

November 8, 2017

Dear Parents,

You may have heard the latest school score, but if not I am happy to announce NOMMA has earned a grade A. Our SPS score increased from 98.8 to 108.8. In addition, NOMMA is a Top Gains school - one of 112 Top Gains school from the 1274 schools in the state. This means that NOMMA's SPS score increased by 10 points over last year's score.

I am also happy to announce that in comparison to other non-magnet schools in the state, of which there are 324 non-magnet high school programs, only 36 out-performed NOMMA's students. Only the two magnet schools, Lusher and Ben Franklin out-perform NOMMA in Orleans Parish.

One other piece of data shared by the state is that at NOMMA there is no achievement gap between our students ethnic or economically disadvantaged student groups. All student groups at NOMMA performed in the A range for academic indicators.

Included in this mailing is the interim report card for the second nine week grading period. There are three weeks remaining in this semester. The semester grade is comprised 40% from the first nine weeks grade, 40% from the second nine weeks grade and 20% from the semester exam. Please review the interim report card. If you have questions about your cadet's grades, please contact the teacher of record for the course (all staff email addresses are listed on nomma.net) or contact your cadet's counselor to set a parent/teacher conference. Mrs. Alvarez is the counselor for grade 9 (talvarez@nomma.net), Mrs. Jorge for grades 10 and 11 (sjorge@nomma.net) and Mr. Garbarino is the counselor for grade 12 (dgarbarino@nomma.net).

As a reminder NOMMA courses are full year courses. NOMMA does not issue course credit until the end of the school year and the course has been completed. Course credit is determined by averaging the Quality Points from first semester with the Quality Points from second semester. Grades are assigned Quality Points ranging from 4-0 for grades A-F. To earn a Carnegie unit in a full-unit course, a cadet must earn a minimum of one quality point as a final grade **and** must pass Semester 2. (See page 9 & 10 of the NOMMA Cadet/Parent Handbook available at www.nomma.net)

Please encourage your cadet to prepare for mid-term exams and to finish the semester on a positive note.

Upcoming events:

- 11/20-24 Thanksgiving Break; No School
- 12/11-14 Semester Exams – noon dismissal each day;

Professionally yours,

Dr. Cecilia Garcia, Principal