



## Superintendent's Message

Greetings to all cadets, parents, faculty, staff, community partners, and alumni! I am so excited to officially welcome you to the 2018-2019 school year.

First, please allow me to update you on what took place this summer. Two weeks after our graduation, we began the first round of summer activities by hosting the Junior Cadet Leadership Camp. We then ran three sessions of the 2-week NYMA Summer Leadership Program from July 1<sup>st</sup> to August 11<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to those who helped make our program a huge success! Over 400 participants from all over the world enjoyed their time at NYMA and I am so happy to report that four of them have decided to join our Corps of Cadets! To capture the unforgettable memories, we produced three videos that highlighted major activities. These videos can be accessed at the links below:

Session I: <https://vimeo.com/280190254>

Session II: <https://vimeo.com/284504430>

Session III: <https://vimeo.com/284496028>

The new school year was officially kicked off by our annual Convocation on Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. After the Convocation, cadets and staff gathered for a group photo. Yes, we are the NYMA family!



please call the school at (845)534-3710, Ext. 4210 (day) or Ext. 4278 (night).

The following is an important message from the Cadet Bank: During New Cadet Training, NYMA will pay entry fees for weekend cadet activities. However, many cadets will prefer to have spending cash for snacks, souvenirs, etc. To accommodate this, we will start allowing new cadets to withdraw their cadet bank allowance on Fridays. Please send an email to [cadetbank@nyma.org](mailto:cadetbank@nyma.org) if you would like your cadet excluded from this option.

Weekly newsletters will be sent to all the parents/guardians via email and posted on the school website at [nyma.org](http://nyma.org) under "Parents".

Our new cadets will continue to receive training through the 3-day weekend; most of the returning cadets have chosen to spend the holiday with their friends and families.

I am looking forward to having a wonderful school year!

This year NYMA has welcomed over 30 new cadets from all over the world. Many new faculty and staff members have joined our family as well.

With the new additions to the school, we will be able to do so many more exciting things. We will be strengthening our leadership and character education, improving cadets' residential life, and offering new, advanced courses.

To ensure school-to-home communication is efficient and streamlined, we will continue to ask parents and guardians to send us your general inquires at [parentdesk@nyma.org](mailto:parentdesk@nyma.org). This will be the best way for you to notify us of doctor's appointments, weekend plans, and airport pickups/drop-offs. All the inquires will be reviewed and answered within 24 hours during the week. If you have an urgent matter,

## Dean's News

Welcome new cadets! Now you see it, now you don't. New cadet Dominick Radice (pictured right) sits for his "new guy" haircut. He took it like a champ even though he had been growing his hair out for a while. All new cadets received haircuts like this upon arrival. Not to worry moms...hair grows back and future haircuts will not be as severe.

Welcome back to all of our returning cadets as well. Our Cadet Leadership is doing an amazing job of training the new cadets. You all will be so impressed when you see the accomplishments of your children at the New Cadet Parade on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 am.



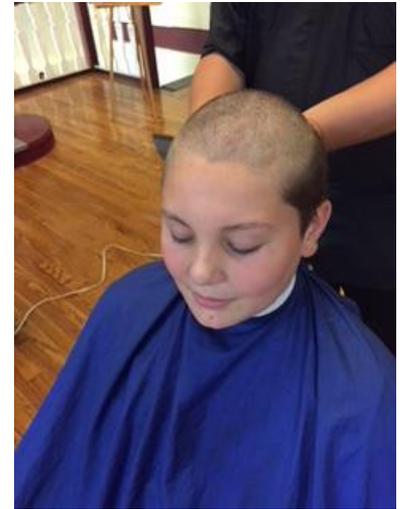
and taken to the Mess Hall for a delicious meal prepared by our chefs. I saw parents introducing themselves to their children's advisors which begins the open communication process that will also facilitate academic success.

Classes began on Monday morning with relatively few issues. There are always student requests to adjust schedules and classes which will be addressed on an individual basis. Slightly before school began, Mrs. Madaia sent out course listings and corresponding book lists for parents to purchase. It is imperative that your child have their books so they can complete their assignments. There are only single copies of the textbooks in the library which makes it difficult for multiple student use. If you have not received a book list, are having difficulty obtaining them, or if you have any questions at all about purchasing books, do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Students have been surviving the heat wave fairly well. On a positive note, it has caused a mass exodus from the barracks in the evening into our air-conditioned library during mandatory study hall. There have been so many of our students attending study hall outside of their rooms that we created an additional area in Scarborough Auditorium (which is also air-conditioned) to allow students to spread out easily. I have been circulating during study halls with the help of our residential life coordinator, Mr. Dunn, and am happy to report that it appears students are quietly completing their work. I will be conducting my first faculty meeting this coming Wednesday to make sure that this is indeed the case.



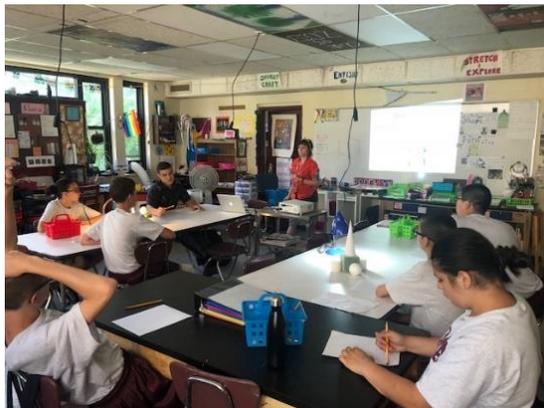
Mrs. Magno (pictured left) is conducting a learning strategies class for our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders and is working on organizational skills with them. One of their first assignments will be to go to a tutorial session with a teacher of their choice after school instead of heading directly back to the barracks. The idea is for students to understand that teachers are in their rooms everyday after school just waiting to answer questions and help.



On the evening of August 26<sup>th</sup>, the NYMA community gathered for the 130<sup>th</sup> Convocation which is the academic celebration for the start of the school year. I introduced both returning and new faculty members to the cadets and parents that were able to attend. We have added eight new faculty members to our team although a few of them are teaching on a part-time basis. This increase in staffing has allowed us to add many interesting electives while also launching the new Early College and Postgraduate academic programs. The "Academic Call to Arms", meant to rally the Corps of Cadets to academic success, was read by Command Sergeant Major Robin Zhao. He reminded the cadets that first and foremost they are students and the structure that they are being taught outside of the classroom will help lead to their academic success.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, students were divided into advisory groups

On Wednesday, Mrs. Madaia sent out an email to parents which contained the Rediker Plus Portals user account activation details. This portal will grant you access to your child's schedule, assignments, and progress. We encourage you to become familiar with this information system because it is the vessel with which we communicate grade reports. If you did not receive this email or are having difficulty using the system, please contact Mrs. Madaia by email at [tmadaia@nyma.org](mailto:tmadaia@nyma.org) or by phone at Ext. 4262. If you need to contact a teacher during the academic day, they prefer that you do so by email so as not to disturb their instructional time. I have asked that they answer your inquiries within 24 hours. Please let me know if you are having difficulty reaching a teacher or still have unanswered questions after speaking to them.



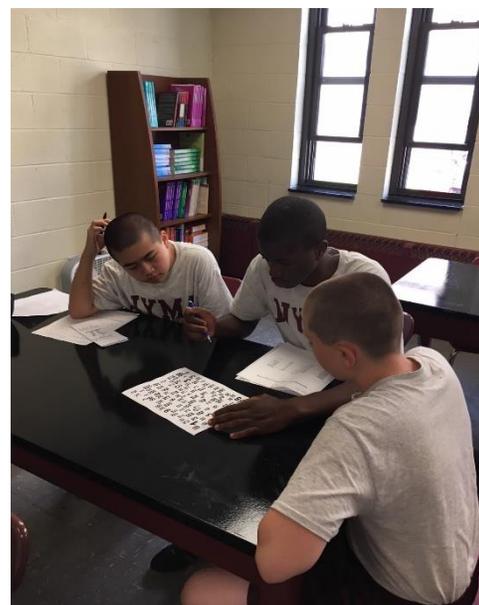
Mr. Roselli (right) claimed the air-conditioned auditorium to teach Geometry during the heat wave. Cadet Allegra is at the chalkboard demonstrating a problem.



Students have begun to build their robots in Mrs. Harrel's Introduction to Robotics class. The team pictured below finished building their robot in one block period. Each night that I entered the library for study hall, I saw students practicing their coding skills by playing a sanctioned game on our computers. They are so excited to be in this class.



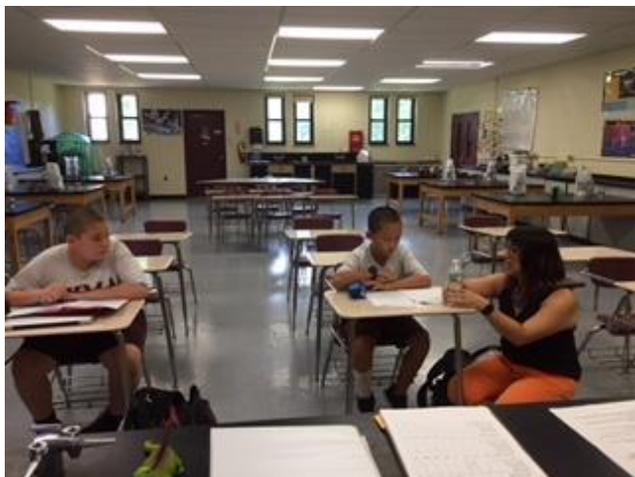
Math 2 students are seen here on the right participating in a team-building exercise. This group figured out the secret to the exercise and won the class competition. Math 2 will include a variety of group exercises and projects. Good job cadets!



In Ms. Furnia's Forensics class, students are learning about cognitive biases and external factors that affect observational skills. They are seeing how these concepts relate to both those investigating crime and affect the reliability of witness testimony. In her Biology class, students are learning how to use a microscope, follow procedures for experimentation, and how to properly write a scientific lab report. Emphasis is placed on the need to share and critique others' work and research whether their initial hypothesis was accepted or not. She creates a nurturing learning environment by introducing the power of "failure" in science. Ms. Furnia stressed the need to acknowledge mistakes and problems during research and how including them in final papers can help better future scientists.

She is seen below in her Physical Science class teaching about the scientific method and different forms of inquiry. She places emphasis on critical thinking and skepticism and discusses the value of research and asking questions.

The Language Department is off to a great start! I could hear Ms. Dong's Introduction to Mandarin class practicing the pronunciation of vowels from the hallway so I decided to pop in for a visit. Students seemed to be having a really good time and were eager to try to make the new sounds with their mouths. She also had them write their names using Chinese calligraphy (pictured right).



Mrs. Pasquale's ESL classes have spent the first week assessing reading levels and getting students to speak freely in class. Many of these students are used to classes of forty or fifty students where there is very little time for speaking and expressing ideas. The ESL students have come ready to work hard and learn about our customs and culture. They spent time talking about our similarities and differences. With these discussions, they get a chance to use different tenses. They relax and aren't afraid to make mistakes. This first week is about building trust which is very important to the learning process.



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## From the Admissions Office

It was a very exciting first week of school for the Admissions Department. After a busy summer of processing applications, it was great to finally meet the new cadets as well as see so many familiar returning faces.

This past Saturday the Admissions team hosted an Open House that was attended by over a dozen interested families. We are happy to report that we have already received 2 new applications from families who were in attendance.

This week we fielded 26 inquiries about the Academy and gave 13 tours to prospective cadets. We received 6 new applications and accepted 5 new cadets to the Corps.

### Upcoming Open Houses

Saturday, September 22nd

Saturday, October 13th

Saturday, November 3rd

Saturday, December 15<sup>th</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. To RSVP for an Open House, please contact our Admissions Office at [admissions@nyma.org](mailto:admissions@nyma.org) or at (845) 534-3710, Ext. 4272.

Wishing all cadets a continued great start to this new school year!



## From the Commandant

What a way to kick off the year! We had Cadet Leaders arrive early to go through rigorous training to ensure they had all the tools needed to lead the Corps. To build some Espirit de Corps, I took them on a whitewater rafting trip that brought us all a little closer. I can honestly say the leaders are setting the standard and taking their positions very seriously.

Our returning cadets arrived and fell right into place. I am happy to see so many familiar faces! Most have expressed their desire to be a leader and I will do everything I can to mentor them as they continue to learn and grow.

It is an honor to tell you the new cadets look fantastic. They are respectful, eager to learn, and adjusting wonderfully. All the parents should be proud of them and please let them know when they call on Sunday.

Although this is only the first week of the year, it is arguably the most important. Everyone has started off great. The cadets stay ready! "Toujours Pret"

## Counselor's Corner

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! I am so excited to see so many returning and new faces here on campus! It is also exciting to welcome our new faculty members as well. I hope that everybody has been having a smooth start so far this year. I am so proud to see how much work the cadets have put into their studies as well as their military training. What a great looking Corps! As always, thank you parents and guardians for trusting us with the care and education of your cadet.

The start of the school year is always heavily senior-focused as there are college deadlines just a few short months away and much to do. These next few weeks are important for our seniors to sign up for the [SAT](#) and/or the [ACT](#). I will be talking with them about the merits of both tests and what colleges may be looking for. If you would like to sign your student up for these tests, please let me know and I will work with them to get that done. The test dates and deadlines are:

**SAT** - Test Date: October 6<sup>th</sup> (Deadline: September 7<sup>th</sup>)

**ACT** - Test Date: October 27<sup>th</sup> (Deadline: September 28<sup>th</sup>)

Speaking of testing, for our international families it is important that you or your student let me know if they intend to take the **TOEFL** or any other standardized test. If they would like to test and would like us to coordinate transportation, that can be arranged but it must be done ahead of time. This ensures a smooth testing experience that is low-stress. Just as a note: a student cannot leave campus for a standardized test at an off-site location on a closed weekend unless authorized ahead of time through the Academic Office.

I look forward to getting to know more of the Corps and watching them as they grow and learn throughout the year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

## From the Activities Coordinator

Welcome back! We have another exciting year of events planned in Cadet Activities. I am Ms. Hill and when I am not teaching English to cadets, I am shamelessly plugging weekend activities and encouraging your children to take full advantage of all NYMA has to offer.

This year we are offering an array of activities to give cadets a chance to participate in entertaining events as well as complete various community service experiences.

Last Friday we were visited by the Ice Mother, our local gourmet ice cream/dessert truck. Our cadets had the chance to attend "New Windsor Day" which is a local community event featuring food trucks, live bands, vendors, and all-out fun spanning the size of three football fields!

Labor Day Weekend also promises to be a fun-filled one. We are headed down to the Hudson River for some "grillin' and chillin'" at Donahue Memorial Park. Museum Village in Monroe is sponsoring a "Civil War Reenactment" the following day. September 2<sup>nd</sup> the Cornwall Car Show promises to be bigger than ever! We will walk down into town that day and spend some time partaking in the local festivities.

Please encourage your cadet to take advantage of all the different things happening on and off campus. Have a great weekend!

