



## Superintendent's Message

It has been nearly two weeks since we published our last newsletter and so many things have happened. On Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, I enjoyed spending time with our juniors and seniors at our annual Ring Hop which was held at the West Point Club. What a great event! That Sunday I received Mother's Day wishes from many people around the world although the best Mother's Day gifts I received this year were from my children. One earned a bachelor's degree from U.C. Berkeley and the other one earned a Ph.D. from Carnegie Mellon University. I unfortunately missed Alumni Weekend due to my children's graduations, but I have heard a lot of positive feedback from all who attended the event.

Memorial Day is an important time to remember all the great sacrifices the men and women of the Armed Services made to defend our way of life. On Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, the Corps of NYMA Cadets will participate in the Cornwall Memorial Day Parade which will start from the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley in Cornwall-on-Hudson at 10:00 am. The procession will then make its way down to the Cornwall Town Hall. After the parade, there will be a ceremony at the Veteran's Memorial Monument across from the Town Hall at approximately 11:00 am. I truly hope to see many of you there!

Final exams will start soon; please remind your cadets to study hard in preparation. And to all the seniors: graduation is exactly two weeks away!

## Dean's News

It's been a very busy two weeks. At the closing of the last newsletter, we were headed to our annual Ring Hop which was held at the Hudson Room of the West Point Club. Despite the unseasonably cool temperatures and a bit of rain, a wonderful time was had by all. Thanks to Nick Mishkovski, the Director of Facilities, for transporting the life-size NYMA class ring to the event; it enabled each of our cadets to pose for a picture inside the ring. After a delicious dinner, we cut the cake, retired the Colors, and then "cut a rug." Our dances will never be the same without the graduating Cadet Fooks on the dancefloor.



*Left:* Amanda Beller and Brandon Fooks posing inside of the GIANT class ring.



*Right:* Go Brandon! Go Brandon!



*Left:* Cadet McKenzie poses for a picture with his parents using the Hudson River as a backdrop.



*Above (right to left):* Cadet Ricks, Cadet Mayfield, Cadet McKenzie, Cadet Pinto-Ricardo, Cadet Woody and his date, Chloe Chaffin.



*Left (from left to right):* Cadet Li B, Cadet Lin, Ms. Dong, Cadet Wang, Ms. Zhang, Cadet Li J., and Cadet Qin.

As the saying goes, when it rains it pours...but a tornado? On Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, many areas of the Hudson Valley were affected by one of four tornados that touched down. While some parts of our campus initially retained power, by Wednesday morning all power had been shut down by Central Hudson to enable repairmen to cut downed trees on wires without danger.

On Wednesday, we proceeded with our normal service learning programming, but had students work on their homework during the daylight hours of 3:00-5:00 pm instead of later that evening. We were receiving conflicting information regarding power restoration which made the decision difficult as to whether or not to send the students home. By Thursday we had no guarantee of imminent restoration so we thought it wise to close the campus. We appreciate everyone's cooperation and are so grateful to the families and faculty members that offered their homes and assistance in the crisis. We are very fortunate that the impact to our campus was not worse. To help make up for the missed instruction, I substituted a full day of classes in place of our service learning program this past Wednesday.



Above: An actual photo of the tornado that touched down in Newburgh.



We were able to administer all of our AP exams throughout the entire ordeal. David Pinto-Ricardo (pictured right) came in on Friday for his Microeconomics exam which was the last of our AP tests. He was the only student on campus so he came in dressed in all of his "college swag." I hope it brought him luck although he certainly doesn't need it.

Unfortunately, our alumni returned to a campus without current cadets due to the storm. Most of the scheduled activities went ahead as planned with the exception of the basketball game and parade. The

Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Jonathan Gastel (bottom right), delivered the State of the Academy address to many alumni as well as staff and faculty on Saturday morning. His speech was streamed live on Facebook so if you were not able to attend you can listen to the recorded version.

The alumni relationship is a two-way street. Sometimes we travel to visit our alumni to celebrate their important milestones. Meriah Tani, Class of 2011, invited us to the celebration of the completion of her master's

degree in Forensics Technology (below center). I was her guidance counselor way back when and she told me that this is what she wanted to do with her life. I am so happy that she fulfilled her dreams. Her plan for the future is employment with the FBI and to also begin her Ph.D.



Above: Study hall in the afternoon using daylight through the windows of the Mess Hall.



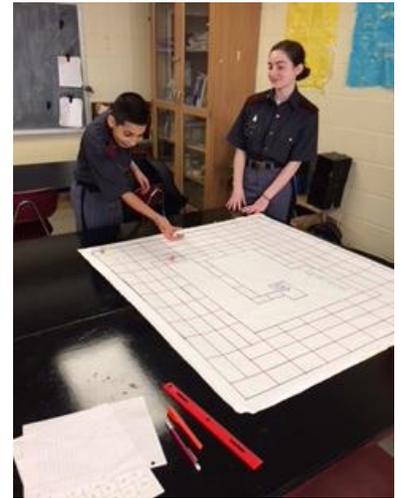
Today was the last day of classroom instruction and the close of the 4<sup>th</sup> Marking Period. Students will return to campus this Sunday evening by 5:00 p.m. and will take part in the Cornwall Memorial Day parade on Monday. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday have been set aside for review for final exams which will begin on Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> and continue through the following week.



I sat in as a guest instructor in Mr. Gordon’s Physics class where a slinky was used to demonstrate longitudinal waves vs. transverse waves. We learned that transverse waves are always characterized by particle motion perpendicular to the wave’s motion and that particles in longitudinal waves move parallel to the direction of the wave. This topic led to a

discussion of how noise cancelling headphones work. It was a very interesting lesson.

*Right:* Yusef Salameh and Morgan Yarnis play a labyrinth game that she created in Robotics. They used probability to show that the rules to the game were fair.



## From the Admissions Office



Several members of our Color Guard posted the Colors at the SCIP Annual Awards Banquet in Manhattan on Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. SCIP is a non-profit founded by an alumnus and for many years the NYMA Color Guard has opened their banquet. [Click here](#) to see the video of Cadet Veronica Walker’s beautiful singing of *God Bless America* on our Facebook Page.

**Upcoming Open House:**  
Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Open Houses begin precisely at 10:00 am and end at approximately 1:00 pm. Families will join in an informal meet and greet with the Academy’s staff, enjoy a presentation by the

Superintendent, and be shown around campus by the cadets. We are excited to show you our unique school and how we are growing the next generation of leaders. Interviews of prospective cadets will be conducted throughout the day.

**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...just get in touch!

**RSVP:** Please contact admissions at [admissions@nyma.org](mailto:admissions@nyma.org) or (845) 534-3710.



## From the Athletic Department

We had a very interesting finish to our Spring Sports Season as the weather in the area took a turn for the worse last week. Due to the destruction of the storm that hit, all of the playoffs were unfortunately affected and shortened. We had to deal with some issues on campus, but in the end, everyone was safe and that’s all that matters.

We finished our spring season with Ultimate Frisbee losing to Marvelwood by the score of 6-15 and finishing in 5<sup>th</sup> place in the Hudson Valley Athletic League. Baseball finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place as well and Boys Tennis defeated Faith Christian to finish in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. We are extremely proud of all of our cadets as they represented NYMA well throughout the season and the entire school year! A special thanks goes out to our spring coaches for all of their time and dedication.

This past week we had Open Gym on Monday as well as Open Pool on Wednesday thanks to Coach Dunn and his lifeguarding skills and supervision. Thursday the cadets all participated in a physical fitness test which consisted of push-ups, sit-ups, shuttle runs, and a one-mile run.

Our golfers took a trip to the Castle in Chester on Thursday where they played a few rounds of mini-golf with Coach Mario Espinoza. We are working on a trip to the driving range and possibly a round at Scotch Corners Golf Course in Montgomery. We are hoping to have a track meet with Faith Christian Academy next week as well.

Finally, as we finish out the school year, we will be moving forward with the following sports and activities on campus: Badminton, Dodgeball, Frisbee, Golf, Team Handball, Kickball, Pickleball, Volleyball, and Wiffleball. GO KNIGHTS!



## From the Commandant

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for the well wishes and congratulations on my recent appointment to Commandant. I am truly humbled and very excited to help lead this great school. With graduation quickly approaching and summer camp right around the corner, there is a lot going on around campus. As busy as the Corps of Cadets may be, we will still find time to prepare for upcoming events. This Memorial Day our Corps and our Color Guard will be on display during the Cornwall Memorial Day Parade and ceremony. I am very proud of how far the cadets have come over the last two months and if you have a chance to attend the parade, it would mean a lot to them!

## Counselor's Corner

Greetings! Our cadets are getting excited for the long weekend, the parade, and upcoming finals. (Ok, maybe they're not excited for finals, but a counselor can dream.) Next week is a big week for studying and making sure that those last-minute exam content questions are answered.

Speaking of exams, if you have requested for your cadet to take a Regents Exam and have not received an email from me with date/time/location of the exam, please let me know. I will also send a physical copy of the permission letter from NYMA as well as the exam schedule to your home of record. **Please direct your student to bring the permission/verification letter with them when they take their exam.** As a reminder, the *Global History Regents Exam* is on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Any student taking that exam will need to head home on the 4<sup>th</sup> and be brought back on the 5<sup>th</sup> or the next morning so they will be ready for their finals on the 6<sup>th</sup>. We will coordinate rides to the train as necessary so please confirm your permission for them to ride the train.

SAT scores for our juniors should have arrived from this most recent administration in May. Congrats to all for having given it a shot; I am very proud of you! It was a great opportunity for them to get their feet wet with this length of standardized test. I encouraged the students to sign up with [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org) to link their SAT scores and begin doing some test prep. The website can help to work on problem areas that can be improved upon for next time. We are encouraging our students to **sign up for the August 2018 SAT exam** this coming week since the deadline is over the summer (July 27<sup>th</sup>). If you would like for your child to take the SAT at the start of next school year, please let me know!

Be somebody who makes  
everybody feel like a somebody.  
-Robby Novak

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## From the Activities Coordinator



We are starting Memorial Day Weekend by going to get ice cream at the famous Weir's ice cream stand in Washingtonville. Cadets have already signed up to go.

Next weekend, we will be visiting the mini-golf course which also has batting cages. For \$12 cadets can play one round of mini-golf, get two tickets for the batting cages, an ice cream cone, and a soda. It's a great deal! There is also a shopping trip to Woodbury Commons planned and a Casino event in the Library with Mr. Roselli.

The Thursday after finals the Corps is going to *Space Farm Zoo* in Sussex, New Jersey. Not only does this zoo have great animals but entire barns dedicated to collections of things like vintage bikes, cars, motorcycles, fossils, crystals, dolls, and other artifacts that are sure to dazzle. Have a fabulous weekend!

