



KNIGHTS NEWS



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NEW YORK MILITARY ACADEMY

Superintendent's Message

Welcome back from the Thanksgiving Furlough and welcome to the month of December! I was so impressed by how quickly every cadet returned to his or her school life here at NYMA!

Another new cadet joined us this week. We continue to receive numerous admission inquiries through our website and via emails and phone calls.

Second marking interim reports were released and I am pleased to see that many cadets have made significant progress since the end of the last marking period. It is important for every parent to have ongoing discussions about your child's academic progress and encourage him or her to work hard to reach their academic goals.

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Dean's News

December is upon us although you certainly wouldn't be able to tell by the weather. Thankfully, we are getting a reprieve from the cold, but time is marching on. At community meeting, students were reminded that we are only three weeks away from the close of the second marking period. The notice about interim grades being posted was emailed home on Tuesday by Terri Madaia. These grade reports are always available through the parent portal of Rediker, but if you would like a copy of the report emailed to you just let us know. Adjustments have been made to the students' tutorial schedules so they may get additional help in the areas they are struggling in.

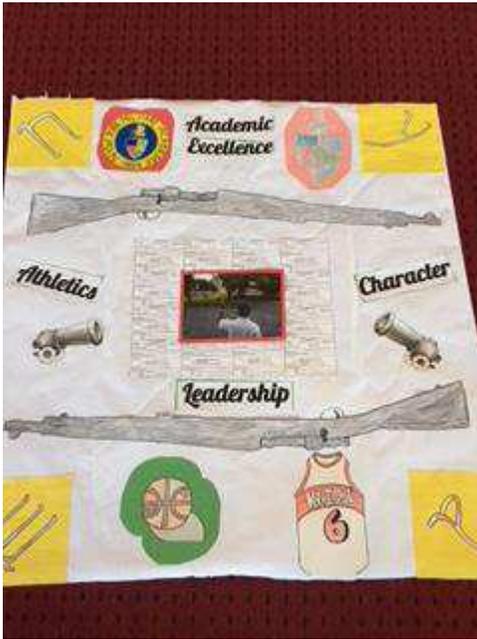
Christmas came early to the NYMA Makerspace activity group. After reading the article in the last edition of the newsletter, Ms. Jessica Escobar-Walker contacted Ms. Harrell to arrange for the pickup of a large cartful of supplies from Home Depot. Cadet Sara Elhouti and Cadet Joseph Xu joined Ms. Harrell for a trip to Home Depot to collect the supplies and thank Veronica's mother for her donation. We are so grateful to her for her generosity! One of their first large projects will be to build a drill-powered go-cart. Ms. Harrell will continue to update their wish list for future projects.



All 8th grade students are required to complete a capstone project with the guidance of the 8th grade ELA teacher, Ms. Hill. They meet twice a week all year long and are walked through the steps of writing a proper research paper in addition to completing a corresponding project. Students are allowed to choose a topic that interests them. Michael Zelenger chose the Olympics as his topic and is seen here interviewing former Olympic swimmer, Mrs. Carin Cone Vanderbush. As stated in her bio, "In the 1956 Olympics Carin finished the 100m backstroke in a tie with Judy Grinham of Great Britain. They shared Olympic and World records, but after the officials conferred for 20 minutes Judy was awarded the gold and Carin the silver medal. During the late 50's Carin was called the Queen of the Backstrokers setting many backstroke records. She was selected to the All-American Swim Team for 5 straight years." Accompanied by COL Jones, Michael conducted an interview using questions he had prepared ahead of time. Ms. Vanderbush shared her experiences and photos from her long career as a swimmer and even allowed him to hold her Olympic medal. It sounds like the experience of a lifetime.

While some members of the culture group gathered inspiration from the ceiling of the Sistene Chapel to create the following "Ceiling of NYMA", other members were

using teamwork to stuff cannolis with delicious filling for our dessert...



Luke Daly, one of the newer members of the Corps of Cadets, has obviously acclimated to his new school quickly. He was getting into the swing of things in our NYMA kitchen on service learning day. The pizza was delicious. Can you guess what country they were learning about?

The project group has been racking their brains or should I say raking...to come up with ways to raise money for their cause. Their goal is to create 50 blessing bags to distribute to those in need. I was the lucky recipient of Jake Debree's muscle as he tackled the zillions of leaves on my lawn. I was more than happy to donate to their cause. Thank you Cadet Debree, Parker, and Ms. Furnia!

From the Admissions Office

This has been a busy November. We had the largest Open House that we can remember, welcomed a new Admissions staff member, and have almost set the record for most inquiries in a month. Growth for second semester and next school year are right on track.

Remember that we have rolling admissions in which students can enroll throughout the school year. Second semester starts on January 16th so if you know of a family that would benefit from NYMA, please have them get in touch with us.

We have an Open House scheduled for January 6th starting promptly at 10:00 am. This is a great way to show off our fine little school and have the cadets show off their achievements as well.

This weekend our Color Guard will be presenting the colors at a Pace University basketball game while two of our cheerleaders sing the national anthem. Hope you can attend!

From the Athletic Department

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving Furlough! This week all of the cadets are back on campus, second interim marking period grades have been handed out, and sports are back in full swing! This winter season will feature Varsity and JV Basketball, Bowling, Cheerleading, Rifle, Swimming, and Wrestling.

Our Bowling team had some personal bests this week at practice as coaches Tim Manelly and Nick Wells have been working hard with the cadets. Jason Zheng and Morgan Yarnis both bowled scores of 100 while Adam Sun scored a team and season high of 118!

Our JROTC Rifle team is led by instructor Sergeant Bailey. It was a quite a week for the Knights as they hosted James I. O'Neill High School. We are currently awaiting the final scoring results. Sgt. Bailey was pleased with the performance of the cadets and he was overly impressed with the improvements they have made so far.

The Varsity Basketball team tips off the season tomorrow (12/2) at home in Alumni Gym as they play host to league opponent Darrow at 2:30 pm. Immediately after, our JV Basketball team will play its first game against the Woodhall School at 4:00 pm. Our new Cheerleading team led by Coach Stephanie Staudle will be in action as well at the games!

On Sunday, Varsity Basketball takes on the up-and-coming national power, Our Savior Lutheran, from New York City! Next week, the JV team is also back on the court against Oakwood Friends Academy on Monday. Our Varsity boys then travel to Faith Christian Academy for a league game on Friday.

We here at NYMA would like to give a special thanks to a locally owned business who stepped up and came to our aid with some work on campus. Pat Callahan from Callahan and Nannini came through for us with a crew of his guys and helped Coach Rahn place the workout/performance turf in the upstairs weight room area. We are so thankful for their time and help as we could not have done it without them. Many thanks!

Please stay tuned to our website (www.nyma.org) for more athletic news and updates of winter rosters, schedules, and scores.

GO KNIGHTS!!!



Commandant's Notes

I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving! As usual, the cadets came back energized, talkative, and already thinking about the Winter Furlough! For planning purposes, the weekend of December 16-17 will be a closed weekend. Day cadets will not be staying on campus, but will need to return Saturday morning. I will be doing a Commandant's inspection and we will be preparing the dorms for the Winter Furlough. I'll let you know what time to drop your cadet off on campus and when you would be able to pick them up that afternoon. Thank you to those of you who ensured your cadet brought back a plastic container for snacks. We're almost there for full compliance! Go Knights!

From the Activities Coordinator



Our NYMA Cadets have certainly become very sporty! Before Thanksgiving break the entire student body went to The Castle Fun Center. Everyone had a blast go-carting, roller skating, enjoying the arcades, playing laser tag, and climbing the rock walls. Many of the TAC Officers joined in the fun as well!

Before the break several students also went on an Airsoft trip. It was a misty, rainy, fall day, but that did not "dampen" the fun. Everyone had a great time playing soldier!

This weekend's activities are focused around our sports teams. There are home basketball games on both Saturday and Sunday and we will be there cheering for our Knights. Saturday night there will be holiday trivia and treats in the Social Center.

In the coming weeks before the Holiday break, we will have another Airsoft trip, shopping outings, and gift making activities. Have a great weekend!



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