



# OAK RIDGE MILITARY ACADEMY

Parents Newsletter  
September 16, 2011

## The President's Office

### Our Noble Soul

*"Our curriculum helps formulate the critical thinking skills of our Cadets and the proper instruction of their sentiments and affections in their pursuit of what is True."*

Good is that to which all things aim. Aligning one's life with the Good leads to a virtuous life. Therefore, in pursuing the Good we become better. We will lead a noble life. That's what Aristotle taught us about the role of the academy.

We are a soul. The immaterial aspect of our life is our soul. It is who we are. We believe that the greatest education addresses the education of the Soul.

The three great virtues are Goodness, Truth, and Beauty. With our Will we pursue Goodness. Within the pursuit of Goodness, character is identified and defined by the desire and act of the will. With our Reason we pursue Truth. Truth is the standard by which all things are known. We learn and grow in Truth by use of our reason. With our Heart we pursue Beauty. Beauty is that thing which breaks our heart. It isn't by tragedy or sadness that the heart is broken but the experience of Beauty which captures the deepest aspects of our being and inspires our creativity. We are enraptured by Beauty.

The sentence at the top of this page was created during a faculty meeting while we were discussing our school's purpose. I offer that the goal of our school's education is develop the Will, the Reason, and the Heart of our Cadets as they pursue Goodness, Truth, and Beauty and in so doing, become more noble souls.

Sincerely,



## Academics

### Office of College Counseling

This past Tuesday, I attended a College Entrance Examination Board workshop at Winston-Salem State and learned several things I knew I had to bring to everyone's attention (ALL PARENTS—all grades!).

First of all, and this may rub some people the wrong way, the Educational Testing Service (a subsidiary of CEEB) is now strongly urging parents NOT to encourage their children to take SAT prep courses. "A host of free resources are available...online and otherwise...and parents need to be cautioned that the great majority of these courses are wastes of their time, energy, and money...and some are blatant rip-offs." Among the resources cited are the test preparation booklets published by the College Board (e.g., "Getting ready for the SAT") and available here at ORMA in the counseling office. Truly enough, if used properly, these resources will help students improve their scores and their attitudes towards the testing experience. By the way, I will be happy, anytime, to expand on the idea of using these materials "properly!"

INTRODUCING—the NET PRICE CALCULATOR (NPC). Here is perhaps CEEB's most interesting and useful development of recent years. The "Net Price Calculator" is intended "to help families understand the out-of-pocket cost of colleges and universities." It is a way of receiving a personalized estimate, based on your circumstances and situation, and comparing them to a college's available financial aid funds and awarding policies and practices. In other words, it is a kind of preliminary financial aid analysis. "Net price" is the amount a student would be expected to pay after grants and scholarships are deducted from the cost of attendance.

The Calculator is available now at many college and university websites (and as of October 29 will HAVE to be available on the websites of all institutions receiving federal funding). Links to all the participating colleges and universities may also be found at [www.netpricecalculator.collegeboard.org](http://www.netpricecalculator.collegeboard.org). This site also contains all the information you need to know about using this valuable tool. And by the way, you don't have to be a senior or junior or even a sophomore! Students of any class and their parents may use this as part of a good, early start. A College Board account is free to set up at any time by going to [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org).

OPEN HOUSES—Saturday, October 22 from 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at UNCG ("Spartan Showcase"). You can register ([admissions.uncg.edu/showcase](http://admissions.uncg.edu/showcase)). Regrettably, the same day (not ideal planning!), Fall Open House is being held at Winston-Salem State. Check for times and events on their website ([www.wssu.edu](http://www.wssu.edu)).

Thank you!

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## The Commandant's Office

### The Uniform for the week is as follows:

Monday – Class C

Tuesday – Class C

Wednesday – Class C

Thursday – Class C

Friday – Class C

**Flu Shots** - Please take your child for flu shots or updating of immunizations/TB tests while he or she is home for Fall Break (October 1-9, 2011).

**Awards** – During the year, we will acknowledge the accomplishments of our Cadets. Today, during our Military time at the end of the day, we published the following order.

ORMA-Commandant

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ORDER NO: 11-058

The following cadets completed a year of at ORMA and are therefore awarded the Oak Ridge year completion ribbon.

#### NAME

Carbone, Elizabeth	5th Award	Shen, Mark	1st Award
Carbone, Ashley	5th Award	Cassoma, Delcio	1st Award
Drane, Matt	3rd Award	Cassoma, Denilson	1st Award
Teall, Nicholas	2nd Award	Cassoma, Evandro	1st Award
Pierre-Louis, Sasha	2nd Award	Dubel, Emma	1st Award
Hamm, David	2nd Award	Stokes, Pella	1st Award
Moore, Jacqueline	2nd Award	Miller, Tyler	1st Award
Lewis, Everett	2nd Award	Hatcher, Charles	1st Award
Son, Junbea	2nd Award	Zimmerscheid, Michael	1st Award
Narciso, Jose	1st Award	Faulk, Kendall	1st Award
Locker, Benjamin	1st Award	Allison, Martin	1st Award
Spivey, Brandon	1st Award	Blair, Mason	1st Award
Narciso, Juares	1st Award	Mason, Harley	1st Award
Gravley, Tyler	1st Award	Manuel, Pacavira	1st Award
Chiellini, Dominic	1st Award		

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FOR THE PRESIDENT OF OAK RIDGE MILITARY ACADEMY:

TERRENCE LEWIS

LTC, NC- Militia

Commandant of Cadets



## Cadet Athletics

**Cross Country – from Coach Caroline Rudd:** The boys all improved greatly! Henderson lowered his previous time by over 4 minutes.

- Henderson: 23:12 17th
- Wilds: 23:31 20th
- Xia: 24:22 27th
- Pichugin: 25:18 30th
- Zimmerschied: 26:13 33rd
- Freeman: 27:00 38th
- Lewis: 38:03 55th

Next week's meet is at Camp Merriwood hosted by Salem Academy. It will be on Thursday at 4:30. We also have a meet on Saturday, the 24th. It is the Greensboro XC Invitational at Hagan Stone Park. The time for this race is TBD. This will be our biggest meet with over 70 other schools.

Thank you to everyone who came out to cheer our boys on! Please try to make it out to our meets this week!



## Business Office

**Shop away and help Oak Ridge Military Academy** – There are many retail establishments which have customer loyalty programs. These programs include a donation made to the school of your choice based on your annual spending.

Harris Teeter: If you would like for your shopping at Harris Teeter to benefit Oak Ridge, please [click here](#) and follow the instructions. Our school code is 5753.

Food Lion Customers can link your MVP card to Oak Ridge Military Academy using school code 213971.



# Admissions

The Admissions Office enrolled a new student into our 7th grade this week. Please join us in welcoming Hannah Hall and her family to Oak Ridge Military Academy. We are excited to see her become a member of the Corps of Cadets.

We would like to remind all families to make sure they have updated both Medical Insurance Card information and Credit Card information for their child. Both are essential for our Infirmary to have on file in case of illness or emergency treatment. Also, remember Fall Break is a great time to get updated physicals, if needed, Flu Shots and any routine medical or dental visits scheduled. Documentation of physicals, flu shots, TB tests or other immunizations should be submitted to the Admissions Office.

## Programs/Events

**Host Family Program** - This year ORMA is offering international students the opportunity to stay with a host family during school breaks. Please consider being a part of this program. Your family will get the benefit of learning from and about our international students. If you are interested in volunteering to host a student please contact Jill Shelton in the Admissions Office at [jshelton@ormila.com](mailto:jshelton@ormila.com). If you are the parent of an international student then please contact Jessica Hortman ([jhortman@ormila.com](mailto:jhortman@ormila.com)) about enrolling your child in our program. We have our Fall Break coming up soon so don't delay.

**Campus Visitation** - The Admissions Department will be hosting a Campus Visitation Day on Friday, September 30th @ 10:00 am. If you know of anyone interested in our school please encourage them to contact the Admissions Department for more information.