



KNIGHTS NEWS



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Superintendent's Message

What a busy week in China! I visited schools in Guangzhou, Shanghai, Wuhan, and Chengdu. Today I had the pleasure of seeing a number of students who attended our summer program. They were from the Guangya School in Chengdu and I gave a talk to their entire student body. While in Chengdu, I also got to tour Dujiangyan which is a famous irrigation system originally constructed around 256 BC. The area was so beautiful.

My trip to China is about to be over. Unfortunately, I will not be back in time for the events this weekend. I hope parents are able to learn a little more about the school work of their cadets during Parent/Teacher Conferences. To the cadets: I wish you all the best in your athletic competitions. To all visiting NYMA Alumni: I hope you all return to enjoy the warmth of the NYMA community and to rejoice in another year of the academy thriving and growing. See you all soon!

The Assistant Superintendent and I also want to mention that all cadets will be moving buildings soon. For the male cadets, they will be shifting to the bigger and sunnier rooms of Patillo. It's an easier setting for social interaction and we are confident they will be happier there. The female cadets are moving to better quarters in Reilly Hall where we are creating a safer and homier environment for them. The Jones Barracks will be mostly empty for the next 6 months. During this time, we will be making improvements to allow for the next phase of campus expansion in September 2018.



Dean's News



The academic team is really looking forward to meeting with parents tomorrow for the Parent/Teacher Conferences. We will be ready to greet you in the foyer of the Academic Building where all of the conferences will be held and morning refreshments served. If you RSVP'd to Ms. Madaia, you should have already received your schedules via email on Thursday. If you are unable to print your schedule, just stop by the office before your first appointment and we will be happy to provide one for you. We ask that you keep to your 10-minute scheduled time so that all parents have an equal opportunity to meet with the teachers. As stated in the invitation, a BBQ lunch will be served at noon directly in front of the Academic Building. You can eat outside and take advantage of the lovely fall weather and scenery or you can eat in the Mess Hall with your Cadet if you prefer.

We apologize if you have had any difficulty getting in contact with us recently; during our network upgrades our internet and phones have not been completely reliable. You can be 100% certain that we are *not* hanging up on you and that we are working to improve the infrastructure daily.

As you will see, spirit is alive at NYMA!!! Major Lorenzen has been working really hard

to promote Spirit Week and get everyone excited about Homecoming! Students began the festivities by making class banners and hanging them proudly from the Academic Building. They have also been able to wear some unusual items in place of their uniforms this week. We took a photo together in the Mess Hall on "Favorite Team Jersey Day"!

We have a total of 14 students that have signed up to participate in the SAT Prep Course with Mr. Roselli and Dr. Webb. The first session was a great success and the next session is scheduled for October 28th; this day also happens to be the date of the on-campus ACT Exam. If you would like your child to enroll in the prep course, please contact Sarah Magno at Ext. 4211.

The book that our students have been working so hard to create has finally been sent for publishing and we are anxiously awaiting the final product! The format is a soft-cover, 84-page anthology of all the individual books. If any parent would like to order a copy, please contact Ms. Simon at Ext. 4804. She will give you all of the details and help you to order one.





The service project group worked on cleaning classrooms, lining the fields, painting the gazebo, and fixing the chairs in the Mess Hall. They have made so many positive contributions to this campus in such a short amount of time.

Ms. Harrell had students researching countries by creating a travel itinerary and placing them in points of interest along the way. Dr. Webb also offered her assistance to students who were creating an Indian delicacy. We had to skip a week of menu preparation due to testing last week, but Chef Richard Thorn saved the day by preparing a delicious German meal of schnitzel, spaetzle, and cabbage to celebrate his own heritage.

Our news crew is responsible for the weekly student newsletter. I attempted to take a video of

their broadcast with no luck, but here is a picture of their famous pose which was taken in their "studio." ☺



From the Admissions Office

The Admissions Department is expecting a large turnout for the Open House this Saturday, October 21st from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. The Assistant Superintendent, and the Admissions staff will be available to answer questions. Refreshments will be served as well. For those who cannot make this Open House, another one is scheduled for November 18th from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact us at Ext. 4272 or at admissions@nyma.org.

We have received so many phone calls this past week that we feel the word is out that NYMA is back! Not only are people calling from the local area, but from out of state as well.

Andrew Erickson returned recently from his recruiting trip to China. We look forward to hearing all his news! This week we bid a fond farewell to Christina Canary. She is leaving us to take on her dream job in Marketing. We will miss her. She has done a wonderful job for NYMA and has touched the hearts of all who have worked with her including parents, students, faculty, and staff alike. We wish her happiness and fulfillment in her new undertaking!

From the Athletic Department

This past Saturday, the Knights took the short bus ride up 9W to take on the top team in the league, Storm King School. It was an intense game and both teams played with passion and good sportsmanship. NYMA had some amazing shots on goal, but unfortunately the score ended up being 7-0 Storm King. The player of the game for NYMA was Brandon Fooks. Cadet Fooks did an outstanding job as goalkeeper and had a countless number of amazing saves.



On Wednesday, October 18th, the Knights boarded the bus for a long two-hour ride to play the Watkinson School. NYMA played with great energy and determination as they provided some of the best defense of the year. The NYMA player of the game was again Brandon Fooks with outstanding contributions from Nigel Petti-Fernandez and Remy Sykes. The cadets took a hard loss with the end score being 6-0. The next game will be played this Saturday against Marvelwood for Homecoming.

The Cross Country team also made the trip to Storm King on Saturday and had to take on the mountain. They all did great and the Knights came in 2nd place overall. Sophomore Matthew Montes finished in 3rd place, sophomore Karif Isaacs came in 6th,



and junior Josh Antoine finished in 7th place. On Wednesday, October 18th, the XC team traveled to Poughkeepsie Day School and came in 3rd place overall. Matthew Montes came in 5th and Josh Antoine came in 10th place for the Knights.

We hope to see all of our friends, family, faculty, and alumni at Homecoming this Saturday. We have a fun-filled day of events planned beginning with the Parent/Teacher Conferences and an Open House. We will then have a tailgate party that will lead up to our Cross Country Invitational at 2:00 pm, the soccer game at 2:30 pm, and an intramural kickball game at 3:00 pm.

GO KNIGHTS!!!

Commandant's Notes

Spirit Week has been a huge success! It appears that "Favorite Team Jersey Day" was the most popular with about half of the Corps participating. I've seen teams from several different countries and from several different sports including polo. I love seeing the diversity of our cadets and the teams they support!

The weekend is just beginning! The pep rally & bonfire is Friday night followed by the competitions Saturday afternoon. Sandwiched in between is leadership training, the NYMA Open House, and Parent/Teacher Conferences. It will be a great weekend. GO Knights!



Counselor's Corner

This week, all of the seniors logged into Naviance and either completed a career assessment or worked on their "game plan" for college applications. Naviance is the most efficient way for all stakeholders to track the progress of our cadet's college preparations. I will be working to create a parent login for each of you so you can monitor the progress of your students as well. As they continue to meet with me and work on their admission information, we will refer to Naviance to keep track of everything.

Although helping the seniors with college preparation has taken much of my time, I have had the pleasure of meeting with some of our younger cadets as well. I know it can feel overwhelming for some of them to keep up with their academics, participate in their extracurricular activities, and attempt to maintain their social lives all at the same time. If your child needs help with organization skills, balancing the different aspects of their lives, or they just need a quiet place to refocus, please direct them to my office.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns at Ext. 4211.

From the Activities Coordinator

Hello everyone! Last weekend NYMA successfully hosted Oakwood Friends School for an outdoor games day. Students mingled over brownies and beverages while playing on the new NYMA cornhole boards. They are sturdy, beautiful, and will be used for many years to come. Thank you to Sara Elhouti for her artistic enthusiasm on this project. During Open Social Center Night, cadets finished their spirit banners that you will see when visiting the campus this weekend. I'd like to give an extra thanks to Cadet Montes who dressed our school scarecrow for a town-wide competition. We are calling him "PoeCrow" as he has the face of Edgar Allan Poe.

Our campus bonfire is set to happen on Friday evening with s'mores and music for all. The Social Center will be open on Saturday night for Pictionary with Ms. Furnia and those who wish can join us for a jaunt on the Walkway-over-the-Hudson on Sunday.

Have a fabulous weekend!



**NYMA
EVENTS**



SOCCER GAME
WED. 10/18
SAT. 10/21



CROSS COUNTRY MEET
WED. 10/18
SAT. 10/21

WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

Birdhouse Building
10/20

Pictionary Night
10/21

Walkway over
Hudson
10/22

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Somalia Bombing Leaves Hundreds Dead

Chaos and shock strikes Mogadishu, Somalia when a truck bombing carrying a bomb weighing something between 500 kilograms (1,100 pounds) and two tonnes detonates, killing over 500 people. The bomb was a mix of homemade and military grade explosives. On top of that, the bomb detonated next to a nearby fuel tanker, which made the death toll even greater. Officials are uncertain if the fuel truck was placed there purposely or was just at the wrong place at the wrong time. No one has

The blast was reported to shatter windows as far as half a mile away.

claimed responsibility for the bombing but officials think it is Al-Shabaab, an al Qaeda-linked terror group. The reason why no one has claimed responsibility is due to the mass amount of civilian anger. There has been protest's about the bombing with civilians carrying automatic weapons (AK-47's) and ready to take action for those responsible.

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

Wildfires Rip Through California

Fast-moving wildfires raged across Northern California on Monday, killing at least 10 people, sending well over a 100 people to hospitals, forcing up to 20,000 to evacuate and destroying more than 1,500 buildings. Authorities said 60 people were still missing on Tuesday from the fires that have killed at least 41 people, destroyed numerous homes and burned through some 200,000 acres of the state. "Just over the last 24 hours, we have repopulated 13,956 homes and 36,225 people," Sonoma County Sheriff Rob Giordano told reporters on Tuesday. Janet Upton, a deputy director of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, said: The property damage, already among the worst seen in a fire in California, is still expected to increase. In Santa Rosa, the seat of Sonoma County, the authorities imposed a curfew starting at sunset and said they were watching for looters. We call for attention both on the fire itself but also to find a better way to recognize the threat and extinguish it as soon as possible.



Top General's Grief Becomes Political Talking Point for Trump

Four days after his son died in Afghanistan, John F. Kelly, then a Marine Corps general, eulogized two Marines killed by a truck bomb in Iraq. He made only a fleeting, oblique reference to his son Second Lt. Now Mr. Kelly is President Trump's chief of staff, and the commander in chief is testing his aide's long-held reluctance to discuss his loss. Mr. Trump, in defending his handling of the deaths of four Green Berets in Niger, falsely claimed on Monday that President Barack Obama did not contact the families of fallen troops. And on Tuesday, Mr. Trump brought to light that Mr. Obama never called Mr. Kelly after the death of his son.

"You could ask General Kelly, 'Did he get a call from Obama?'" Mr. Trump said in an interview on Tuesday on fox news radio. "I believe his policy was somewhat different than my policy. I can tell you my policy is I called every one of them." But Mr. Trump's remarks have drawn angry rebukes from allies of the former president because his claims about Mr. Obama are false — he called or met with relatives of multiple fallen service members. Former military commanders, for their part, said Mr. Trump was politicizing one of the saddest and most sacred duties of the presidency.



SPORTS

Rockets vs. Warriors

Houston didn't necessarily prove that point Tuesday night by defeating a Warriors team that had plenty of potential excuses, the absence of sixth man Andre Iguodala, the knee injury that sidelined Draymond Green in the fourth quarter, fatigue from the preseason China trip, an emotional letdown after the ring ceremony, etc. . It's fair to wonder how much the fluke factor was in play after the Warriors snapped a 28-game winning streak in games in which they led by at least 15 at some point. Its disappointing that Kevin Durant's potential game-winning baseline jumper didn't leave his hands until split seconds after the final buzzer sounded.

The Rockets are well aware that rings are awarded, not earned, in October. But the way the Rockets won -- as much as who they beat -- reinforced their optimism that they'll at least have a puncher's chance to pull off an upset over the Warriors in a playoff series. The game finished with a score of 122-121.



NFL

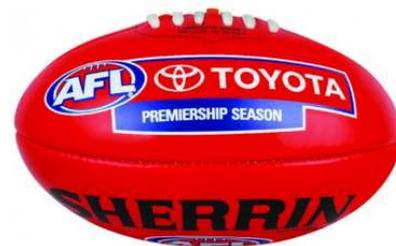
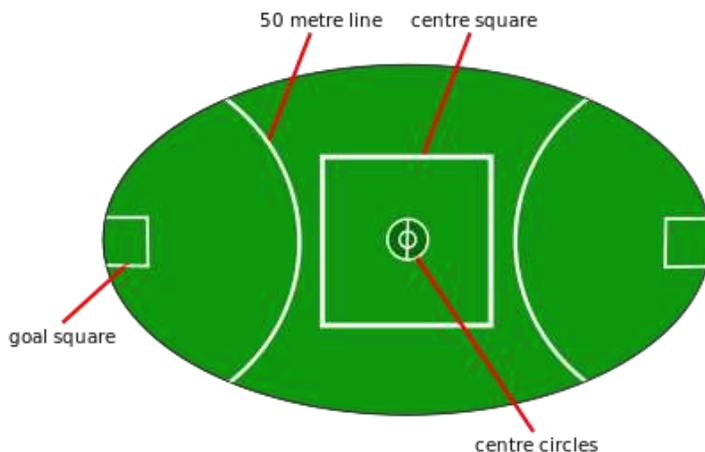
NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell spoke in a press conference Tuesday addressing the issue of whether or not NFL players are required to stand during the national anthem. Kneeling during the national anthem has become an extremely controversial act done by the players. Former 49ers Quarterback Colin Kaepernick began this trend last year in the preseason, which has gained more media attention since then. When asked about if it was a commitment for players to stand during the anthem, Goodell stated, "We did not ask for that." Whether or not it will have a major impact on the NFL's overall reputation and revenue will be interesting to watch over time.

SPORTS (CONT.)

AFL FINAL

This article will discuss the 2017 AFL grand final in which the Richmond Tigers played off against the Adelaide Crows. For those who are not familiar with the sport of AFL, it is the national sport of Australia that consists of 18 teams from all over the continent of Australia. There are 18 players allowed on the field of play for each team at any one time and substitutions can be made throughout the course of the game. There are 4 goals posts side by side with the middle two stretching higher than those on the outside. The aim is to kick the oval footy through the middle posts as it awards the most points. 6 points for kicking it between the middle posts and only 1 for either of the side posts. You are not able to throw the ball at all, the only way the ball can travel from your person is via a drop punt or a handball. This is where the ball is placed, resting on your palm. You then proceed to strike the bottom of the ball with your clenched fist. It should be hit from where your index finger curls under. Penalties are awarded to the other team for throwing the ball, high tackles, dropping the ball if there is contact with another player and tackling in the back. 50 metre penalties are awarded by another penalty occurring after one has already been given. This marches the opposition 50 metres down the field pushing them closer to the goals in which the score is at. A mark in AFL is when your teammate kicks it to you and it is caught without any contact from any other player. In this period of time you are not allowed to be tackled and you can take your time to kick it on. The oval field is roughly 160 metres long and 120 metres wide. The oval is usually split to forward, middle and back 50 (metres).

This year's grand final was one for the ages as the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) was transformed into an AFL venue that seated 100,000 people. For Australian standards this is a huge turnout. The score did not reflect the blood, sweat and tears that were shed in the 100 minutes of play (25 per quarter). The final score was Richmond 106 (16.12), Adelaide 60 (8.12). The scores in the brackets are the goals they kicked (6 points) and the behinds they kicked (1 points). This was special for the Richmond tigers as the last time they appeared in the grand final was 37 years ago, the other reason is that Dustin Martin (Richmond co-captain) was awarded this year's Brownlow medal (league MVP) and the Norm Smith Medal (man of the match for the Grand final). This is the first time anyone has ever done this in the history of the AFL and it was very important to Richmond fans.



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