



Superintendent's Message

After a two-week Spring Furlough, all the cadets and staff have returned to a snow-free campus. Although the average temperature for the week is still in the 40's, we feel that spring is just around the corner.

The busiest two months are ahead of us! Between now and June 8th, we will be hosting many important events such as Alumni Weekend, grade-level and school-wide trips, Ring Hop, awards ceremonies, and of course graduation.

Parents of juniors and seniors should have already received the invitation to the Annual Ring Hop on May 18th. The junior and senior cadets are required to attend the event at no charge. Cadets who invite dates/guests either from on-or-off campus are expected to purchase their ticket. If cadets are bringing dates from off campus, they can choose to depart for home after 8:00 am on Saturday, May 18th. The school will run a trip to the Beacon Train Station leaving at 8:30 am for the 9:08 train to Grand Central. Juniors and seniors are required to be back on campus before 5:00 pm on Saturday and depart for the event unless parents give specific written permission for their child to go directly to the Ring Hop. I would ask you to please send an email to Commandant Naseef at jnaseef@nyma.org or Mrs. O'Rourke at borourke@nyma.org by May 3rd authorizing your cadet to depart Saturday morning and/or go to the event directly.

Parents who plan to attend the event should make your checks payable to New York Military Academy. The checks can be mailed or hand delivered to Mrs. Barbara O'Rourke, New York Military Academy, 78 Academy Avenue, Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY 12520. She will also need your DOB, Driver's License number and issuing state to be sent to West Point security in advance.

Cadets who express interest in departing NYMA after the Ring Presentation ends (about 10:00 pm) to attend an after event may do so under the provision they are chaperoned and have parent/guardian permission. It will be made clear to the cadets that they will absolutely not be able to depart without your permission and concurrence of their specific plans. This requirement applies to cadets in grades 9-10 who attend the Ring Hop as well.

This is a kind reminder that if you have received the re-enrollment packet, please have a conversation with your child about the plan for next school year. If you submit your financial contract and registration fee by April 15th, a \$1,000 discount will be applied to your tuition bill. If you have specific concerns, please contact our Director of Admissions, Mr. John Dolan, at jdolan@nyma.org or (845)534-3710 x 4272.

Dean's News



Welcome back to all of our NYMA cadets, staff and faculty members. Two weeks is quite a long hiatus and can make it difficult for some to get back into the swing of things. I personally made my first trip to Europe and toured select areas of Spain, France, Italy and Malta. It was an amazing trip highlighted by a tour of the Vatican at just the right time to witness Pope Francis deliver a blessing from his studio window overlooking St. Peter's Square.

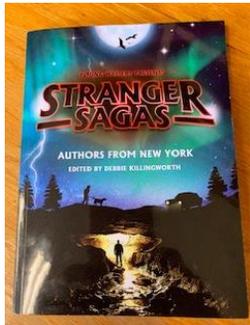
Teachers are reporting that students seem a little calmer since their return. Hopefully it's because they received some much-needed rest over the break. We are in the last leg of the school year with just 8 weeks left until final exams. Grades for the 3rd marking period were sent out directly before the furlough, so if for some reason you have not been able to view them, please contact us so that we can remedy the situation. Because the end of the school year is rapidly approaching, letters of concern were sent to parents of students whose academic performance we are watching closely. The letter outlines the cause for concern and how we are currently addressing the situation. We also talk about the possibility of summer school in the unfortunate event of failure for the semester or year. Please feel free to reach out if you have received a letter and need further clarification.

We will be conducting a small college fair on our campus this Monday, April 8th for any student that would like to participate. For the convenience of our cadets, NYMA remains an ACT and SAT testing site. There are two exams remaining in the queue. The last ACT exam offered on campus will be next Saturday, April 13th. The last SAT exam offered on campus will be Saturday, May 4th. News hot off the press is that College Board has extended the registration deadline for this SAT to Monday, April 8th. Mrs. Magno has been feverishly registering the juniors for one or both of these exams. The exams remain an integral part of the college application process by providing an additional piece of information to the college admissions counselor as to whether or not a student is college-ready and a good fit for their program. If you have any questions about the college application process or the exams themselves, please reach out to Mrs. Magno and she will be happy to go over the process with you.

Thank you so much to Ms. Simon and Dr. Webb for taking their personal time to beautify our school. Before the students returned from break, they painted these cheery beautiful spring flowers on the windows of Scarborough Hall. I know the students appreciate their hard work as much as the adults do. I wish these images would motivate the temperature to finally warm up. At noon on Friday we actually experienced some sleet.



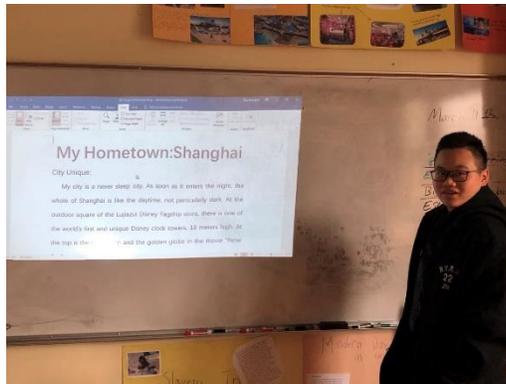
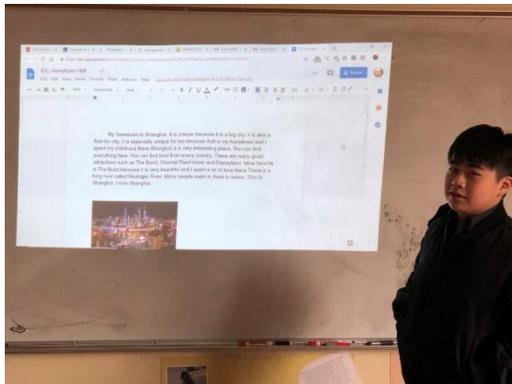
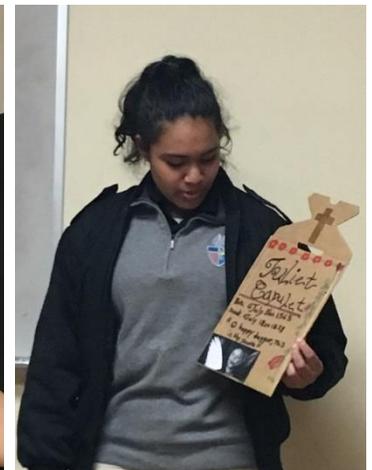
The AP exam order has been placed with College Board and parents were notified by e-mail if their student signed up to take an exam. The exams will be administered from May 6th –May 17th. Teachers have begun offering additional tutoring sessions in preparation. Dr. Webb states that "The World History AP group has begun a competitive Kahoot! challenge against one another in order to prepare for the May exam. Each Kahoot! game focuses on a particular period of world history to refresh students' memories. Scores for each game will be added together and whoever has the highest amount of points at the final meeting on May 15th will earn a special prize (as will the two runners-up). The group is also deconstructing multiple choice and short-answer questions to increase confidence, speed, and - of course - accuracy. Closer to the test date there will also be essay practice where real prompts will be broken down for concise, thorough responses."



This past fall, students in Ms. Hill and Mr. Langan's English classes participated in the "Stranger Sagas" writing contest. After choosing one of six writing prompts, students wrote a 100-word story to be submitted to the contest. Of hundreds of applicants from around New York State, six students from NYMA were selected to have their work included in the book collecting the finest contest entries. Hearty congratulations to Jacob Almakias, Evan Bobal, Leo Jiang, Isabel Sanchez, Eriks Veidemanis, and Judy Zhou for having their efforts recognized.

A copy of the book will be available in the school library.

Ms. Hill's 9th grade English class presented their tombstones in memory of the death of Romeo and Juliet including a eulogy reading for each. Today the lives of Tybalt, Juliet, and Romeo were honored.



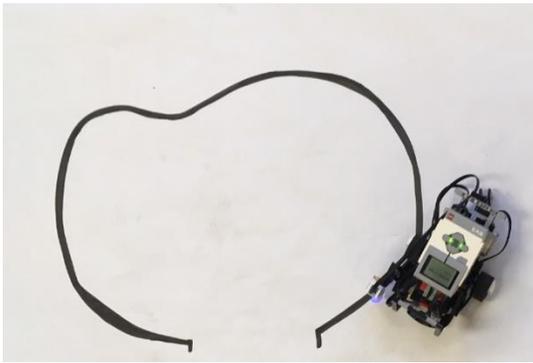
Students in Mr. Sargent's ESL class delivered powerpoint presentations on their home towns. This is a great exercise to have the students practice their writing and speaking skills. Judging by the smile on their faces, students were very proud to share the highlights of a topic so near and dear to them.

Psychology students in Mr. Anderson's class have been studying a number of theories about emotion. One theory states that our emotions follow our physical state. To see how this might work, scholars had to pinch a pencil between their top lips and nose, an exercise

believed to make people grumpy because of the grumpy face. We also pushed back the corners of our lips with pencils, forcing a big, Joker- style smile. Conversely, this is supposed to make people happy. The NYMA jury is still out on this question.

His Economics students have been evaluating various tax systems and other ways the government is able to shift a market. Scholars were asked to design a way to fund the government that is both "fair" and "effective"; two terms they were allowed to define for themselves for this project. Hopefully next week's project will involve telling Congress how this should be done.

His U.S. History class is about to conclude their study of World War II, with special discussion dedicated to the moral and ethical challenges facing all sides in a war.



Mrs. Harrell's Robotics students have been programming their robots to follow a black line using the color sensor. She claims that it is much harder than it looks!

Students in Mrs. Harrell's Math 2 class participated in a function auction. Each team started with \$1000 and bid in increments of \$50 for lots that were either functions or not functions. In the photo, we see the winning team of Cadet Basima and Cadet Hu. Cadet Basima is indicating his team's bid for a function. To win, they purchased two

functions and had \$200 left over. The team of Cadets Yarnis, Kasujja and Yin bought a function for a particularly low price of \$50; it was a tricky example and they were the only team to figure it out! The highest priced function went for \$600.

7th graders in Mr. Lemon's History class are studying the Reconstruction Era of Post-Civil War America. The 8th grade History class is finishing the topic of WWII and learning about the beginning of tensions between the Soviets and the West. His War and Society elective students are examining how the Media is used to promote or dissuade patriotism and nationalism in the general public.



From the Athletic Department

As we welcome back all of our teachers, administrators, staff and cadets from Spring Furlough we are back in action not only in the classroom but on the athletic fields. Spring sports are here and the Knights are ready to go!!! The cadets had a chance to meet with their new coaches and start practices this week. Saturday, April 6th, the NYMA Ultimate Frisbee Team led by Coach Anthony Bailey and the Boys Tennis Team travel to Kent, Connecticut to play HVAL rival Marvelwood at 2:00pm. Our Lady Knights Tennis Team will be home as we host Marvelwood; that game will also be at 2:00pm. Next week we have a full slate of games and other springs sports as baseball and golf will also be in action. The cadets are enjoying some intramurals as well as usage of the fitness center and the pool. It is a fun and exciting time of year so as the weather continues to warm up, we can make sure our cadets stay cool.

On a side note while we were on Spring Furlough, some of our cadets were busy visiting schools and collecting college athletic scholarships. Cadet Zuzia Kulinska had a chance to visit Murray State after they offered her a full scholarship. She is seen in the picture (Left) with a current Murray State player and future NBA Lottery pick Ja Morant. Zuzia is headed to San Antonio, Texas next where she will visit the University of

Texas San Antonio. Cadet Saule "Sunny" Kaupyte (Top Right) also was very busy as she picked up offers from Division 2 schools Caldwell College, Vincennes University and Colorado Christian. She was able to make a few visits as well and from what Coach Scott Alvarez is telling me there are more offers coming for Sunny!

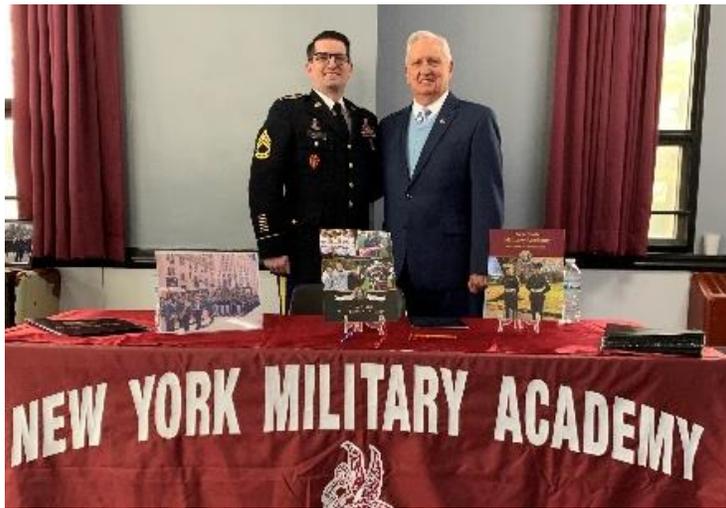
Last and certainly not least, Isabel Sanchez (Bottom Right) received and accepted a full college scholarship offer to continue her academics and athletics at the Division 2 College of Saint Rose. Isa is sure to excite the city of Albany with her flashy passes, sharp shooting and great defense from the point guard position!



As for the boys, Zamere McKenzie (Pictured Right on the right), Jalen Ricks and Xavier Gibbs (Pictured Right on the left) will all be visiting and working out for Division 2 College of Saint Rose and Western Connecticut. Zamere will also be visiting Cortland, Nicholls, New Paltz, and Southern Connecticut among a few others. Cadet Gibbs has also received calls from Nyack, Farmingdale, Southern Connecticut, Brockport, New Paltz and Clark University. Jalen Ricks is also looking into a few other schools such as Tompkins County Community College, Utica, SUNY Orange and Mercy College.

We are so very proud of all of you as you go out and show the world who NYMA is and what we are all about! Thank you!

Go Knights!



From the Commandant

The first week back from a long break is always the hardest! The cadets came back strong and it was a quiet week with a big focus on academics.

This weekend we have a National Guard unit coming up to participate in a training exercise on our campus. Our Land Navigation Club will be participating in the event.

The next couple of big events will be the Athletic and JROTC award night on May 17th. Invitations for that event will be going out soon. We also have a Memorial Day Parade that our Corps will be proudly marching in.

Lastly, I took a trip to another military school in an effort to help some other cadets. It was an honor to talk to the families of Howe Military Academy and offer some of their cadets an opportunity to attend our school. As we continue to grow, we will face different challenges but it's for the good of the Corps!!!

Counselor's Corner

This week has been, busy, busy as we get our students geared up to work hard this last quarter. Our juniors are getting signed up for SATs which is such an important step in getting ready for college. Taking the test here at NYMA will help them to feel a little more at ease.

As I said in our last newsletter, on Monday, April 8th, we have representatives from over 15 colleges coming to visit our campus to speak with students about their respective colleges, international applications, and opportunities for studying abroad. I encourage all of our students to stop by when they can to speak with the representatives.

For an additional reminder, we will also be taking our 7th, 8th, and 9th graders on a field trip to Stewart Air Base to participate in the Y2Kids Career Fair. This will be a great opportunity for our younger students to ask questions of professionals and apprentices in a variety of career paths. We look forward to seeing what draws each student in and what piques their interest.

Regarding upcoming testing, all of our juniors have been signed up for the SATs in the coming months and, with the regents around the corner as well, I wanted to remind you all of the resources available. [Khan Academy](#), [ACT Academy](#), and the [Office of State Assessment](#) are all places to find great free information to help your student study. If you're interested in signing your child up for online prep or a face-to-face AP/Regents/SAT Subject Test prep session like [Regent Review](#), you are more than welcome.

At this point, juniors should be making their list of schools and bringing it to my office so we can talk about their options and how we can categorize these schools for them.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions. I am more than happy to help you. Thank you for trusting us with your children and please never hesitate to reach out with any concerns.

From the Activities Coordinator



This weekend is filled with flavor and flicks! Friday night we are headed to the Mess Hall after dinner for a cupcake competition. Three winners will be chosen at the culmination of the decorating contest which has a spring theme. Saturday is our trip to the local theater. Movie choices include *Captain Marvel*, *Dumbo* and *Five Feet Apart*. After giving Juniors three weeks to sign up for their class trip to no avail, the Palisades Mall Trip has been opened to the rest of the Corps and sold out. Cadets will have a chance to shop and explore that big mall for several hours on Sunday.



Next weekend there will be a Trivia Night in the Mess Hall, a volunteer opportunity for the local children's nature museum and a Walmart trip.

Have a fabulous weekend!

Art Spotlight

Our studio is buzzing with activity as we return from a long Spring Furlough! Our Art Club shared some exciting art techniques with one another. Cadets Wu and Chen sketch (Top Row 1st Picture) while Cadets Zhu and Wen weave (Top Row 2nd Picture). At another table, Cadets Green and Yarnis collaborate on a chalk pastel drawing and discover face painting (Top Row 3rd Picture). Cadets Kratman and Martinez study the splatter-painted upcycled phone case! (Top Row 4th Picture)

Our Printmaking class learned about Cyanotypes and the process by which chemicals react with sunlight to create haunting images. Cadet Xu created this beautiful Cyanotype out of dried leaves and faux flowers (Bottom Row 1st Picture). The whole class created samples of fabric using Inkodye, a type of ink that is activated by sunlight (Bottom Row 2nd Picture).

In Studio Art, Cadet deBree created this large woven bowl using a hula hoop to finish up his textile unit (Bottom Row 3rd Picture).

Our Studio Art classes learned about 1-point perspective and how it helps create the illusion of space on a 2D surface. Together, we created simple rooms and buildings (Bottom Row 4th Picture). Our classes will now tackle the theme "Home" demonstrating perspective using any material they wish. Can't wait to see what they make!

