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Dear Parents,

Thank you for the support this week. We are pleased to report that exam week was quiet, successful and uneventful. Law enforcement investigated the rumored threat to NOMMA and concluded the reported threat was unfounded, solely a rumor. When we return in January the JROTC team will conduct lessons on responsible social media behavior to help cadets understand the long term implications of posting information on the internet. I heard a news story recently that in 2015, 40% of college admission officers visited applicant's social media accounts. They found 16% had posted information that negatively impacted their chances of being accepted into the college. As adolescents, high school students do not always grasp the long term impact of their behaviors and we hope to heighten that awareness.

Included in this mailing is the report card with the second nine week grades and the semester grades. First semester grades are determined based on 40% on the 1st nine week grade combined with 40% on the 2nd nine week grade and then 20% on the semester exam. NOMMA does not award half credit for courses. Full course credit is awarded at the end of the school year once courses have been completed. The course credit is determined by an average of the first and second semester grades.

Please review the report card for any notations regarding attendance. I have reviewed each report card and have included comment stickers for students in jeopardy of losing credit due to attendance concerns. Handbook page 6 explains: *High school attendance of 160 days per year is required to receive Carnegie units on a yearlong block schedule. Cadets must attend 80 days in A block classes and 80 days in B block classes.*

Page 12 of the handbook further explains the state required SEAT TIME requirement for awarding course credit. Seat time does not differentiate between excused or unexcused absences. All absences are counted the same. Cadets who habitually arrive late to school are also in jeopardy of losing course credit regardless of grades earned in the course.

For a review of these and all policies the cadet/parent handbook is available on our website www.nomma.net. The Cadet Guidebook is found on the JROTC HomeworkNow page and on the NOMMA website.

Upcoming Events:

There will be a limited number of seats available for the upcoming school year. If you have friends or relatives interested in applying to NOMMA, please encourage them to do so by February 24. All Orleans Parish placements are done through OneApp. The placement window closes February 24.

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Calendar of Events:

1/3 – Cadets return to school; Early Release noon dismissal, this will be an A Day

1/16 – MLK Holiday – School Holiday

1/27 – Early Release at noon for Professional Development

2/3 – Progress Reports mailed.

Happy Holidays, if you are traveling, please be safe and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Dr. Garcia, Principal