



KNIGHTS NEWS



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NEW YORK MILITARY ACADEMY

Superintendent's Message

On Monday, May 28th, NYMA Cadets marched in the Cornwall Memorial Day Parade and were cheered on by supportive spectators along the way. Following the parade, the Corps honored and remembered the fallen with their Color Guard's presence and a 21-gun salute that accompanied the town's memorial service.



Today we entered final exam week and by Wednesday, June 6th all cadets will have finished with their exams. You may have been made aware that

on Thursday, June 7th a school-wide trip to Space Farm Zoo will take place. The day will start off by meeting in the chapel for announcements, advisors will be taking attendance, and then we will be boarding the buses. Once inside the zoo, students can intermingle and do not have to stay with their advisory groups until meeting for lunch. Please be advised that all day students are required to participate in the trip.

Great news! So far, we have received more than 260 applications for our summer programs and registration is still open. If your child is interested in attending, please apply online at <https://www.nyma.org/programs/summer-leadership-program/>. All current cadets and their siblings will receive a 15% discount for the two-week session. I am so excited to hear

that some of our graduates and rising seniors will be working our summer programs. If your cadet is interested, please email Ms. Dong at bbong@nyma.org.

It's hard to believe that there is only one more week to go before the school year ends! I wish all the cadets lots of luck on their final exams and look forward to seeing many family members at the end-of-year events. Please be advised that our final issue of the weekly newsletter will be published on Saturday, June 9th.

Dean's News



Last week, I ended my weekend thinking NYMA had come under siege. Apparently, on Sunday evening the cadets who were chosen to deliver the 21-gun salute needed to practice. As I ate my dinner, I could hear the shots. All of their hard work paid off because their performance was impeccable. I walked along the route after the cadets marched through. So many people stopped me to say how happy they were to see the Corps of Cadets growing and how great they all looked. Seeing our students represent the school out in the community in such an impressive manner is so gratifying. After the wreaths were laid and the rest of the Corps headed back to campus, I asked First Captain Petti-Fernandez, the Commandant, Mr. Naseef, and Captain Amanda Beller to pose for a picture in front of the monument (left). Both Nigel and Mr. Naseef prepared speeches and addressed the spectators from the podium during the ceremony.

This week the academic schedule consisted of three full days of review. Friday was the first day of finals which will continue through Wednesday of next week. Teachers are in their classrooms at least 45 minutes prior to any exam to answer any last-minute questions or just to help settle some jitters. All students are given 2.5 hours to complete their exams but may leave after 1 hour if they are in middle school or after 1.5 hours if they are in high school. Teachers will be grading their exams and essays diligently



because all grades must be in to Ms. Madaia by Thursday to compile the information for the awards ceremony and graduation. In the event that your child fails a class, you will be notified by a separate letter with instructions for summer school.

As award recipient information is received by the Academic Office, we will notify parents by sending you an invitation to the awards dinner and ceremony which will take place in the Curie Dining Hall at 5:00 pm. Please RSVP promptly so that we can send the head-count to our Director of Food Service. We will begin the evening with the dinner, then move into the awards ceremony, and finish with dessert. We really hope you will come and share in your child's achievements. This is the last meal we will share together as a NYMA family for a while and is the perfect prelude to the graduation exercises the following morning. The graduation ceremony invitations were emailed to the parents of 8th graders and seniors, but we would certainly love to have the entire NYMA community attend the festivities. The procession will begin on the Quad promptly at 11:00 am on Saturday. All students will be dismissed after the graduation and may sign out for the summer with their parents.



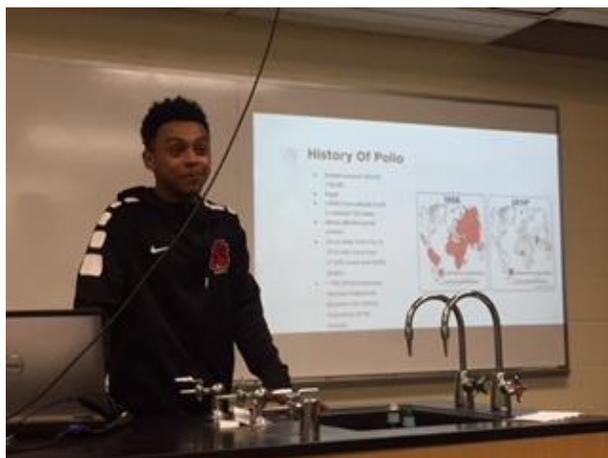
I have had so much fun the past few days sitting in on classes with end-of-year projects taking place. Many a newsletter ago, I took pictures of Ms. Hill's 10th grade English class handmaking puppets out of water bottles for an eventual Hamlet puppet show. Finally, SHOWTIME!!! King Knorpp (left) passed out scrolls to all the spectators before the show began. Each member of the class had a role in the performance either narrating, operating the sound, or manipulating the puppets. It was very entertaining and a brilliant way to ensure that her students would not soon forget this tragedy.

Right: Cadet Montes was excited about operating the puppets. I wish I could have seen his face behind the curtain when one of the puppets heads came off. Look at that smile.

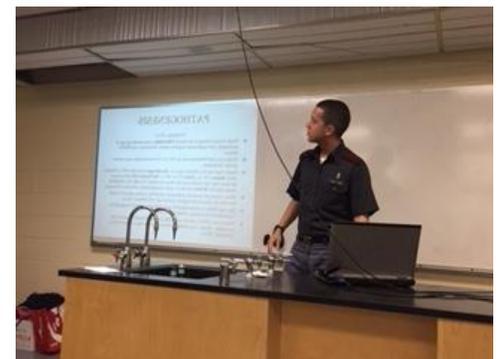


Above: Mickey Urso takes the microphone to narrate a portion of the puppet show.

Ms. Hill's 8th grade Capstone class also delivered their final presentations this week. This class met over the course of the entire year for two days per week. This class is a wonderful nurturing introduction to the art of a proper research paper with citations, interviews with experts in the field, exciting PowerPoint slides and oral presentations. Ms. Hill guides them through the entire process and I think you would be quite shocked with the caliber of the final product. Most importantly, the students really enjoyed the process and learned about not only their own researched topic but the rest of the cadets' as well.



The students of Ms. Furnia's Plagues and Pandemics class presented their final projects today to a guest panel of staff and faculty. We learned about Polio from Jalen Ricks (left)...



...Ebola from David Pinto-Ricardo (above)...



...Leprosy from Zaahir Woody (left)...

...and Syphilis from Jeffrey Li (right).



Ms. Furnia really tried to give the students in this class a taste of what would be required of them in a college class. Judging by today, I would say that they met the challenge.

From the Admissions Office

Admissions is excited about the last week of school and all of the great things our cadets have accomplished over the school year.

Next Open House Schedule: Saturday, June 2nd

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 or (845) 534-3710.

Right: Max Vaskovtsev and Brandon Fooks are completing their lab practicum for Ms. Larabee's Advanced Chemistry final.



From the Athletic Department

This week we had a few open gyms for the cadets to utilize the weight room and play basketball. We also opened up the pool and had Coach Dunn and a certified lifeguard there for safety and supervision. This Wednesday we had a game of two-hand-touch football on the Quad with Coach Diaz and Coach Dunn. It was an awesome time and the cadets really enjoyed themselves. It was great to see football on campus! Thursday, we ran a second round of the Physical Fitness tests for the cadets which consisted of push-ups, sit-ups, shuttle runs, and a one-mile run.

The cadets have already started taking their exams, so we are mixing in some sports for them to play during the athletic time. This way they have a little break from studying but if they need extra help or more study time we will allow them to do so.

GO KNIGHTS!!!

From the Commandant

With graduation so close I've been pushing the motto "finish strong!" The cadets are extremely excited for summer especially the ones who are returning for our Summer Program. This week the Corps participated in the Cornwall Memorial Day parade. I am so proud of how great each cadet looked and how well they marched. This week we will be focusing on identifying which cadets will be rising into leadership roles for next year. Thank you for the support from NYMA Alumni, all of the parents, and the Cornwall community.

Counselor's Corner

Finals are upon us! We have begun our exams after several days of review. We are close to the end of the year and there is a buzz of excitement in the Corps about summer plans and post-graduation destinations. I am proud of all of our students but, in particular, I am proud of our current seniors who have pushed hard to the end of the year. At the end of next week, I will be ready to send out year-end transcripts to colleges! The year is almost over and the future is ahead...but first, we have to get through the rest of finals week.

For our rising seniors, take some time over the summer to really check out your SAT scores on the [CollegeBoard](https://collegeboard.org) website and examine the sections where you could improve. The website goes into greater depth on the different categories of questions and allows you to see where the greatest improvement can be made. Through [KhanAcademy.org](https://khanacademy.org), students can find tailored lessons and quizzes to help them as well!

I am so proud of how the Corps has grown, both academically and behaviorally. It warms my heart to see cadets reach out to help other cadets who are in need. That said, we can all do with a little more kindness and love especially with the stress of the end of the year. When it is most difficult, choose to be kind!

Spread *love*
everywhere you go.
Let no one ever
come to you without
leaving *happier*.
-Mother Teresa

From the Activities Coordinator

I cannot believe we are approaching the last weekend of Cadet Activities! It has been quite a year and I must thank Ms. Zhang, the faculty, and staff who helped support all of the events this year. We hope to keep the same level of exciting activities for next year, add some new ones, and make up for things we might have had to cancel because of bad weather. Thank you to all who participated and helped. I'll be working this summer on our fall semester of activities, so let me know if you have any suggestions.

This Friday, the Ice Mother will return to NYMA at the basketball court at 7:00 pm. She accepts cash as well as debit/credit cards. Also, on Friday evening, we have planned a mini-golf and batting cages trip. The cost is \$12 and includes an ice cream and soda.

Sunday, cadets can go to the library for "Casino Afternoon" starting at 1:00 pm with Mr. Roselli.

Last weekend, cadets visited the historic and very popular ice cream stand at Weirs. Check out the pictures below. Doesn't it look delicious?

