



Superintendent's Message

NYMA survived another snow storm this week and our visiting students (on the right) had a great time playing in the newly fallen snow. Believe or not, some of them had never seen snow before!

So much went on this week. Our visiting students had two more interesting experiences: our JV Basketball Team played a pick-up game against them and a few of our cadets performed a thorough room inspection on each of them (below left and center).

Cadets Petti-Fernandez, Qin, and Weng joined Mr. Erickson, our Assistant Director of Admissions, while our visitors shared their NYMA experiences (below far right). I truly hope that some of them will decide to attend NYMA in the near future.

A very busy weekend is ahead of us! Tomorrow we will start the day with our Open House and close the day with our Annual Winter Formal. I am looking forward to seeing many of you!



Dean's News

The 3rd Interim Marking Period will close next Friday, February 16th. In recognition of Presidents' Day, there are no classes scheduled on Monday, February 19th.

There are two extremely important pieces of testing orchestration that must take place fairly quickly. If we have you listed in our database as a New York State resident, you have already received an email from the Academic Office asking if you would like your child to sit for the Regents exams. Though we do not offer the Regents exams at NYMA, every year we have parents express the desire for their children to take these exams. In order for your student to sit for the exam, have it graded, and then reported to the Board of Regents, we must make prior arrangements with the school of your choice and the scoring company. If you are a New York State resident and you would like to arrange for your child to take the exams in June, please be sure to contact me right away at mreeves@nyma.org. I will be informing your child's individual teachers that they will be taking the exam so they can help them to prepare. Please visit the following link for the 2018 June Examination Schedule published by the State Education Department: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/schedules/2018/504hs-june2018.pdf>

Additionally, we will be administering this year's Advanced Placement tests in May. I will need to place the order for all students taking these exams shortly. If your child is in an advanced course, the expectation is that they will sit for the advanced placement exam and your account will be charged \$100 per exam. Courses carrying the advanced designation this year are AP Psychology, AP Chemistry, AP Calculus, AP Principles of Computer Science, and AP Mandarin. Students may also decide to take AP exams for courses that do not currently carry the AP designation, but understand that this might involve additional guided preparation. Please feel free to contact me to discuss the possibility of your student taking an AP exam if they fall within this scenario. For the schedule of AP examinations, please visit the following link: <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/pdf/exam-schedule-2018.pdf>



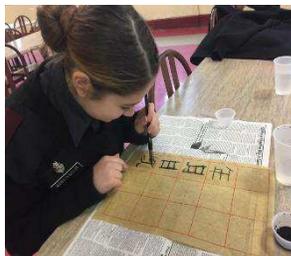
This Wednesday, regardless of the snow/sleet/ice storm, the campus remained buzzing with activity. Most of our students had a session with the school photographer for their yearbook photos. On the previous page (above right) are examples of how senior photos were shot (Amanda Beller) as well as underclassmen (Matthew Montes). The photographer will produce basic photo packages consisting of (1) 8"x10" and (2) 4"x6" semi-gloss prints PLUS the 900px x 600px digital file. This can only be completed after the remaining students have been photographed and the digital files have been sent to Ms. Simon for yearbook. Of course, you will be given the opportunity to order additional photos of your beautiful children if you so desire.



The latest members of the Corps of Cadets to be recognized were Gal Svartz and Matthew Knorpp. Captain Qin and First Captain Petti-Fernandez are seen on the left helping the new cadets put on their epaulettes with the rank of Private.



There was a bit of friendly competition taking place in the auditorium where students and the visitors from Taiwan were using their problem-solving and team-building skills as they were challenged with building the tallest tower. I hear the towers exceeded 11 feet! All of our teachers have done an amazing job of hosting our visiting students in their individual classrooms, but this particular service group hosted the entire visiting group in addition to their scheduled NYMA students. They excelled in incorporating activities that would allow the students to work together. Many thanks to Liz Harrell, Jena Webb, Bonnie Dong, and Maria Clavin.



To all of our visitors, it was truly a pleasure to host you and I wish you safe travels back to Taiwan. I hope you found the time spent with us both enjoyable and meaningful. We are looking forward to spending Saturday evening with you as a farewell of sorts at our Winter Formal at the West Point Club.



Ms. Hill (left) is holding up one of the finished blankets from the recent Linus Project. One of the weekend cadet activities was to have students cut and tie these beautifully patterned, soft pieces of fabric to serve as blankets for sick children and seniors in hospitals. Our community service learning group made cookiegrams to help raise the funds needed for the supplies to make the fleece blankets. The blankets will be donated to local children and seniors in need of a cheery, warm "pick-me-up." Each cookiegram contained two homemade cookies with personal messages written by generous buyers. All were delivered during our community lunch on Wednesday and there were many smiling faces all around. \$113 total was raised to both fund the blanket expenses and future cadet activities.



Mrs. Pasquale (far right) looks as excited as I was to receive her cookiegrams. The cookies were absolutely delicious. Nigel Petti-Fernandez

helped to distribute the many bags of cookies to teachers and students. Jedianne Graham (below) seemed overcome with joy when Veronica presented her with her cookiegram.



Mrs. Magno, guidance counselor extraordinaire, has created a space (far right) outside of the Academic Office to applaud our college-accepted seniors. We know this is a stressful time for those students who have not heard back yet so there are no names attached to the board...just a celebration of the wise colleges and universities that have accepted our exceptional students. Please be sure to forward any acceptance, denial, or scholarship information to Mrs. Magno so that she can update her records. Thank you!

From the Admissions Office

The Admissions Department is holding an Open House this Saturday starting promptly at 10:00 am. Our Open Houses start with a meet-and-greet with the academy's key staff followed by campus tours by our cadets. Interested applicants can also be interviewed by the Admissions Team.

Upcoming Open House Schedule: Saturday, February 10th, Saturday, March 10th, Saturday, May 5th, and Saturday, June 2nd

From the Athletic Department

It was a very hectic week for sports here at NYMA as weather played a major role in some of our scheduled contests. Wrestling, bowling, and JV basketball all had matches and games canceled due to weather-related issues. We will make up all of these cancellations so please stay tuned for updates.

The Varsity Basketball Team took a road trip this weekend to play national powerhouses, Putnam Science and Springfield Commonwealth. On Saturday, 2/3, they beat Putnam Science by a close score of 92-90. Zaahir Woody recorded a triple-double and led NYMA with 32 points, 13 rebounds, and 10 assists. Zamere McKenzie had 20 points while Will Mayfield had 19 points and 21 rebounds. Josh Antoine had a huge second half in which he scored all of his 10 points. Brandon Evans also helped out in the NYMA win by contributing 8 points.



On Sunday the Varsity Team (13-3) played Springfield Commonwealth and lost a tight game by the score of 61-62. The Knights were led by Zaahir Woody with 16 points, 6 steals, and 5 assists. Brandon Evans finished with 17 points while Zamere McKenzie added 13 points and 10 rebounds. Will Mayfield scored 8 points and also had 10 rebounds while Josh Antoine scored 7.

On Thursday, 2/8, the Varsity Basketball Team hosted Poughkeepsie Day School in an HVAL matchup. NYMA dominated the game winning by the score of 81-31. The Knights were led by Zaahir Woody with 20 points and Will Mayfield with 16 points. Karif Isaacs added 12 and did a great job controlling the tempo of the game. Brandon Evans and Zamere McKenzie both finished with 8 points. Mickey Urso scored 6 while Josh Antoine and Nigel Petti-Fernandez each had 5 points. For pictures of the game, please visit: [Facebook Album: Basketball vs Poughkeepsie Day.](#)



Commandant's Notes

The Winter Formal is here! The number of people who will be attending is fantastic and it's shaping up to be a super fun time! Thank you for your support of this year's event; we will have pictures up as soon as possible. While I don't want to overlook this weekend's events, please know that next weekend is a long weekend for Presidents' Day and it will be an open weekend. As always, if you have questions please feel free to contact me at dlorenzen@nyma.org or [\(845\) 534-3710](tel:(845)534-3710) Ext. 4210.

Counselor's Corner

Greetings, NYMA Families! Congratulations to the seniors who have already been accepted to colleges! We have only just begun to receive acceptances from such schools as Binghamton University, Rutgers, Rensselaer, and NYIT. If your student is eligible, make sure that you have filled out the FAFSA and/or CSS information for financial aid. As we continue to receive news from colleges, we remind the seniors to stay focused and keep up with their schoolwork as we will send out their final grades at the end of the year.

SAT Prep Clarification:

Parents, we are so excited to have your students at the Saturday SAT Prep sessions. I hope they are finding them to be beneficial. I would like to clarify some confusion regarding the prep schedule. If you registered your student for the whole SAT Prep Session in October (not the "Senior Option"), they are still registered and can continue to attend the sessions with no additional charge (all 10 sessions are included in the original price). For those students who were registered in January, they will continue out the rest of the sessions.

The remaining prep dates are as follows: Feb. 10th, Feb. 24th, March 3rd, April 7th, April 21st, and April 28th.

The SAT Test is on May 5th and it will be on our campus. If you need help to register, please feel free to give me a call. Have a wonderful weekend and upcoming week! Never hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached at Ext. 4211.

From the Activities Coordinator

Hello from Cadet Activities! As I told the cadets in last week's Community Meeting, I never thought that these winter weekends would be so jam-packed with activities that were both well-received and heavily attended. The word on campus is that last Friday's karaoke night was the place to be! We had excellent attendance and the cadets sang their hearts out using our new amplifier and microphone. Lots of faculty also attended; we celebrated Dr. Webb's birthday as well. What a night!

Several cadets came by the Social Center on Saturday evening to help make fleece blankets for young children in local hospitals. A total of four blankets were made and are ready to be delivered to those who will hopefully be kept warm and comforted in their time of need. A special thanks to Ms. Furnia's project group for raising the funds to get this project done! Another big thank you to Mr. John Dolan for buying a plethora of cookiegrams!

Sunday proved to be FUNDAY! The campus celebrated the Superbowl with an amazing spread provided by the dining staff. Thank you to Rich Thorne and his fantastic staff who made it happen! We had wings, wraps, dessert, and Ms. Pasquale even brought in a batch of her homemade cookies! With the help of Dr. Gastel, Ms. Hill, and Mr. Roselli, cadets watched the game which was projected on a wall in the Mess Hall.

This weekend is the Winter Formal. The night before we will be going ice skating at Bear Mountain State Park for some outdoor winter fun. Maybe some future Olympic hopefuls will show off their skills!

