



KNIGHTS NEWS



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NEW YORK MILITARY ACADEMY

Superintendent's Message

Happy November! While many schools were off on this past Election Day, NYMA had a full day of instruction. However, our cadets will get one additional day off during Thanksgiving Furlough. This will provide a 5-day break from Wednesday, November 22nd to Sunday, November 26th.

New York State received its first Freeze Warning of the year from the National Weather Service and it will remain in effect until tomorrow. Cadets have been doing a great job coping with the cold weather and our maintenance crew has been working hard to ensure that our heating and hot water systems are functioning properly.

We have good news! Our Business Office is pleased to announce that email access has been created for parents to correspond with NYMA representatives regarding the Cadet Bank. If you need to contact the bank, please send an email to cadetbank@nyma.org. I truly hope that this will allow parents to effectively communicate with the school when it comes to managing their child's account.

Dean's News



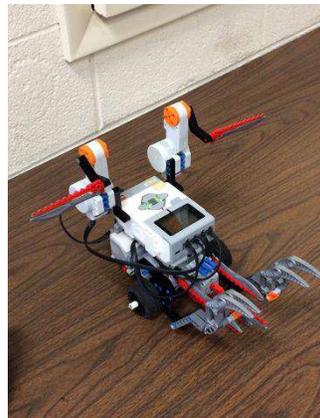
We are so happy that Ms. Dong has returned from China. She has resumed teaching Introductory Level Mandarin, AP Mandarin, English as a Second Language, and the TOEFL Prep classes. Her energetic spirit was greatly missed.

It is so hard to believe that we are already in November; the year is flying by! The second interim marking period closes on November 21st. The grades will be posted after the Thanksgiving break. I continue to sit in on classes and am so excited by all of the experiential learning taking place. Here is a sampling:

Dr. Webb's American Government class has been working extremely hard in preparation for their roles in the mock trial of *The People of the State of New York vs. P.J. Long*. As outlined in the high school mock trial tournament materials, the purpose of this trial is to teach the students basic trial practice skills. Students learned how to conduct direct and cross examinations, how to present opening and closing statements, and how to think on their feet while learning the dynamics of a courtroom. Students also learned how to analyze legal issues and apply the law to the facts of the case. The second and most important purpose of



this competition is to teach professionalism. Students learned ethics, civility, and how to be zealous but courteous advocates for their clients. Good sportsmanship and respect for all participants were central to this process. It was extremely impressive!



In keeping with the spirit of Halloween, Ms. Harrel's Robotics class was tasked with creating a robotic monster. She sent all of the faculty pictures and action links so that we could judge the best robot. She was very proud of all the students and their efforts. We are pleased to announce that 8th grader Daniel Geng came in 1st place (robot pictured). You can check out all of the robots on Ms. Harrell's blog, www.locker203.wordpress.com/2017/11/07/monsters-completed/

After taking a week to transition into new groups, our Wednesday Service Learning is in full swing again. Students took a trip to Butterhill Day School in Cornwall to read books to the preschoolers that they had chosen from the Cornwall Library the previous week. They will begin the process of creating their own book and ultimately make Volume 2 of the children's anthology.



Now that the holiday season and cold weather is upon us, our project group has decided to turn its efforts towards the less fortunate. They have started a coat drive and are asking for your help in donating new or slightly worn coats. You may begin sending in coats as early as this Sunday and we ask that all donations be received by November 26th (which is when the students return from Thanksgiving break). It is a perfect opportunity for you to clean out your closets and help people in need at the same time.

The group will also be making “blessing bags” to distribute and will be conducting fund raisers to raise money for the items they plan to fill them with. They are accepting contributions for these items as well. Their goal is to make 50 bags for distribution. We already have fleece scarves and they would like to add socks, toiletries, and snacks. The students will be busy next week making flyers for their fundraising ideas. Rumor has it that they will be offering some raking services to their exhausted teachers...for a donation of course. Project leaders are also asking for donations of skeins of yarn that you may have around the house.

Much to the delight of our new student from Australia, cadets in the culinary group researched famous points of interest from “down under” and we were all treated to some typical Australian dishes. I hope this made him feel a little less homesick!

Although the newly appointed news group experienced a technical computer glitch, they still produced their second edition of their newsletter. We are waiting in earnest to see our next news broadcasters.

From the Admissions Office

We are (almost) live. On Wednesday, November 15th, our First Captain and Commandant will be live on the radio! Fox Oldies in Newburgh has invited them to come and talk about our great little school and how much we are growing. You can listen live on the 98.9 Fox Radio website, foxradio.us. They should go on around 8:00 am.

We are also having our next Open House on the 18th of November starting promptly at 10:00 am. This is a great time to invite your friends to come experience the campus and see all of the great things our cadets and faculty do. Also, please share our social media posts and help us to get the word out!



From the Athletic Department



This week was the final week of the fall season for our athletes here at NYMA!

Soccer traveled to Darrow for the playoff quarterfinals and lost by the score of 5-2. It was a great game that was played in some tough conditions due to the temperature and heavy rain. NYMA goals were scored by cadets Simon Chen and Bob Wang. The Knights finished the season 4-12-1 which was a huge improvement from last year. There is a solid young core of cadets that we hope to build around for years to come!

Cross Country had an eventful week as some of the runners took part in the Hudson Valley Athletic League B Invitational held at Faith Christian Academy this past Wednesday. Cadet Karif Isaacs came in first place overall. Isaacs also won the 11th grade division as a sophomore. Senior cadets Zaahir Woody and Zamere McKenzie finished in 6th and 7th overall and 1st and 2nd for the senior

race. Cadet Michael Yusupov finished in the top-10 for the juniors and Cadet Mickey Urso finished in 3rd for the sophomores. Cadet Michael Zelenger finished in 3rd place for the 8th grade division while Cadet Daniel Geng came in 8th. Both Zelenger and Geng ran personal bests at this event which was a great way to end their season.

The remaining runners chose to rest up and prepare both physically and mentally for the New England Championships that will be held this Saturday at Berwick Academy in Maine. Coach Gordon and the team, led by Cadet Matthew Montes and Cadet Karif Isaacs, will head to Maine Friday after classes and hit the course early Saturday for the event. They will have to attend registration in the morning followed by the course walk. The actual race will start at 2:00 pm and the awards ceremony will take place afterwards at 4:00 pm. We wish our athletes the best of luck. We are so proud of all of you!

GO KNIGHTS!!!



Commandant's Notes

Hello everyone! I wanted to share some upcoming events with you so that there isn't any confusion as to what the requirements are. The weekend of November 17-18 is a closed weekend. We are taking all cadets to the Castle Fun Center in Chester, NY. Since we're arriving late back to campus, all cadets will remain and sleep overnight at NYMA. Saturday is a day of training; we will be finished sometime mid-afternoon. All day cadets will be released to leave at that point and I'll have a better idea on what time that will be next week. The rest of the weekend is open so there will be the option for boarding cadets to go home if you would like. Thank you and have a great week!



Counselor's Corner

This week we had an admissions representative from Pace University visit our campus to speak with students about their academic programs and requirements. The cadets asked a lot of great questions and the representative was very impressed! We also had a representative from Fordham University's ROTC program answer questions that the students had regarding the requirements for admission to this specialized program.

This coming week Cadets Weng, Sun, Geng, and Huang will be participating in the American Mathematics Competition to pit their math skills against other students across the country! This competition is meant to foster love of math and harness students' problem-solving abilities. We wish them the best of luck!

As college deadlines approach for our seniors, they should continue to make sure that they stay focused in their classes. We know that it is stressful balancing everything, but we are very proud of how hard they work! As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions. Have a wonderful weekend!

From the Activities Coordinator

As the weather gets cold, we look for the comforts we crave. Sometimes it's a campfire, other times it's chili! Last weekend many cadets gathered 'round the campfire with Ms. Simon and Ms. Furnia. Many sauntered by, grabbed a 'smore, and stayed around to listen to some music in the night air. We are most definitely going to do this activity again!



This weekend we are having a chili making night with Mr. Roselli in the Social Center. They'll slice and dice on Saturday and serve up the chili on Sunday (from 1-3:00 pm). Everyone is welcome to come taste.

Next week is our big Castle Fun Center trip! Cadets will enjoy the many facets of the center which include roller skating, laser tag, a full arcade, and go-carts. Have a great weekend!

