



KNIGHTS NEWS



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NEW YORK MILITARY ACADEMY

Superintendent's Message

We are well into the second marking period. Shortly after the Thanksgiving Furlough, parents will receive the next interim report. I hope everyone will enjoy their time off with their family and friends. When you have a chance, please have a conversation about your cadet's academic progress and encourage them to work hard to reach his or her academic goals.

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 hope that this will allow parents to effectively communicate with the school when it comes to managing their child's account.

Please be reminded that the Thanksgiving Furlough begins after the end of classes on Tuesday, November 21st. Offices will be open on Wednesday, November 22nd. I will be around in case any of you wish to meet with me; most other staff can be reached electronically.

A copy of the 2018 Yearbook Personal Advertising Form is attached at the end of this newsletter. Feel free to print it out and submit your advertising request as instructed.

There will not be a newsletter next week; our next issue will be produced on Friday, December 1st.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all!

Dean's News

We have all finally made it through the longest stretch of the school calendar without a break. Students and faculty have been looking forward to this extended time to spend with their families. I wanted to wish you all the happiest of Thanksgivings and hope that your time together is joyful. We at NYMA have so much to be grateful for because the future of the academy is looking so promising. The faculty spent an evening together to participate in a team building exercise of painting which was instructed by our own fabulous art teacher, Ms. Simon. As you can see, she did a great job and we had so much fun together!



The second interim marking period closes on the last day before Furlough, Tuesday, November 21st. Teachers will be grading those final assessments during their break and we will be able to post grades by the Wednesday after students return. There are still too many students appearing on the Friday study hall list, but I am encouraged by the reaction I saw when a student realized that she was not on the list. Great job Veronica Walker!

For those of you who have students taking the next SAT exam on campus, it is scheduled for December 2nd which is the first Saturday after they return from Thanksgiving. Please encourage them to practice while they have some downtime during the break. Kahn Academy offers a FREE online prep course that they can work on while they are home. In addition to the Saturday prep sessions, Dr. Webb has been volunteering some of her evenings for extra prep work.

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Every Wednesday afternoon a group of our students will be gathering to create in our new MAKERSPACE and we need your help to get it started! Our math and robotics teacher, Mrs. Harrell, is really excited about this new club.

A Makerspace is a collaborative workspace inside a school, library, or separate public/private facility for making, learning, exploring, and sharing that uses anything from high-tech to no-tech tools. A Makerspace doesn't need to include machines; if you have cardboard, Legos, and art supplies you're in business. It's more of the maker mindset of creating something out of nothing and exploring your own interests that's at the core of a Makerspace. These spaces are also helping to prepare those who need critical 21st century skills in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). They provide hands-on learning, help with critical thinking skills, and even boost self-confidence. (makerspace.com)

Please check out our Makerspace wish list of basic supplies at the link below and consider donating tools or items you are no longer using (usable condition only please). Monetary donations for more specialized items would also be appreciated. To make a donation, please contact Liz Harrell at lharrell@nyma.org or Ext. 4864. Thank you!

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1PLM7hVMuOVz_3Yc9fBut7-nLGxxIxtot2aEH7PVplq0g/edit?usp=sharingpace



Our project group is working towards creating a holiday dinner in conjunction with our annual candle lighting service. The students decided that they would like to celebrate the holidays with an Asian meal. They will be using this meal as an additional fundraiser so keep an eye out for your invitation. The date is set for Sunday, December 17th. We are so grateful to Keek Hattfield, an alum's mother, for coming to NYMA to teach the students how to make spring rolls. They will be one of the items on the menu, so she came to teach the students how to roll and cook them properly. The cadets will learn how to make dumplings next week. Other students from this group worked like busy bees baking at Ms. Furnia's house in preparation for their bake sale to raise money for the items needed for their blessing bags. We will all be so happy to support this cause!

We have become an official drop-off location for the 29th Annual New York Cares Coat Drive and are happy to say that we have

already received several coats. PLEASE SEND COATS FOR DONATION BACK WITH YOUR STUDENTS WHEN THEY RETURN FROM THANKSGIVING BREAK! It is getting very cold out already, so we would like to get the donations to their new owners as soon as possible. Many thanks!

Our Assistant Director of Admissions, Andrew Erickson, has begun a Drill team at NYMA. It was so nice to see cadets practicing their maneuvers. Rifles could be seen flying and twirling in the air. They were trying to get me to stand in the middle of them, but I think I will wait until they have a little more practice under their belts!



We've just added Ping-Pong as a weekly club as well. The Director of Admissions, John Dolan, was nice enough to show the kids how it's done...just not with this particular shot!

From the Admissions Office

The Admissions Department is excited to announce our new team member, Kim Charalambides. Kim has joined us as an Admissions Counselor. She is ready to learn and grow with our students and she is excited to see our cadets mature into the people they will become.

Kim earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in Marketing and Management from Rand Afrikaans University in

Johannesburg, South Africa. Outside of work, she enjoys spending time with her two high school boys, being outdoors, shooting, hiking, horse riding, running, ATV riding, and anything else that her family is into.

One of her favorite things about NYMA is not only how our Corps of Cadets comes together from all over the world, but how our faculty and staff mirror this worldwide representation as well. Kim grew up in South Africa and has lived in Europe and on both coasts of the United States. She speaks Afrikaans, German, Swedish, and also knows a little Zulu. Sawubona Kim!



From the Athletic Department

We have a few announcements to make as fall sports come to an end and winter sports and rosters begin to take shape here on campus.

First and foremost, on behalf of the entire Athletic Department we would like to thank everyone who played a part in making the fall season a success. Whether it was running the concession stand, organizing clothes, monitoring traffic, setting up and cleaning up at events, or coaching, it would not have been possible without ALL OF YOUR HELP! THANK YOU!!!

We need to recognize a few accolades at the end of the season. The Cross Country team finished strong at the New England Championships. Sophomore Matthew Montes placed 25th out of 220 runners. Teammates Karif Isaacs, Will Mayfield, Daniel Geng and Michael Zelenger all made the trip to Maine with Coach Gordon and made us proud!

The following are the Hudson Valley Athletic League All-Conference Selections for this fall:

First Team All-Conference Cross Country - Matthew Montes	First Team All-Conference Soccer - Simon Chen
Second Team All-Conference Cross Country - Karif Isaacs	Second Team All-Conference Soccer - Brandon Fooks
Second Team All-Conference Cross Country - Joshua Antoine	Second Team All-Conference Soccer - Nigel Petti-Fernandez
First Team All-Conference Soccer - Remy Sykes	NEPSAC Soccer Senior All-Star Selections Brandon Fooks Nigel Petti-Fernandez



We'd also like to mention that Senior Zaahir Woody has been offered a full athletic college scholarship for basketball by the following schools: Felician University (D2), Dominican College (D2), and the County College of Morristown, NJ. Congratulations Cadet Woody!

This coming winter season we will be offering the following sports: Varsity Basketball, JV Basketball, Bowling, Cheerleading, Rifle, Swimming, and Wrestling.

Please stay tuned to our website for updates and information about these winter sports including rosters and schedules. The site will also showcase new Athletes of the Week and Month soon!

GO KNIGHTS!!!

Commandant's Notes

Hello everyone! Winter is on its way and the cadets have transitioned to wool overcoats with stocking caps and gloves. They will remain in this for the duration of the season. If you are a day cadet parent, please ensure they bring that gear every day.

We're also considering getting or at least authorizing black military-style boots for the winter months. It's not a packing list item, but I know the cadets do get cold feet wearing leather shoes all year and this may be a warmer option. We are a military academy so there will be tight restrictions on what type and brand of boot we will authorize for wear. Again, this is not currently an authorized item and I will let you know more when and if that changes. Have a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Counselor's Corner

Greetings! It is a beautiful time of year here in the Hudson Valley with the changing leaves and colder weather. I hope that you will consider taking some time during the Thanksgiving Furlough to discuss the topics of thankfulness and gratitude with your cadets. In this especially stressful time of year, it's important to take a break every once in a while to think about something positive. What are you thankful for? How can you show gratitude? What is something that you cannot touch that you are thankful for? How can you help others more? These are a few questions to pose while you share a meal this Thanksgiving.

At this point in the year, our juniors should be thinking about their interests and investigating potential colleges online. Although college may not be on the horizon yet for our younger students, it's still worth looking into interests or careers to see what is out there and how they can set themselves up for success with classes. Sharing your journey through school and what you did to be successful in your career can often help motivate children as well as put a face to a job that they may not know much about yet.

I hope that you have a wonderful Thanksgiving break!

From the Activities Coordinator

Hello everyone. We are all ready for our campus-wide trip to The Castle Fun Center in Chester this weekend. Cadets will be able to do an array of fun activities Friday evening like roller skating and rock wall climbing. We will be sure to include pictures next week.

For the rest of the weekend, several students are going on an Airsoft excursion. Others will be window painting around campus for the holidays. We are planning more shopping and gift making activities to put us in the holiday spirit in the next few weeks. Happy Thanksgiving!

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2018 Yearbook Personal Advertising Form**

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Show your support for the New York Military Academy or by placing an ad in our yearbook! The NYMA family greatly enjoys and appreciates the support from our families and friends. Seeing your message will bring a smile and remind our cadets and community of your presence in our lives during these important years. Reserve a space as soon as possible!

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
NYMA Yearbook Staff

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Step 2: Write a check for the full amount payable to **New York Military Academy**. All ads must be paid with cash or check.

Step 3: Attach a page with the finished ad to include OR have us design an ad with your included photos and text. Please indicate the purchaser and specific name(s) on the submissions so we can ensure the information is correct and enclosed materials are returned as necessary.

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NYMA
78 Academy Ave.
Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY 12520

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