to do great! Please stay tuned for updates about our gym and weight room areas as well as new team/fan sportswear featuring updated logos that we will roll out with our Nike partnership very soon! Please be safe and enjoy the long holiday weekend.



Commandant's Notes

Your cadets had a busy and productive day yesterday during Commandant's Time! Most of them took a 5-event fitness test that is part of the Presidential Youth Fitness Program. We will finish all the required testing very soon and submit our data. I looked at some of the results and we may have some national recognition for a few cadets; some of the numbers were fantastic!

Next week is a short week that heads into a closed weekend. Cadets will not be going home next weekend. Day cadets will receive guidance on when they are required to be back on campus Saturday and Sunday; they will not be spending the night. On the agenda is a session with a corporate leadership trainer. Her specialty is training students to work in and eventually become leaders of corporate America.

We are well aware that only a small percentage of cadets will matriculate into military service upon graduation. It's my intent that we prepare them for ANY field they choose to enter whether it be in the civilian or military sector. As always, feel free to contact me at dlorenzen@nyma.org or Ext. 4210 if you have questions. Have a great weekend!

Counselor's Corner

Seniors have started to receive their login information for Naviance (our school's College and Career Readiness Tool). They are crafting their essays, filling out forms for recommendations, and continuing their other college admissions preparations. I will be introducing our juniors to the career guidance portion of Naviance to help them with their future college search. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns at smagno@nyma.org or Ext. 4211.



From the Activities Coordinator

I hope that everyone is enjoying October. This week I would like to explain the exciting ACTIVITY POINTS program we launched at the start of the school year. For each activity a cadet signs up for and completes, an activity point is earned. Thanks to the help of Senior Amanda Beller, we have been tallying lots of points for motivated students. This week our top three cadets are Matthew Montes, Nassim Elhouti, and Daniel Geng. The top three cadets at the end of the semester will earn a prize.

Last week's Kickboxing and Trivia Night were a huge success. The cadets enjoyed music, snacked, and pondered thoughtful questions. Prizes were awarded. Outlet shopping was also a blast and thankfully the cadets did leave some merchandise behind for others to buy! More of these trips will pop up in the future.

Our cornhole boards are almost ready for our big outdoor interschool tournament next Sunday with Oakwood Friends School. Thank you to Ms. Furnia's Service Learning Class for pitching in with the painting and Ms. Harrel's class for helping make the brownies for the event. Next weekend we are also creating a NYMA scarecrow that will be entered into the Town of Cornwall's Halloween Competition.

Enjoy your Columbus Day Weekend everyone. For those who are staying, there is open Social Center time on Saturday and an autumn glass-painting activity on Sunday.

**NYMA
EVENTS**



SOCCER GAME
WED. 10/4
SAT. 10/7



**CROSS COUNTRY
MEET**
SAT. 10/7

WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

OPEN SOCIAL CENTER
10/7

WINDOW PAINTING IN
SCARBOROUGH
10/8

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LAS VEGAS MASS SHOOTING

This past week in Las Vegas a tragedy occurred. Stephen Paddock opened fire on civilians from his Las Vegas hotel room during a country music festival this past week. The shooting started at 10:08 and stopped at 10:19. He outfitted his hotel room with 23 weapons, 12 of which were able to shoot similarly to a fully automatic rifle, and thousands of rounds of ammunition. There were cameras that he set up around his room and hallways to be able to see who was coming near his room. Every part of this attack seemed planned out and organized. Soon after the attack happened official statements were released allowing insight on the attack, “ A lone gunman unleashed a rapid-fire barrage of bullets from the 32nd floor of a

**The shooting
occurred at the
Mandalay Bay
hotel.**

Las Vegas hotel late Sunday, killing at least 59 people and injuring more than 500 others attending a country music festival below.” After the suspects hotel room was breached they found that the shooter, who they believed acted alone, had already killed himself. Stephen Paddock, the shooter, was a 64 year old is a former accountant with a big ambling habit, lived in a community with many senior citizens in the sale town of Mesquite. Marilou Denley, girlfriend of Paddock, was overseas at the time of the incident but is expected to return soon. Though police have stated that Paddock had no criminal history, nor mental illness, there is an added sense of difficulty to this investigation. So far the massacre has left 58 people dead and another 500 people wounded from injuries ranging from gunshots to stampede injuries.

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

Puerto Rico's Scandal

San Juan Mayor Carmen Yulin Cruz say President Donald Trump never delivered any aid to Puerto Rico. It turns out that President Trump actually did deliver aid. The mayor has made speeches about the people of Puerto Rico starving and dying with the food, water AND medical aid right behind her. Mayor Carmen Yulin Cruz gives family's water when the cameras are on but the second they turn off, the water is ripped away from the families hands. This is all en effort to make President Donald Trump look bad. Its sad to see that politicians put votes ahead of people suffering. This was all blown over by a Puerto Rican Police Officer who was in Guaynabo at the time. She called a radio station exposing the mayor and addressing the situation at hand.



Threat Of War

Another war is going on in Iraq because of the Kurds.

After Iraq's Kurds voted for the independence, they went to the streets, waving flags at the Baghdad's threats of the military action. More than a week, Kurds haven't taken any steps to declare independence. Kurdish oil is still flowing, even though Turks threat shuts down a vital pipeline, but the Kurds' is fighting alongside with the American led-Military. The most concrete action Baghdad did in the last few days is they ban the international flight to and from Kurdistan international airport.

For Baghdad, Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi's harsh reaction was seen as an attempt to demanding a severe respond to the Kurdish provocation, "We held this vote because we lost faith, we are fighting a rear guard position for a lost country", said Hoshyar Zebari, the former Iraqi foreign minister who was the architect of the Kurds referendum vote. They are also dismissive of Baghdad's threat to subjugate the Kurdish region by force. "Military intervention, it's not going to happen," said Vahal Ali, director of communications in Mr. Barzani's office. "Because first and foremost they don't have the military strength."



ENTERTAINMENT

NYMA's Culinary Group

We interviewed NYMA students who are having a bake sale to donate money to help puerto rico, here are some of the responses:

-What was the purpose of the bake sale?

“The purpose of the bake sale was to show that NYMA cares about what is happening in Puerto Rico” -Sykes

-Where will you be donating the money?

“We will donate the money to United for Puerto Rico.” (unidosporpuertorico.com) - Dr. Webb

-Who or what inspired you to raise money?

“We were inspired by the video dr.Web shows us about the puerto rico devastation.” -Mckenzie

-What foods will be offered?

“Brownies and cookies will be offered.” -Fooks

-Where and when will the bake sale take place?

“The bake sale will be in the mess hall today, Thursday and Friday” - Sykes

NORTH KOREA'S DEADLY DICTATOR

Mixing the tense international situation with the qualities of a spy thriller, the new documentary, “North Korea's Deadly Dictator” has been brought front. The documentary is about the murder of King Jong Un's half-brother, King Jong Nam. The murder highlights both the families long standing grip on the country and how it led to the reign of Kim Jong Un. The documentary is an interesting presentation of the current political and social issues in North Korea.

SPORTS

Victory for the Yankees

Last night the Minnesota Twins and the New York Yankees started off the playoffs with a bang! Both starting pitchers gave up three runs in the first inning. Luis Severino (NYY) was so flustered he was relieved before getting the second out. Thanks to the reliability of the Yankee bullpen, they only let one run score after Severino's relief. Brian Dozier hit a home run in the first at bat of the game which marked the first time a batter opened the postseason with a dinger. One of those home runs Santana allowed was to Aaron Judge. Yup, in his first playoffs appearance. Judge became the first Yankees rookie to do that since Shane Spencer in the 1998 ALDS, and the third overall (the first being Elston Howard in the 1955 World Series). The other home run Santana allowed -- the first -- was hit by Didi.



NBA Preseason

The NBA Preseason started this past Saturday as fans are looking forward to the beginning of the new season coming up October 17. It has been an interesting offseason and preseason because there have been numerous surprising new additions to some teams. Some of these additions include Kyrie Irving going to the Celtics, Jimmy Butler going to the Minnesota Timberwolves, along with Paul George and Carmelo Anthony going to the Oklahoma City Thunder to pair up with reigning MVP Russell Westbrook. George and Anthony made their debuts for the Thunder last night as they combined for 34 points in a loss to the Houston Rockets. The Rockets newest addition, Veteran point guard Chris Paul, who scored 11 points and managed to get 7 assists. The Timberwolves managed to get past a young Lakers team, with Jimmy Butler and the rest of the T-Wolves newest additions managed to combined for over 40 points. The games to watch for are the two opening games on the 17th. The Boston Celtics, led by the latest additions in Kyrie Irving and Gordon Hayward, go to Cleveland to face LeBron James and a revamped Cavaliers team at 8:30 pm. Afterwards, the Houston Rockets, with their newly revamped backcourt in James Harden and Chris Paul, go up against the reigning NBA champions in the Golden State Warriors at 10:30 pm.

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