



OAK RIDGE MILITARY ACADEMY

Parents Newsletter

December 16, 2011

The President's Office

Holy Days!

Some of you may have towels which are not to be used in your house. Decorative things which are set apart to be seen and not soiled. Holy means to be set apart from common use. Like there are towels or other things in our life to be set apart, so are days or seasons of the year.

In time, "holy days" became "holidays" and the sense of holy or set apart was set aside. It has become synonymous with busy, hectic, economic, and scattered. It is a frenetic rush to meet shopping needs and to prepare for family time. The holidays force the need for rest!

Christmas marks the time when an ancient promise was fulfilled that a Savior would be given. In the quiet life of a young girl, a Child was born. His name symbolizes that He would save His people from their sins. A baby born to save.

January rings in a New Year. Named for the Roman god Janus, the one of two faces – there are two ways any beginning takes – any New Year is an uncertain time. So, we bless each other with "Happy New Year" with the hope that it will be.

For at least these two reasons, the birth of Jesus and the start of a New Year, set aside time and make the days holy. Enjoy time with your family, our Cadets, and send them back loved and refreshed!

Sincerely,



Academics

Testing: SAT—January 28, 2012 here at ORMA (Test center # 34622). The registration

deadline is December 30, 2011. ACT—February 11, 2012. Most ORMA cadets test at Page High School, Greensboro. The Commandant's Office will provide transport for boarding cadets. Registration deadline is January 13, 2012.

VMI Event: An annual event, the alumni information session of Virginia Military Institute, will be held in Greensboro (at First Lutheran Church, 3600 West friendly Ave.) on Thursday, January 5, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. “[They] are especially interested in juniors and sophomores (and their parents). . . however, high school seniors and their parents are also welcomed.” ORMA will provide transportation to the event for boarding cadets. If you think you (or your cadet) are (or if he/she SHOULD BE) interested, please let me know! We have to submit a “guest list” in advance.

Parents of Seniors: This is the time of year when admission decisions—acceptances and denial and sometimes otherwise—begin to be handed down. Colleges rarely communicate those decisions to us, and students are notoriously lax in doing so. Accordingly, if you know the disposition of your cadet's application(s), please email me so that it can be recorded.

James R. McClintock
College counselor



Corps of Cadets

The ORMA Corps of Cadets has been in transition since the start of the academic school year to a student run military organization. The Cadet leadership has accepted the challenge and the Cadet Corps has essentially become a leadership laboratory. The Cadets are led by Cadet Officers and Sergeants. The lessons they're learning have leadership applications both in and out of uniform. The success of our Cadets is a result of placing the ROTC classroom leadership theory into practice. This enables Cadets to learn respect for authority and sharpen their leadership skills. So as we close out 2011, our Corps of Cadets is structured and organized to start 2012 with purpose and ready to fully embrace the JROTC Cadet Creed:

I am an Army JROTC Cadet. I will always conduct myself to bring credit to my family, country, school, and the corps of Cadets.

I am loyal and patriotic. I am the future of the United States of America.

**I do not lie, cheat, or steal and will always be accountable for my actions and deeds.
I will always practice good citizenship and patriotism.**

I will work hard to improve my mind and strengthen my body.

I will seek the mantle of leadership and stand prepared to uphold the Constitution and the American way of life.

May God grant me the strength to always live by this creed.

We completed our final week before the Christmas break by promoting the following Cadets on 15 December 2011.

NAMES	PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF
C/MSG Pierre-Louis,	C/Sergeant Major
C/SFC Cassoma, Delcio	C/Master Sergeant
C/SFC Narciso, Jose	C/ Master Sergeant
C/PFC Harrison-EL, Myles	C/Corporal
C/PFC Freeman, Nathan	C/Corporal
C/PFC Wilds,Alex	C/Corporal
C/PV2 Long, Zakery	C/Private First Class



The following recruits have completed all requirements to become Cadets and are therefore promoted to the rank and assigned to the company as indicated below on 15 December 2011.

NAME	RANK	COMPANY
Rec/Farris, Miranda	C/PV2	Alpha Company
Rec/Davitian, Aren	C/PFC	Bravo Company



One of the most important principles for advancing at all levels, both physical and Spiritual, is offering and providing selfless service and service to others. The following cadets collected non-perishables food for the homeless shelter and sung Christmas carols at the Adams Farm Living & Rehabilitation Nursing Home on 14 December 2011 and therefore awarded the Service Learning Ribbon (N-4-6).





Mason Blair	Ryon Truesdale	Devon Patterson
Jared Henderson	Kristina Whitteker	Yiqiao Zhu
Ashley Noll	Jadah Cole	Kelvin Laosebikan
Cameron Aufderhar	Claudia Ho	Aren Davitian
Eduardo Cifuentes	Kendall Cunningham (2nd Award)	Aleks Pichugin
Natan Freeman	Seth Edwards	Jiajian Xia
Antonio Maiato	Alex Gough	Pella Stokes
Harley Mason	Bernard Harris	Noll, Ashley (2nd Award)
Isabella Novembre		Gravelly, Tyler (2nd Award)

The following Cadets participated in the Stokesdale Christmas Parade on 10 December 2011 and were awarded the Parade ribbon (N-4-1) on 15 December 2011.

C/SFC Teall, Nicholas	5th Award
C/SGT Spivey, Brando	4th Award
C/SGT Locker, Benjamin	4th Award
C/CPL Cifuentes, Eduardo	3rd Award

Also on 15 December 2011, Cadet/PFC Antonio Maiato was recognized for winning the Christmas card design contest. He competed against all LET I/II's in 1SG McCullough's JROTC classes. Mrs. Crane served as the judge for contest and selected the winner based on originality, color coordination, neatness, spirit, and art talent.



The Ring Dance – On December 9, 2011, the class of 2013 received their Senior Rings for Oak Ridge Military Academy. To commemorate this event, a dinner and dance was held. Sam “Chip” Cook (’94) was the guest speaker and shared on the history of the Ring Dance and what it means to receive your ring. Mr. Cook also presented the rings to the Juniors.



L - Everett Lewis
R – Alex Gough



L – Myles Harrison-El
R – Aleks Pichugin



L – Evandro Cassoma
R – Kendall Faulk



L – Yiqiao Zhu
R – Nicholas Teall



L – Jose Narciso
R – Delcio Cassoma



L – Isabella Novembre
R – Ashley Carbone



Calendar Events

Calendar Information:

December 17 – January 2	Christmas/New Year Break
January 3	Classes Resume
January 16	Martin Luther King Ceremony (11:00 AM in front of Alumni Hall)
January 28	National SAT Test (Oak Ridge Military Academy is a testing site)
February 9	Winter Parade (3:25 PM on Cone Parade Field)
February 11	National ACT Test
February 10 – 13	Winter Respite
February 14	Classes Resume
February 27 – March 2	Second Trimester Exams
March 2	Second Trimester Ends

Wishing you and your families a very happy and joyful holiday season.



Admissions

Words Can Be Powerful: By simply mentioning Oak Ridge Military Academy to friends, neighbors and co-workers you make us a stronger school. Studies indicate that “Word of Mouth” endorsements are one of the greatest ways schools can promote their program. If you know a family who has a child that wants to grow up and become a leader and achieve more than they are, please encourage them to contact our Admissions Office or visit our website to receive more information. The direct link is

http://www.oakridgemilitary.com/admissions_request_information_from_the_school.html.

Campus Visitation: Our next Campus Visitation Day is scheduled for Friday, January 13th at 10:00 am. The Admissions Department would also like to extend a thank you to Student Ambassador Nathan Freeman for helping a prospective family tour campus last week.

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Buildings and Grounds

Facilities: Please consider Maple Glade when reviewing options for your party and reception needs. Maple Glade is a beautiful home and can make a perfect setting for a wonderful seasonal function. ORMA would love the opportunity to share 160 years of spirit with you and your friends. You are always welcome! Please contact Mel Morris at mmorris4@triad.rr.com for rates and availability.

