



## Superintendent's Message

Welcome to the month of October! Days are getting shorter, leaves are changing colors, and the temperature is dropping. It feels absolutely great to walk around our beautiful campus and see our cadets so busy and active.

During the week, we welcomed a number of new cadets and a few more will be joining the NYMA family in the coming weeks. I am so happy to see that our school continues to grow!

Your cadets may share with you that a number of fire drills were conducted during the week. Fire drills are a regulatory requirement, but more importantly, they serve to prepare and educate us all in the event of a fire emergency. Please have a conversation with your cadet about the importance of participating in these drills.

Good luck to those cadets who are taking the SAT today! As a reminder, there is no school this Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup> in observance of Columbus Day. Enjoy your long weekend!

## Dean's News

Dr. Webb took this beautiful photo of our campus on her way to work. Students and faculty have been looking forward to celebrating the long Columbus Day weekend. The faculty recently participated in a bit of professional development as our own art teacher, Ms. Simon, conducted an instructional painting class for us. We were pretty adventurous to attempt Van Gogh, but our end product is a testament to what a great teacher Ms. Simon is.



Beginning this Sunday, Melissa Vellone will be conducting two consecutive Science tutoring sessions during the designated ESP time of 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Students that are having difficulty in either Chemistry or Physics may attend her sessions for extra help. There is no charge to students for this tutoring and all students have been informed that this is available. Do not be concerned if your child is home for the long weekend, she will be here every Sunday.

A few reminders about upcoming academic happenings: On Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, the PSAT 8/9 and the PSAT/NMSQT (designed for 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders) will be administered on our campus. So that the other classes can make the best use of this day as well, we have arranged for Ms. Furnia and Ms. Dong to accompany the 7<sup>th</sup> grade students to Liberty Science Center in New Jersey while our seniors will be working on the essay portions of their college applications with the senior English teachers, Mr. Langan and Dr. Webb. This morning, we are hosting an SAT exam on our campus and a

number of our seniors are signed up to take it. We included information in last week's newsletter about the SAT Prep Program that Mrs. Magno put together. Please let her know immediately if you would like your child to participate because the quoted price of \$300 is based upon 10 students enrolling. The first session will be held on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Appointments for the Parent Teacher Conferences taking place on October 20<sup>th</sup> are filling up fast. Mrs. Madaia will do everything in her power to accommodate you, but occasionally teacher schedules fill up and they have no more space. Remember that you can reach out to teachers by email at any time. The conferences are taking place during Homecoming weekend so please stay to support your children in their athletic competitions. We will be serving a BBQ lunch and hope you will join us for that as well. We request that you RSVP so that we can give an accurate number of attendees to our chef. Mrs. Magno has had to move up the time of her college application presentation to 12:30 pm that day. We will have signs posted so that you don't miss it.





This past Sunday, Mrs. Magno, Ms. Hill and I took students to the Highland side of the Walkway over the Hudson to participate in the Out of the Darkness fundraiser to raise awareness for suicide prevention. The students raised \$170 for this great cause.

## From the Admissions Office

Another fun and active week for the Admissions Team. This week we responded to over 50 inquiries about our school, received several new applications, welcomed new international cadet Yiyou "Felix" Fan, and gave 4 tours to prospective families.

### Upcoming Open Houses

Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>

Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

Next Saturday we will be hosting another Open House. It will begin 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 brief presentation, and be shown around campus by cadets. Interviews of prospective applicants will also be conducted. 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.

## From the Athletic Department

The NYMA Soccer team had a busy week with a home game on Saturday, 9/29 against HVAL rival Marvelwood. The Knights lost this contest 0-3 but it was a hard-fought game and we play them again tomorrow when we head to Connecticut. On Monday, 10/1 we faced Oakwood Friends Academy. The team has really started to see that it's not about how you play, it's about why you play...and we played to have fun! The final score was 9-2 and was a big NYMA win! The plethora of goals were scored by the following cadets: Mickey Urso (4), Zamere McKenzie (2), Thapelo Shika, Jeannot Basima, and Erik Veidemanis. The Player of the Game was Cadet Remy Sykes who unselfishly helped create many of the goals by assisting on four of them. This win moved the Knights to 2-2 overall in the HVAL. The Soccer team also played host to a very talented Hoosac School team on Wednesday, 10/3 losing by the final score of 0-7.

The NYMA Cross Country team took the short ride up 9W on Wednesday to participate in an HVAL Invitational at Storm King. Cadet Matthew Montes stole the show as he blew the competition away and won the boys race handily. Cadet Karif Isaacs ran a solid race and came in 8<sup>th</sup> place while NYMA as a team would go on to finish fourth overall. They will now rest up and head to Darrow today for an HVAL meet. Go Knights!

## From the Commandant

The big highlight this week for the cadets was the cadet casual uniform. On Fridays the cadets have the option to wear the black polo, quarter zip, or team jacket with khakis and black shoes. The kids loved it!

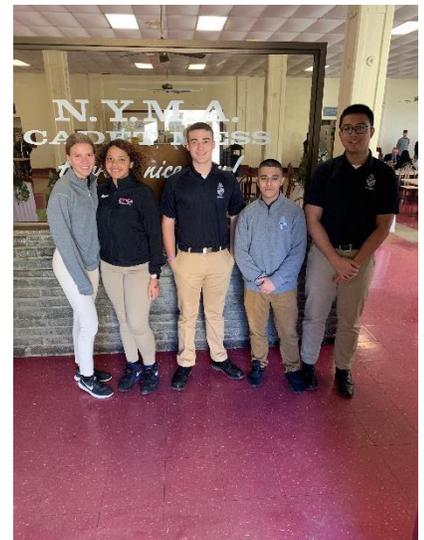
This coming week we will be celebrating the October birthdays in the Mess Hall with some cake. Our focus is on the upcoming Homecoming weekend on October 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>.

## Counselor's Corner

As we progress into college application season, I am continuing conversations with our seniors about their college plans. I will continue to work with them to register for their standardized tests. The last few tests whose scores will arrive early enough to send to colleges are the SAT's on November 3<sup>rd</sup> & December 1<sup>st</sup> and the ACT's on October 27<sup>th</sup>. It is important that your students set themselves up for success with as many options as possible.

The SAT Prep Course begins on October 13<sup>th</sup> and we are excited for the enrollment we have so far and still have space available for more 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders. The "Senior Option" is still available for the first three sessions. Please let me know if your child is interested in participating as there is still time left to sign up.

Your students mean the world to us and, as always, thank you so much for trusting us with your children.



## From the Activities Coordinator

So now that it is Fall, we will be emerged in everything apples, pumpkins, and cooking and baking-related. Last weekend cadets enjoyed the open CAC (Cadet Activity Center) on Friday and helped out the Cornwall Presbyterian Church with peeling apples for all the pies they need to make for their annual Appletime Fair. Also on Friday night, cadets went to a local restaurant called “Chopsticks” for Hot Pot. Many cadets also joined Ms. Magno, Ms. Reeves, and myself for an “Out of the Darkness” walk to help raise money and awareness for suicide prevention.

This weekend we are sponsoring a “Heads-Up” competition in the CAC along with chips and juice. This afternoon many cadets will be meeting Dr. Webb in the Mess Hall to bake brownies. We are going to sell them during lunch next week for the local charity, “Backpacks for Food”. BFF sends needy kids home with backpacks filled with food and snacks for the weekends. On Sunday several cadets are going to the Museum of the Hudson Highlands for a “Meet the Animals” program and hike.

Next week we will be off to the local movie theater to kick off the weekend. We will then take a walk down to the Appletime Fair on Saturday and end the weekend with a trip to the Asian Market for lunch and a chance to buy a lot of ethnic snacks and food.

And finally and most importantly, we are looking for parents to help assist in the Saturday night Homecoming events on October 20<sup>th</sup> starting at about 7:00 pm. We will be hosting a get-together on the Quad with a band and other little happenings. I am looking for parents to help man the “Paint your own Pumpkin” table and the “Make your own Sundae” table during this event. Please contact me at [shill@nyma.org](mailto:shill@nyma.org) if



you are interested in lending a hand. Have a great, long weekend.

## Art Spotlight



Our Studio Art class learned about color drawing using markers, colored pencils, oil pastel, and chalk pastel. They experimented with materials to create these pumpkin sketches. New Cadet Fan and Cadets Weber, Martinez, and Carbone worked hard on their new project under the theme “Earth and Air”.



earth with a screw through it to make a statement about pollution. Meanwhile,

Cadet Carbone created a chalk pastel drawing of a solar system. Cadet Wen finished up her first project with a variety of black & white drawing materials. Cadet Varela created a drawing piece titled “Isolation”, a statement on social media.



Our Middle School Art class was busy working on their color drawings under the theme “Fact or Fiction”. Cadet Salameh practiced drawing the Eiffel Tower in “scratch art”. Cadet Huang created a cityscape in oil pastel scratch art while Cadet Yarnis (right) experimented with chalk and oil pastels.

