



KNIGHTS NEWS



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Superintendent's Message

This year's Interfaith Candlelight Service will take place on Sunday, December 17th. This service is a traditional NYMA event that dates back more than a hundred years and brings the Corps of Cadets, faculty, staff, and parents together to mark the holidays in a way that celebrates the diversity on our campus.

The program for Sunday will include readings from Christian, Hebrew, and Muslim texts calling for peace on earth as well as traditional American Christmas carols. The candle-lighting consists of passing the light from one person to the next and symbolizes our shared hopes for the future as a brotherhood of man.

For the first time, dinner will be served after the Candlelight Service. You should have already received an invitation. I hope to see many of you there!



As a reminder, the second marking period will close on December 20th which is the last day that classes are in session before the holiday break. Instruction time is precious so teachers will continue their lessons through Wednesday. When students return from break on January 4th they will begin their review for midterm exams which will take place from January 9th - January 12th.

Dean's News

One of my favorite times of the year is when Ms. Furnia's class conducts the bread making lab. The students were learning about cellular respiration. Yeast, in the presence of oxygen, will break down sugar and produce energy. When oxygen is depleted, the yeast will move to a form of anaerobic respiration called alcoholic fermentation. This process makes little bits of energy, but also gives off alcohol and carbon dioxide. As students kneaded the bread they stretched the gluten. When elastic, the gluten which is a protein, collects the carbon dioxide allowing the bread to rise. As the bread cooks, the alcohol evaporates, and we are left with delicious, fluffy bread. The entire corps was able to enjoy the finished product with dinner.



Led by Ms. Hill, a team of people worked on transforming one of the upstairs rooms in the Academic Building into an academic project room. The room now has large desks for group work and supply stations of paint, markers, pencils, and scissors for project use. Several classes have already used the room and it's working out quite nicely.



Mrs. Harrell continues to hunt down cool items for the students to work with in the Makerspace. Their mission this week was to build a contraption that would protect an egg from breaking when thrown out of a third-story window. We are anticipating that this club will grow as students see the exciting things happening in there.

The Varsity Basketball team is not the only group of students that can jump! Look at the height of this jump by our newly established cheerleading team.





That previous pic is of Jedianne Graham and Gianna Whritenour in midflight and was captured by Sarah Magno. The girls have only been practicing for a short while so be sure to cheer them on as well as the basketball team.

It's been a few years since NYMA has had a real Christmas tree on the Quad. Thanks to the generosity of Mrs. Escobar-Walker, the tradition is alive once again! Students were stringing the lights on our service day. We had some trouble keeping it upright with the windy nights, but Mrs. Escobar-Walker also came to our aid with stakes and wire. The sight of the tree and all of the other decorations has helped to put us in the holiday spirit!

You should have all received the invitation for the Candlelight Service and fundraising dinner that will take place next Sunday, December 17th at 5:00 pm in the chapel. It is a very beautiful ceremony that celebrates the many cultures at our school. Please RSVP for the fundraising dinner which will immediately follow by contacting Mrs. O'Rourke at Ext. 4227 or borourke@nyma.org. In support of our students' endeavor to create blessing bags for those less fortunate, tickets to the dinner are \$15. The cadets have been working hard to help prepare portions of the meal that will be served. All of the menu items were their idea. We really hope to see you there!

From the Admissions Office

We are very proud of our Color Guard (Kobe Parker, Timothy DelUniversita, and Jake DeBree) who traveled to Pace University this past weekend to present the colors at a basketball game. We are also very proud of cadets Veronica Walker and Gianna Whritenour who did such a beautiful job singing the National Anthem. If you have not seen the video yet, please join the over 5,000 people who have watched it from our Facebook page, facebook.com/NewYorkMilitaryAcademy.



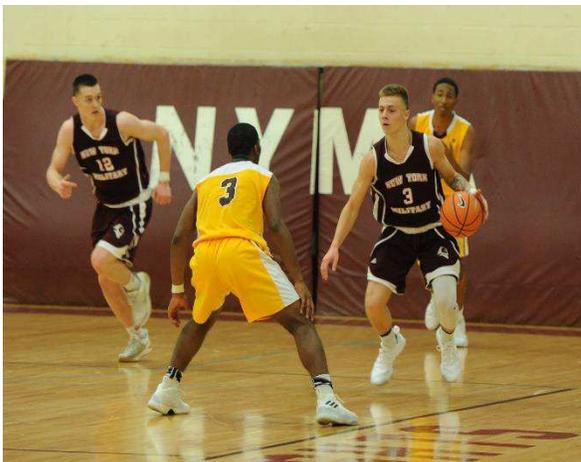
We are not the only ones that are very proud of our cadets; we know you are too. Our Admissions team would like to gather some written and video testimonials from our proud parents. Please contact Andrew Erickson (aerickson@nyma.org) to schedule a time. Pick up or drop off for winter break would be a great time to do this, but we will gladly work with your schedule.



From the Athletic Department

On Saturday, 12/3, our Varsity Basketball team had their first game of the season against Darrow in a HVAL matchup. NYMA won by the score of 62-14. The Knights were led by Will Mayfield who scored 22 points. Zaahir Woody and Mickey Urso also finished with 8 points each.

Aside from the basketball team picking up their first win, we had another milestone as our cheerleading team led by coach Stephanie Staudle took the court as well! The squad of Sarah Elhouti, Jedianne Graham, Veronica Walker, and Giana Whritenour were amazing and did the school proud!



The Knights were back in action on Sunday, 12/4, as they played host to NYC powerhouse, Our Savior Lutheran, in a non-league matchup. O.S.L. won by a score of 89-70. NYMA was led by Zaahir Woody who scored 24 points. The Knights also received balanced scoring from Brandon Evans with 13 points, Will Mayfield with 10, Mickey Urso with 9, Josh Antoine with 8, and Zamere McKenzie with 6 points. The Varsity team (1-1) will take on Faith Christian in a league matchup in Poughkeepsie.



The JV Basketball team also started their season on Saturday against the Woodstock Day School. Bob Wang and Remy Sykes led the Knights to victory. On Monday, 12/5, the JV team took the court for their second game versus Oakwood Friends Academy. The Knights again were led by Bob Wang and

Remy Sykes as they picked up their second win of the season. Henri Racine and Andrew Weng also had great games for NYMA. The JV team (2-0) returns to the court next Wednesday at home against the Woodhall School. We would like to thank all of our friends, family, faculty, administration, and alumni who came out to support our Knights this past weekend. Coaches from Division II Dominican College were also in attendance for the game against O.S.L.



GO KNIGHTS!!!

Commandant's Notes

What a week! Between rigorous academics, games, and practices, it was very busy for the cadets. They are working hard and we're closing out 2017 strong! Next weekend is our final weekend before furlough and we are doing a Commandant's Inspection in addition to Saturday's games and Sunday's Candle Light Dinner. As always, if you have questions or would like an update on how your cadet is doing, please don't hesitate to contact me at dlorenzen@nyma.org.

From the Activities Coordinator

This weekend it's all about the SHOPPING! We are hosting two very different yet dynamic shopping excursions. The first will take place on Saturday. Cadets will have the chance to get a start on their holiday shopping at Woodbury Commons Shopping Outlets. On Sunday, cadets have signed up to experience local shopping and holiday activities in historic Warwick, NY. They might even elect to go on a vintage horse and carriage ride through the town or sample some of the local food at the many eateries available.



We will conclude our holiday activities next week with an open mic/skit night on Friday and another chance to do last minute shopping on Saturday. Sunday everyone will be getting ready for our traditional Candlelight Ceremony and dinner. We look forward to seeing you all!

