



KNIGHTS NEWS



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Superintendent's Message

On Sunday, March 4th, I joined many of the NYMA community to watch the livestreaming of the New England Preparatory School Athletic Council Class D Boys' Varsity Basketball Championship Game. Congratulations to our team for winning this year's championship! Zaahir Woody, one of our seniors, has also been named the 2018 NEPSAC Class D Player of the Year. Will Mayfield and Zamere McKenzie, two other seniors, received Class D All-NEPSAC Awards and Coach Rahn has been named the NEPSAC Class D Coach of the Year! It truly was a great victory and season for NYMA! Congratulations cadets and coaches!



Another snow storm hit NYMA this past Wednesday. Cadets had a shortened instructional day due to the storm. Thank you to the many staff and faculty members for helping NYMA survive the snow again.

The re-enrollment notices for the new school year will be sent out next week. While the academy is in the process of preparing the re-enrollment application packet, please begin to have a conversation with your child about the plan for the next school year.

The end of the marking period is approaching. Our cadets will be taking some exams next week before leaving for the Spring Furlough which will start on Friday, March 16th.

Dean's News

This was a particularly difficult week for our faculty and staff. It began with us bidding farewell to our beloved Coach Les McMillen. People stood in line for hours at Quigley Funeral home to pay their respects and share stories of how Coach had touched their lives over his many years of service to NYMA.

After the service, many of our teachers returned to their homes to find that they had lost power due to a downed tree in the faculty residential area. On Wednesday we were hit with what I hope will be the last rumble of winter weather. The storm dumped over a foot of snow on our beautiful campus. The very heavy portion of the storm waited patiently for our service learning program to finish and

then seemed to let loose for about the next seven hours. We only delayed one period the following morning to give our maintenance team enough time to plow and clear the entryways. Thank you to everyone for trudging through the snow and pulling together as a team.



We have one more week until the close of the 3rd Marking Period which is March 16th. We recently learned that there are some students that will be leaving early for the spring break. It was explained to all students that they are responsible for making arrangements to have their work turned in before the close of the marking period whether they are here or not. Grades will be posted just as soon as they have been processed and Ms. Madaia will send you the customary email notification.

On Sunday the NYMA Varsity Basketball Team travelled to Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts for the NEPSAC Class D Championship. Our cadets went there to win and indeed they did. This was the first NEPSAC Championship for NYMA in any sport.

With the news of Coach McMillen's passing so close to their departure, they vowed to have a moment of silence and dedicate their win to him. Nigel Petti-Fernandez (left), who has been a student at NYMA for 6 years, made sure to save a front row seat in Coach McMillen's honor. The number 30 on the jersey signifies how many years he had coached the Knights. He was surely watching over our boys during this difficult championship. Good job boys! We are so proud of all of you!



In honor of Coach McMillen’s life, we are bringing back his old baseball field where he coached so many talented athletes. We are looking for donations for a memorial plaque and for help restoring the field. Please send all inquiries to our Alumni Relations Coordinator, Barbara O’Rourke, at borourke@nyma.org. Many thanks for your interest and help with this great project!

Aristotle Avaras (right) spent Friday morning being interviewed by Bob O. on the Fox Oldies radio station (98.9 FM) in New Windsor. We are always so proud when our students are out in the community representing our school in such a positive way. He did a great job and the interviewer commented how blown away he is by our students. You can catch the taped interview in its entirety on the NYMA Facebook page: www.facebook.com/NewYorkMilitaryAcademy/.



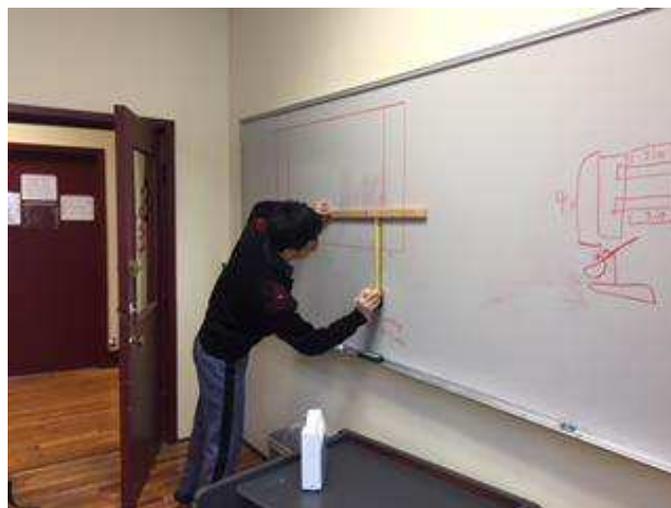
The Academic Office got to wish Brandon Fooks (left) a very happy birthday. He smiled through all of his push-ups which were not during Friday study hall as promised so he was on his way home early to enjoy his big day. Thank you to Ms. Zhang for his beautiful NYMA birthday scarf.

One of our service learning groups produces a children’s anthology. Serena Yang produced one of the most beautiful stories both in prose and illustration as shown to the far right. Her artistic talent constantly amazes us. All of the student’s stories will be scanned and sent to be published. This way when they return to the pre-school where they first read library books, they will be able to read their own work.



This service learning group (above left and center) uses an assembly line to plate the pieces of cake for Matthew Knorpp’s finishing touches.

Joseph Xu (near right) is working on the first phase of drawings in hopes of building a go-cart in the Makerspace.



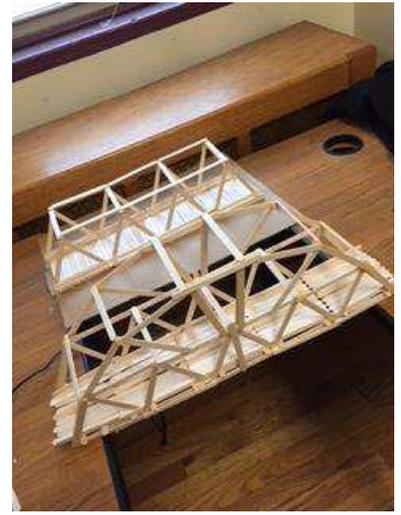


Ms. Simon’s art class is producing some beautiful sculpted pieces. The flower by Judy Zhou (previous page, bottom right) and cake by Zhengkun Yang (left) will be baked to harden. I am hoping to get one of these beautiful pieces for my office...*hint, hint.*

From the Admissions Office

We are busy enrolling for next school year. Our most important admissions resource is our parents; please tell your friends about the important work NYMA is doing.

Despite the recent snowfall, the planned Open House is still on for this weekend as the NYMA Campus weathered the storm nicely. Our Color Guard (which we are so proud of) will be presenting the Colors to begin the Open House. To attend, please RSVP with the Admissions Team at admissions@nyma.org.



Bridges built by Henry Racine and Joseph Xu in our Makerspace.

Open House Schedule

Saturday, March 10th

Saturday, May 5th

Saturday, June 2nd

Campus Visits

Our department prefers personal campus visits during the week for prospective families as it gives us much more time to sit and really get to know prospective cadets. These are available most school days so please get in touch!



From the Athletic Department

On Saturday, 3/3, the Varsity Basketball Team (22-3) traveled to the MacDuffie School who played host to the NEPSAC Semifinals. NYMA faced off against a tough Boston Trinity team. The Knights won by the score of 82-47 and were led by Zaahir Woody and Branden Evans who each scored 17 points. Will Mayfield had 14 points, Karif Isaacs had 13 points, Zamere McKenzie finished with 12, and Josh Antoine contributed 9 points.



On Sunday, 3/4, NYMA played Rocky Hill School from Rhode Island for the NEPSAC Class D Championship at Clark University. NYMA won the highly contested game by the score of 52-47. The Knights were led by Will Mayfield who scored 17 points and Zaahir Woody who finished with 14. Zamere McKenzie had 9 points while Branden Evans finished with 8. Zaahir Woody was named the NEPSAC Class D Tournament Most Valuable Player. This was the first NEPSAC Championship for NYMA in any sport and the team dedicated it to Coach McMillen. Congratulations cadets on a fantastic season!

The 2018 NEPSAC Class D Awards were also just announced. They are as follows:



2018 NEPSAC Class D Awards

Coach of the Year:
Bobby Rahn, NYMA

Player of the Year:
Zaahir Woody '18, New York Military Academy

- Class D All-NEPSAC**
- Zain Alam '19 – Williams School
 - Jaydon Belliveau '20 – Dublin School
 - John Coleman '18 – Watkinson School
 - Jack Flaherty '18 – Marvelwood School
 - Jay-Juan Hayes '19 – Rocky Hill School
 - KC Ikeasoguh '18 – Boston Trinity Academy
 - Jamar Jones '19 – Boston Trinity Academy
 - Steven Lora '19 – Rocky Hill School
 - Will Mayfield '18 – New York Military Academy
 - Zamere McKenzie '18 – New York Military Academy
 - Trevor Mooney '18 – Oakwood School
 - Willie Murray '18 – Hoosac School
 - Jahrell Spence '18 – Watkinson School
 - Tedrick Wilcox '18 – Rocky Hill School

- Class D All-NEPSAC Honorable Mention**
- Aneesh Avancha '18 – Chase Collegiate
 - Jack Cook '18 – Chase Collegiate
 - Justin Decoteau '18 – Marvelwood
 - Michael Eurquart '19 – Darrow School
 - Hunter Ewing '18 – Hoosac School
 - Nate Gryezka '18 – Dublin School
 - David Szatkowski '19 – Boston Trinity Academy

Congratulations to Zaahir Woody, Will Mayfield, and Zamere McKenzie for your incredible performances this season!

GO KNIGHTS!!!

Commandant's Notes

We're one week away from Spring Furlough. The cadets are definitely looking forward to the break! It's often been a topic of discussion this week.

This weekend is both a Closed Weekend and an Open House Weekend. The cadets will be in their class uniform for most of Saturday and the 7th and 8th grade male barracks floor will be the display floor for the families attending. Our youngest cadets will represent us proudly as they host families and show off their rooms!

The Color Guard is also going to post the Colors again at the Open House and if you haven't seen them in action, it's well worth coming out to see. They are fantastic!

Counselor's Corner

Greetings, NYMA Families! Our juniors have now received their logins to Naviance, our online college search tool, and have begun the discussion about their interests and what career path they'd like to pursue. I will be opening up the Naviance portal for 11th grade parents as well. You can begin to add schools of interest and work with your students online to find the best school for them. Parents, please look for an email from me with your login information. Thank you to Dr. Webb for allowing me to interrupt her class so I could meet with all the juniors and to Ms. Tamulis for hosting us in the library.

I have continued to post college acceptances in the Academic Office display (right) and I hope that your cadets get a chance to take a look to see some of the places our seniors are going!

