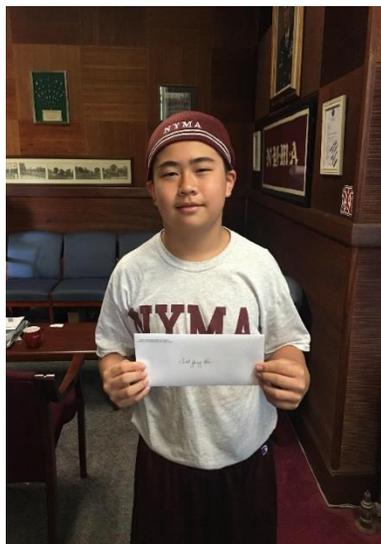




Superintendent's Message

NYMA got off to a great start this year despite the incredibly hot weather! Classes are now in full-swing and most of our cadets have settled into their courses and daily routines. Our Admissions Office continues to receive applications and a number of students have been accepted. Some are applying for financial aid while others are waiting for their visa.



Each year I try to celebrate our cadets' birthdays in a unique way. I hope that every birthday boy and girl enjoy the small gift from my office and sometimes a selfie with the Superintendent!

This morning, I stepped onto the Quad and enjoyed watching the breakfast formation. It looked great! The formation will look even better when all the cadets are in their uniforms. I can't wait!

I'd like to give everyone a heads-up about the New Cadet Parade which will take place on Saturday, September 22nd at 11:00 am. I hope you will join us in celebrating this very important event. Official invitations will go out shortly and I am looking forward to seeing many of you there!

Dean's News

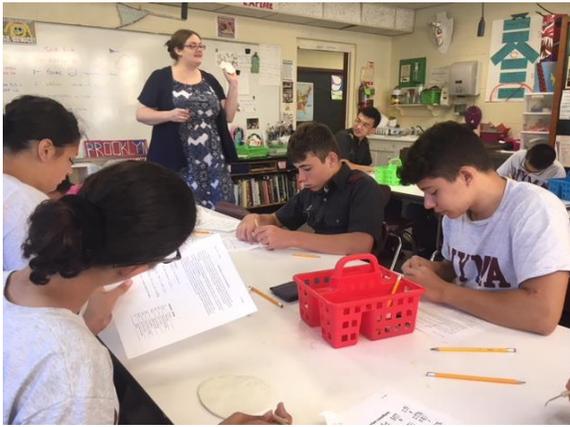


While most other schools have just opened this week, NYMA is closing out its second week of instruction and training of new cadets. On the right was the view from my porch this morning as students ran by shouting cadence at 6:30 am. It's a little fuzzy because of the screen door but I couldn't jump out and get any closer because I was still in my pajamas. The formation was looking pretty impressive.

The staff and faculty also got a bit of a workout with a CPR refresher course in preparation for the return of students to campus. Your children are in good hands in the event of an emergency. Teachers and TAC officers are seen here on the left practicing chest compressions.



The faculty gathered for our first meeting since the start of classes. We were joined by Mr. Dunn, the Residence Life Coordinator, to discuss students of concern and to work on ways to increase academic productivity. For the most part the feedback about students was extremely positive. There are things that you can assist with to help ensure your child's success. Please make



sure that you have ordered all of the books required on the booklist that we sent home. Teachers mentioned that there are students that still have not received their books. If you are unsure about how to proceed, please reach out to Ms. Madaia and she will assist you.

I have asked that your child's advisors introduce themselves to you by email so that you may become familiar with whom they are. Educating your children is a partnership and we would like you to be as involved as possible in the process. The parent portal of Rediker is open and you should be able to see your cadet's assignments and assessments that have been graded thus far. I asked teachers to provide some form of early assessment so that students can have feedback to gauge if their study methods are working or are in need of adjustment.

Our Art teacher, Ms. Simon, is always looking for ways to collaborate with other teachers. The opportunity presented itself in Dr. Webb's Western Civilization class (left).



They have been discussing the Early River Valley Societies, in particular the Sumerians in Ancient Mesopotamia. The Sumerians invented the first writing system, cuneiform, and would make wedged-shaped characters in clay using a blunt reed as a stylus. It is also from this culture that we get the earliest literature: *The Epic of Gilgamesh*; the story of a king who sought the secret to eternal life. They combined all of these elements to create mini-epics for each student and impressed them into clay with a stylus much like the ancients would have done.



In Mr. Langan's Sophomore English classes (pictured left), students have been reading stories by Jack Finney, Louise Erdich, and Ray Bradbury while learning about the elements that go into the construction of stories. I sat in their class today and heard the students come alive as they discussed futuristic dystopian societies. It was very rewarding to hear our returning students compare and contrast the novels that they had read last year in English as it related to the current topic. You would be very proud of them Ms. Hill!

Mr. Langan's College English students have also been working hard writing two long, descriptive paragraphs and beginning to draft their first essay. Mrs. Magno, the school and college counselor, conducted what I heard was an extremely informative presentation about the college application process. Her audience included the English students from Mr. Langan's College English class and Dr. Webb's 12th grade English class. She will be meeting with all of the seniors individually to discuss their college plans and to assist with the application process. Please reach out to her if you have any questions about required testing or the college process.

Psychology students are preparing their first set of clinical experiments of the year focusing on the role of gender in classroom instruction. At the same time, students are learning different theories of psychological development. Today, Mr. Anderson was explaining Erik Erikson's stages of development.

Government students are presenting information about democracies that influenced the U.S. Constitution. There have been amazing lessons discussing the growth of democracy in ancient Athens.



U.S. History students have been learning about colonial North America and the causes of the American Revolution. All courses have a focus on critical reading and literacy, so cadets are reading the Declaration of Independence, early colonial diaries, other government documents, and studies of personal perceptions of skills. If you have a cadet in Psychology, please ask him or her about the lemon juice!



Many of the teachers are also offering extracurricular clubs to the students that will meet on a weekly basis. The selections for the first semester are Yearbook Club, Martial Arts Club, Ethics for Life Club, Fantasy Football, Drama Club, Mathletes, Military History Club, Land Navigation Club, Drill Club, and Library Group. Thank you to our faculty for providing so many choices this year. There is certainly something that would appeal to even the pickiest of students. The groups met for the first time this Wednesday and are off to a great start.

Our youngest student, Duke Liu, is the NYMA guidon bearer. He proudly waves and stakes the NYMA guidon outside of whatever building the new cadets are in. If you catch him on a good day, he may even add a bit of extra flare and scream as he does it.

From the Admissions Office

It was another busy and exciting week for the Admissions Department. This week we answered numerous inquiries about the Academy, registered 3 new cadets to the Corps, and welcomed 2 new international cadets: Roberta Bjornman from Finland and Zuzanna Kulinska from Poland (pictured right). If you see them around campus, please help welcome them to our NYMA family!

Also please help us spread the word about our Open Houses! Our next one will be held on Saturday, September 22nd. If you or someone you know would like to attend, please have them contact us at admissions@nyma.org or at (845) 534-3710, Ext. 4272 to RSVP. Have a great weekend!



From the Commandant

Last week I discussed the progress that your kids were making by taking the first steps in what must feel like a marathon for most of them. This week there has been a lot of interaction between our cadet leaders, the new cadets, and the returning ones from last year. Our cadet leadership is continuing to grow into a great group of young and motivated leaders. I had many beneficial moments this week pulling each one aside and mentoring them. I will personally take every opportunity to continue to help them develop.

Our new cadets have adjusted quite nicely and are starting to show leadership qualities they didn't know they had. The rest of the NYMA team and I will continue to identify leadership potential within the cadets and mentor them to become effective leaders. As always, academics is the number one priority here and I will continue to support the Dean of Academics and foster a safe and healthy environment for students to grow.



Counselor's Corner

This week, a representative from the United States Military Academy gave a presentation to interested cadets on the application process for the school. It highlighted both its status as one of the best liberal arts colleges in the nation as well as its engineering component and the opportunities it presents to travel abroad. I look forward to taking some of our cadets over to tour the campus in the spring. If your student is interested in attending West Point or any other military academy, please feel free to reach out to me.

Our SAT Prep Course will start up again in the next few weeks so look out soon for information on pricing and dates.

As our new cadets continue to acclimate to the military aspect of NYMA, many feelings may arise that they may struggle with sorting out on their own. If you find that your cadet is having trouble getting used to the military structure of the school, the academic rigor, the social

aspects, or any other component of being a cadet, please do not hesitate to contact me or encourage your cadet to speak with me. I hope that you have a wonderful weekend!

From the Activities Coordinator

Last weekend cadets participated in lots of off-campus activities. Friday night, we went to Donahue Memorial Park in Cornwall-on-Hudson to have a cookout by the river. The event was called *Grillin' and Chillin'* and while the hot dogs were cooking, cadets threw around footballs and frisbees and listened to music. Saturday, cadets visited Museum Village in Monroe and had the chance to immerse themselves in 18th and 19th Century culture which included rifle demonstrations and candle-making. Finally, cadets walked down to the Cornwall Car Show and were able to get a feel for what the town of Cornwall has to offer with its diverse shops and public spaces.

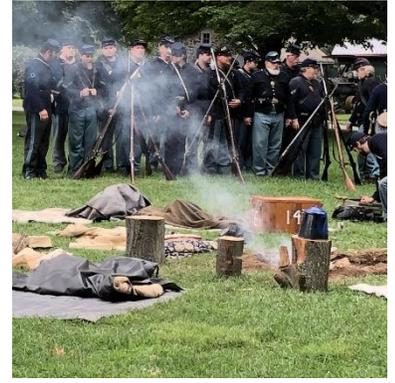
This weekend cadets are starting off with a mini-golf trip. They will have a chance to have ice cream and soda and play mini-golf. They can also visit the batting cages if they wish. Sunday is a busy day for many students. They are volunteering at "Colors for a Cure" to benefit Cancer awareness and raise funds. It will be the cadets' job to sprinkle chalk dust on the hundreds of runners that pass their way. By the end, it should





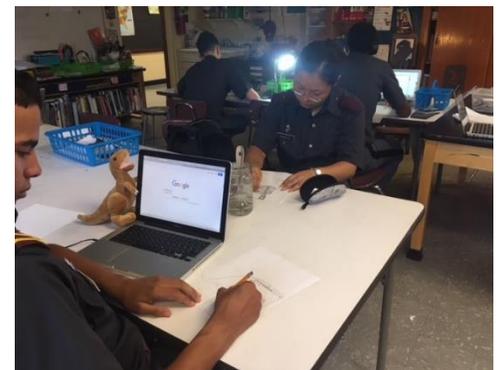
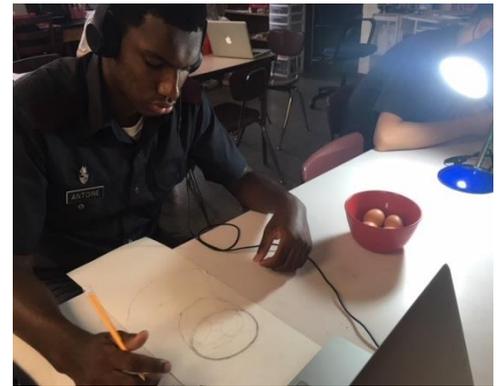
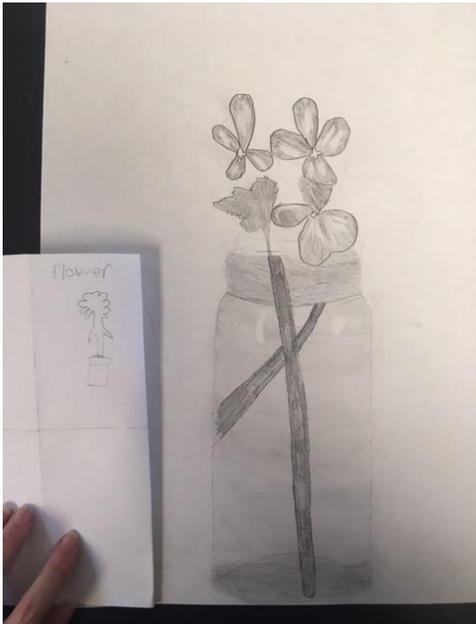
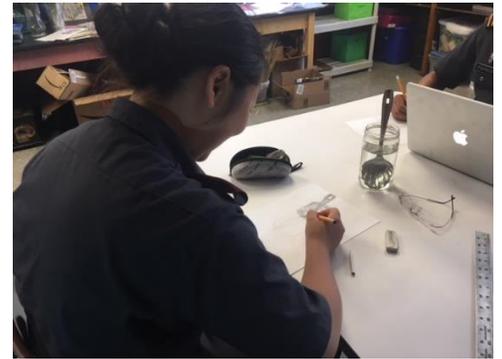
be a rainbow of runners and fun! The 10th graders are going to visit an Alpaca Farm this weekend and end their trip with a visit to Bellvale Creamery which is home of Warwick's best ice cream and view of the valley. Let's hope they all have fun!

Cadets are doing a great job signing up for activities and we are very happy to be providing them with such diverse options. If you are a parent who is willing to volunteer or help out for any events, please contact me at shill@nyma.org. Next weekend we are having a "Gaming and Cupcakes Night" in the library and I would graciously accept sugary donations. Have a great weekend!



Art Spotlight

In Studio Art our artists have been introduced to drawing from direct observation through a series of exercises. The result will be a still life drawing that will be completed on Monday. You can see the progress from the smaller preliminary drawings. In Painting and Drawing our artists began working on still life drawings from observation as well. Everyone was hard at work!



HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!