



# KNIGHTS NEWS



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## Superintendent's Message

The first marking period has officially ended and most of our cadets are making great progress academically. Congratulations to Joshua Antoine, Anna Bakay, Jake deBree, Brandon Fooks, Jeffrey Li, Simon Lin, Zamere McKenzie, Joseph Xu, Zhengkun Yang, Robin Zhao, and Judy Zhou for making the Honor Roll and to Amanda Beller, Daniel Geng, Alex Huang, Nathan Kratman, Nigel Petti-Fernandez, David Pinto-Ricardo, Adam Sun, and Mandy Wang for making the High Honor Roll. These and many other cadets have worked very hard to reach their academic goals since the beginning of the school year.

For students who are in need of academic intervention, we will be requiring them to attend mandatory tutoring. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your cadet's academic progress, please feel free to contact his or her teachers, the Dean of Academics, Ms. Reeves, or myself.

I enjoyed watching the soccer game yesterday and cheering on the NYMA team members. Go Knights!



## Dean's News

On Monday, we had three members from the organization, Stand with Us, travel to NYMA for an assembly. They opened with a bit of a geography lesson and then the two soldiers, one Bedouin and one Israeli, shared their personal life stories. They described the Israeli and Palestinian conflict, bringing their memories of being under attack to life. Both of the former soldiers are currently on student fellowships from Universities in Israel and are in the U.S. for the week to promote religious tolerance through education. The students enjoyed their presentation and had many questions for them.

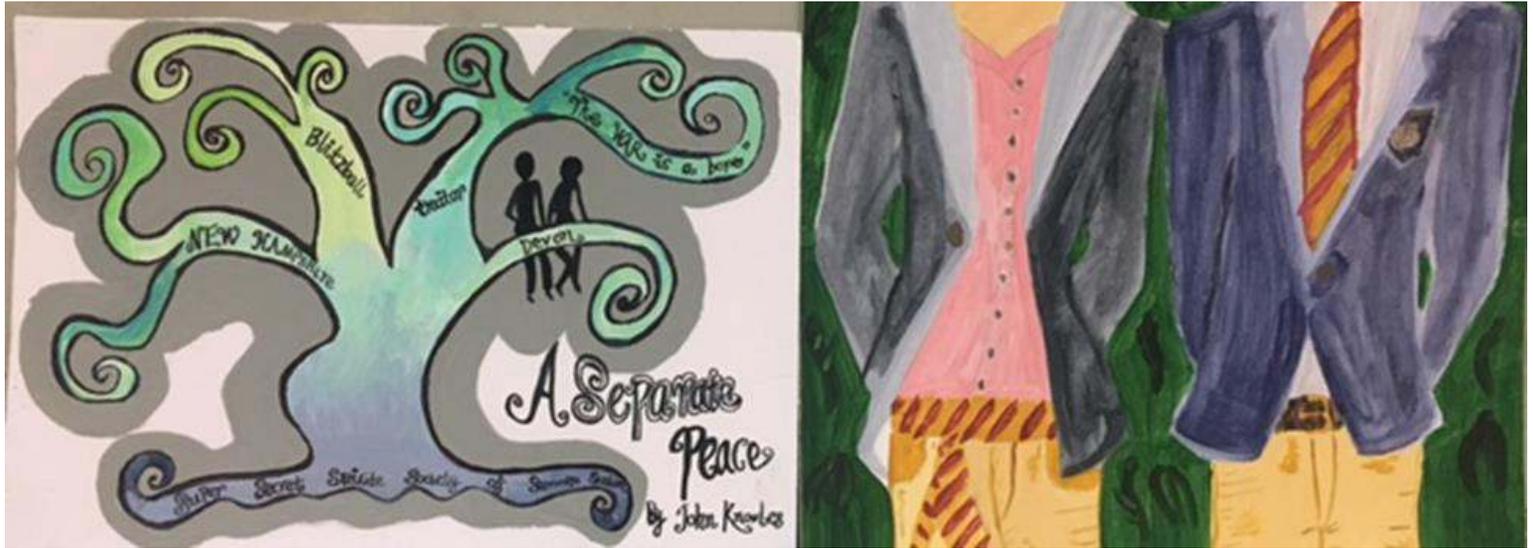
Most of the teachers and students wore costumes to class on Halloween. I am still wondering how the dinosaur was able to sit at his desk. Much fun was had by all and the Mess Hall really outdid themselves at lunch with specially decorated cupcakes.

Ms. Hill, a.k.a. Strawberry Shortcake (bottom right), reports that the 8<sup>th</sup> graders have finished their science fiction unit study by writing their own short stories based on surrealist paintings. The students picked their favorite works of art to inspire them to create original characters, conflicts, and settings. Each student produced a fantastic piece of fiction. They even



experimented with peer editing for the first time.

After completing the novel, *A Separate Peace*, the 9<sup>th</sup> grade cadets were not quite ready to bid its lovable characters goodbye. They spent time this week developing collages, sculptures, crossword puzzles, campus maps, and interpretive paintings to show off their knowledge and appreciation of the novel.



academy from their friends and coworkers. Please keep up the good work of sharing about our growing school!

There is an Open House scheduled for the 18<sup>th</sup> of November for all interested families. We also will be continuing to offer personalized campus tours throughout each week. Second semester starts on January 16<sup>th</sup> and we would like to bring in another great group of cadets. It all starts with a conversation and we appreciate everyone who is able to initiate one.

On a personal note, we know that Matthew Montez coming in first at the Conference Cross Country Meet is big news. The other big news we saw that day was how his classmates were there at the finish line to cheer him on. They really held him up after he gave his all and one cadet who noticed that Montez was shivering gave him his jacket and a big hug. It was so great to see!

On Wednesday, we finalized the first marking period grades and uploaded a PDF version of report cards to Rediker. You can access the report card by logging into your plus portal account and then clicking on the e-locker tab. The report card will be listed under e-portfolio. If you would prefer to have a copy emailed to you, please call Ms. Madaia. There were 11 students on the Honor Roll and 8 students on the High Honor Roll. Together, this accounts for about one-third of the Corps of Cadets. I congratulated them at community meeting and am so very proud of their hard work. For students who earned less than a 75 in any course, their schedules have been amended to send them to tutorial for one period per week with their teacher if their schedule allows.

This Saturday, we are hosting an SAT exam on campus; four of our students are registered for it. We will also be conducting one of our SAT prep sessions that day.

To the left is a picture of our JROTC students in action. Students were called to attention outside of the JROTC room by Cadet Avaras and are awaiting their inspection by Master Sergeant Bailey. The class leader helps to point out uniform or military bearing deficiencies before inspection.

## From the Admissions Office

The Admissions Department reports that new student interest in second semester enrollment is growing. Many of the families calling have heard about the



## From the Athletic Department



This week was extremely important for us here at NYMA as we hosted the Hudson Valley Athletic League Cross Country Championships as well as an important soccer game with playoff implications.

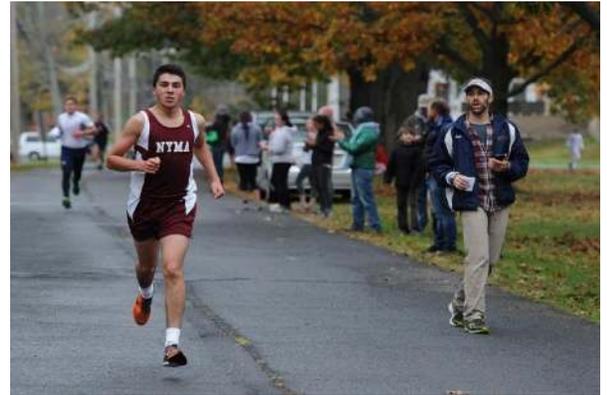
Coach Forrest Gordon worked extremely hard to make sure the cross country course was in tip-top shape. We had over 100 runners competing here this past Wednesday and had to seek help from numerous teachers and administrators as well as volunteer parents. Mr. Dolan, Mr. Roselli, and Dr. Webb helped as spotters on the course while Mrs. Larabee helped at the finish line with keeping everything in order as officials recorded times. We also had assistance from Mr. Kevin Canty, Mrs. Kristine Rahn, Mrs. Kristen Urso, and Mrs. Angelica Parker. Mr. Andrew Erickson filmed the race for us while Mrs. Jennifer Erickson and Mrs. Kristen Black organized the NYMA gear and apparel. Mr. Rich Thorn and his amazing staff helped prepare sandwich platters and nutritious snacks for the runners and coaches. Commandant Lorenzen and

Superintendent Zhang helped organize the radio communication for us so that we could make sure the runners were on time and more importantly safe! We also had cadets contribute as they stationed the bathrooms and took care of traffic control. Numerous cadets also pitched in lending a hand setting up and running errands during the race. Thank you to everyone for your help in making this big cross country race possible!



Overall, the event was a great success and the Cross Country team did NYMA proud as they finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place out of 9 schools. The highlight of the day came when sophomore sensation Matthew Montes came in 1<sup>st</sup> place overall out of 78 male runners! All week Montes ran like a man possessed and then he showed us what true determination and hard work can accomplish. We are all so proud of him. Matthew will go on to represent NYMA in the New England Championships next Saturday. Good luck Cadet Montes!

Soccer was also in action this past Wednesday as they hosted Oakwood Friends in a game that would help determine playoff seeding. Highlights from NYMA came from Cadet Simon Chen who scored two goals. Remy Sykes and Henri Racine also had solid games for the Knights. The game resulted in a 2-2 tie and ended up being an advantage for NYMA moving into the HVAL playoffs. They were able to secure the #5 seed and will travel to take on #4 Darrow on Monday at 2:00 pm. The winner will advance to play top-seeded Storm King on Wednesday in the



conference semi-finals.

GO KNIGHTS!!!

## From the Activities Coordinator

Last weekend's Halloween party was attended by many cadets hungry for horror and treats! The students looked fantastic in their costumes. Several of the teachers and their children also made guest appearances. There was even impromptu dancing for several moments when we weren't being engrossed in the classic horror film, *Poltergeist*. The Corn Estate in Cornwall-on-Hudson was fantastically scary. We are happy to report that two busloads of cadets arrived safely back on campus after being frightened by local ghouls.

This weekend's cadet activities are starting out nice and toasty! We will be having a campfire and s'mores by the basketball court this Friday evening. We will also have open gym and pool on Saturday evening.

Next week we are having "Bang a Drum Night." Students will be making and decorating their own drums made from construction materials. The movie *Drumline* will then be featured.

Have a great weekend!

