

Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Wilby High School 568 Bucks Hill Road Waterbury, Connecticut 06704



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From: Major R. J. Orozco, USMC (Ret.) and First Sergeant J. Montes, USMC (Ret.) To: Parents/Guardians of Marine Corps JROTC Cadets

Subj: OCTOBER 2022 LEADERSHIP EDUCATION/MCJROTC COURSE NEWSLETTER

1. First, I'd like to thank you for your support and your student's participation in the Leadership Education Course with the Wilby High School Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (MCJROTC). The first month has been filled with excitement, learning, and growth for students and alike. We have a larger program this year with a total of 123 cadets spread out over 10 classes!

2. Accomplishments.

a. <u>Uniforms</u>: All cadets have received Physical Training and Camouflage Utility Uniforms and instruction on how to properly wear them. The school administration has approved student wear of the appropriate JROTC uniform to school on the days JROTC students have their JROTC class, and they may remain in it all day. They must wear the uniform in a neat and proper manner. On Mondays and Tuesdays, they will wear the Camouflage Utilities on their JROTC day. On Thursdays and Fridays, they will wear the Physical Training uniform (green shirt, MCJROTC shorts, USMC sweatshirt/pants optional) on their JROTC day.

b. <u>Physical Training</u>: All cadets have been done a great job participating in and getting used to the physical training requirements and activities designed to improve the overall health and fitness of a student.

c. <u>Academics</u>: Our first year cadets have so far received a basic introduction to military structure and discipline. Our second year cadets have received classes on Leadership and General Military Subjects. Our third and fourth year cadets have received classes in Leadership, Career Preparation, and College Preparation.

d. Extracurricular activities: Based on the interest received from all cadets, the availability of instructors, and JROTC program requirements, the Wilby High School's Marine Corps JROTC will offer three extracurricular activities for the 2022-2023 School Year: Marksmanship/Rifle Team, Color Guard, and the Physical Training(PT)/Raider Team. These activities are open to any WHS MCJROTC cadet interested and who meets the requirements. Details will be posted via Parent Square and to your Student's Google Classroom.

3. Important upcoming dates.

a. Assessments:

- LE1 Chain of Command and Leadership Traits Exam 26 Sept ("A" Day) and 27 Sept ("B" Day).
- LE2 Leadership Exam 5 Oct ("A" Day) and 11 Oct ("B" Day).
- Uniform and Knowledge Inspection (all grade levels) 17 Oct ("A" Day) and 18 Oct ("B" Day).
- LE1 Introspection and Rank Exam 24 Oct ("A" Day) and 25 Oct ("B" Day).
- Uniform and Knowledge Inspection (all grade levels) 31 Oct ("A" Day) and 1 Nov ("B" Day).
- LE3 Leadership and College/Career Prep Exam 2 Nov ("A" Day) and 7 Nov ("B" Day).
- LE4 Leadership and College/Career Prep Exam 2 Nov ("A" Day)

b. Events/Activities:

- Color Guard Team practice Begins Mon 3 Oct
- Physical Training/Raider Team Practice Begins Thurs 13 Oct
- Rifle/Marksmanship Team Practice Begins Mon 17 Oct
- Marine Corps Cake Cutting Ceremony Week of 7 Nov

WHS MCJROTC Cadet Birthday Ball – Tentative based on student interest and resources.

4. Parent/guardian support: Your student's success is founded on treating each other with respect, trusting each other and maintaining their individual integrity, and give 100% effort in all that they do. Those three principles help them be on time to class, wear the correct uniform and bring the correct supplies, and engage in the class. If they are late, absent, or not fully engaged, I cannot teach them or evaluate them. If I cannot teach them or evaluate them, I cannot certify they have demonstrated knowledge of the material required in this class and their grades will reflect.

5. I'd like to thank you again for your support in making this as rewarding course as possible for your son or daughter. If you have questions, issues, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us via email. For LE 1 students, contact 1stSgt Montes at jorge.montes@waterbury.k12.ct.us; for LE2, LE3 and LE4 students, contact Major Orozco at ryan.orozco@waterbury.k12.ct.us; for LE2, LE3 and LE4 students, contact Major Orozco at ryan.orozco@waterbury.k12.ct.us;

6. "If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together." Let's keep going far together!

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