



KNIGHTS NEWS



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Superintendent's Message

My 13-day trip to China has ended and I was very happy to return to campus. While I was in China, I had the pleasure of meeting some of the parents of current international cadets. I sincerely thanked them for sending their children thousands of miles away from home and giving NYMA the opportunity to educate them. The parents also gave me a lot of input and suggestions that will make NYMA better. Thank you to the parents for your support!

The wonderful season of Autumn has finally arrived! All the cadets have put their NYMA sweaters on and they look great. Let us all enjoy watching the leaves change color and slowly fall from the trees!

Dean's News

What a great turnout for all of the Homecoming festivities. It was so nice to see all of you at the Parent/Teacher Conferences! The teachers felt that the meetings were really productive. Thank you for all of your positive feedback. Your continued support of our new programs and academic initiatives is greatly appreciated. The first marking period closed this past Wednesday and teachers will be busy grading all of those last assessments over the weekend. Grades are due to Ms. Madaia by Monday and we will be posting grade reports to Rediker by Wednesday.

Seven NYMA students are registered to take the ACT exam that will be hosted on our campus tomorrow. We also have one of our SAT prep classes scheduled for this Saturday from 9-11 am.



I am so proud of all of our service learning groups. This coming Wednesday, they will be rotating to their next experiences. The book is currently at the publisher, but that didn't stop the authors from taking their finished product on the road to read to the toddlers at the Arc of Learning in New Windsor. The adorable children were completely captivated by our cadets.

The gazebo is finished and looks absolutely amazing! I know that the maintenance department appreciates the contributions that this service group made to our campus. The students also decorated the Social Center for the upcoming Halloween festivities.

We were taken on a tour of India by our culture-through-cuisine group and treated to a delicious Indian meal that consisted of chicken tikka masala, vegetable basmati rice, aloo palaak (potato in a spinach sauce), Indian spiced cauliflower soup, naan bread, and mango lassi for dessert. We learned all sorts of interesting facts about India and students shared maps that they had made of the area.

Much to the delight of the audience, our news group veered from their usual serious broadcast to bring us a "Saturday Night Live" version. They also produced a spoof of the written newsletter as their finale.



I wanted to send a shout-out to Ms. Parker and Mrs. Urso for always offering their help. They are in the process of reviving our parent's auxiliary which was quite an active group at one time. If you would like to participate, you can reach out to Coach Rahn and he will forward your contact information to them.





Here's a picture of Ms. Parker selling NYMA gear. If you would like to purchase any items, you can contact Jennifer Erickson in our Cadet Store.

From the Admissions Office

We had a great Open House last weekend during Homecoming. Many families came to visit the campus and are interested in enrolling for the second semester. Our cadets assisted in giving tours of the academy, answering parents' questions, and directing traffic. All in all, the cadets are very proud of their school and really enjoyed sharing it with future cadets.



Our Assistant Admissions Director, Andrew Erickson, and our Superintendent just returned from a trip abroad to China. While there, Andrew attended a TABS (The Association of Boarding Schools) School Fair and a global educational conference focusing on art education.

Andrew really enjoyed spending time with educators from around the world and especially enjoyed meeting the students of the school holding the conference. Several of the students took him to a restaurant where they played an informal game of "What can we make this foreigner eat?". Recognizing the game and loving the food, our brave admissions team member won! Afterwards Andrew stated, "I would have totally done that as a kid!"



From the Athletic Department

Friday night we kicked off the Homecoming ceremonies with a small pep rally to cheer on and motivate our fall teams. We also enjoyed an awesome bonfire set up by Ben Warren. The cadets enjoyed s'mores and hot chocolate while listening to music and hearing from the team captains. We also had a chance to give out our "Athlete of the Month" Award which is new to NYMA. Every week we will be selecting an Athlete of the Week and featuring them on our school website. However, every month we will take the weekly award winners and pick one student-athlete as our Athlete of the Month.



Since it was our first time and we just updated our school website, we decided to have co-award winners this month. Our recipients were sophomores Remy Sykes (Soccer) and Matthew Montes (Cross Country).



hamburgers. It was then off to the races literally as Cross Country started their meet at 2:00 pm. The race was followed by the soccer game at 2:30 pm and then our intramural kickball game at 3:00 pm. The kickball game was highlighted by the Most Valuable Player, junior Robin Zhao. He kicked two homeruns leading his team to victory. I have to add that the pitching was very good too ;)

On Saturday, we started our day with parent/teacher conferences that concluded around noon with a great BBQ lunch at our tailgate party. The lunch was put on by our fabulous kitchen staff and took place in the quad. The menu included BBQ chicken, ribs, hotdogs, and

A special thank you goes out to Dr. Jonathan Gastel, Mrs. Angelica Parker, Mrs. Kristen Urso, Mrs. Kristine Rahn, Mr. Marcus Henderson, Mrs. Jennifer Erickson, Mrs. Kristen Black, Mr. Forrest Gordon, Mr. Mario Espinoza, Mr. Andrew Erickson, and all the members of our kitchen staff. All these individuals were instrumental with helping in areas such as Homecoming set-up, organizing NYMA gear/apparel, shopping for the concession stands, running the concession stands, monitoring the cross country course, taking pictures, and cleaning up after the festivities. Thank you so much for all of your help!

Soccer:

On the Saturday of Homecoming Weekend (10/21/17), the Knights took on Marvelwood School. Both teams played very hard and did not give up. The end score was 6-0 with many shots on goal for each side. The NYMA Player of the Game was Nigel Petti-Fernandez. Fellow cadets Remy Sykes and Kris Wu also had good games.

Monday, October 23rd, NYMA faced off against Storm King School. The Knights held them off very well and kept the score 1-0 through the entire first half. However, things started to fall apart on defense throughout the second half of the game. Unfortunately, towards the end of the competition both teams got heated and had a small altercation. That aside, both teams finished strong and played with passion. The end score was 6-0 Storm King with highlights coming from Nigel Petti-Fernandez, Remy Sykes, and Jamal Pauletta.

On Wednesday, October 25th, NYMA traveled to Poughkeepsie Day School for an intense match. Everyone played well on both sides and the two goalies had numerous great saves. P.D.S. won 9-0. The NYMA Player of the Game was Cadet Qin for his outstanding efforts on both offense and defense.

Cross Country:

Saturday at Homecoming, NYMA hosted Storm King, Darrow, and Redemption Christian Academy for our Cross Country Invitational. It was a beautiful October day to run and enjoy the scenic Hudson Valley. Sophomore Matthew Montes finished 3rd. Freshmen Daniel Geng and Michael Zelenger also earned medals coming in the top-seven among freshmen runners.

This past Wednesday, October 25th, the Knights traveled to Marvelwood for their invitational and Cadet Montes finished in 4th place. Eighth-grader Daniel Geng also ran a great race and set a personal record by two whole minutes.



NYMA will enjoy an open weekend and a few days off to get healthy and prepare for next week's Hudson Valley Athletic League Championships. This year's Championship Invitational will be held on campus at NYMA on Wednesday, November 1st. GO KNIGHTS!!!

Commandant's Notes

Another busy and productive week at NYMA! The seniors won the banner competition with a fantastic design; hopefully they enjoyed the pizza party! Thanksgiving is right around the corner. Next week I will be starting the process of determining where everyone is going for Thanksgiving Furlough. Please begin to work on that if you have a boarding student so we know where your cadet will be going for that break. Go Knights!

Counselor's Corner

Our seniors are now in full-swing with their college admissions. They should be polishing their essays, finishing their FAFSA paperwork, requesting their letters of recommendation, double-checking their application information, and stopping by my office to update me on their progress. Going to college is a big deal and reinforcing responsibility for this admission work will set them up for success in their post-high school career. Please take a moment to speak with your students about where they are in their application process and if you have any questions feel free to give me a call. (Ext. 4211)



From the Activities Coordinator



This week in the cadet activities department, we are venturing into everything SCARY! Friday night, we will host a Halloween get-together in the Social Center. It's decorated for the occasion and ready for us to have some tricks and treats. This Saturday night, I am escorting brave cadets down to the spooky Corn Estate in Cornwall-on-the-Hudson for some old-fashioned haunted house fun. The Corn Estate has been chilling and thrilling scare-seekers for many years. Finally, we end the week with the scariest prospect of all...teenagers shopping! We are making a trip over to the Target Mall in Harriman, NY.

Next Friday, we will have s'mores and a mini-campfire on campus in the evening followed by open pool and gym on Saturday evening.

We are currently putting together two AIRSOFT trips for November and December on Saturday afternoons. Students who have expressed interest in attending will be able to sign up for one of the two events. Airsoft is a competitive team sport in which participants navigate obstacles while trying to eliminate opponents using plastic spherical pellets. This is similar to paintball, but without the mess! This event will require a signed parental permission, use and rental of the proper equipment, and an admission fee. Have a great weekend!