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Dear Parents of Incoming NOMMA Cadets,

Welcome! We are happy to have your child as a NOMMA Cadet for the 2016/17 school year. Included in this letter is information we feel may answer some of your questions as you prepare for the new school year.

- 1. **Summer English Reading Project** this is a required assignment. Please remind your cadet to take this assignment seriously as they will receive a grade for this project.
- 2. **School Calendar** Please note The First Day of School is August 3. During the first 6 days of school, your cadet will participate in an orientation to NOMMA. The orientation will include an overview of JROTC and Academic expectations. Your cadet will also participate in benchmark assessments for all core classes to ensure they are placed in the right classes and ASVAB testing for all cadets in grades 10-12 to assist with career planning. The JROTC uniform will be issued during the first two days of. These days are considered school days; failure to attend will result in absences counted toward the allowed 14 days of seat absence. Transportation is provided. There is no school August 11 and 12. Cadets will receive schedules upon return to school on August 15.
- 3. Required New Parent Orientation on August 1 from 6-8 PM.
- 4. **Uniforms** Cadets wear the Marine Corps uniform 4 days per week. The complete uniform is issued during orientation. Since this is the official Marine Corps uniform, NOMMA cadets are required to follow the dress code and grooming standards of the Marine Corps. Included in this letter is a description of the grooming standards. Cadets will receive instruction on these standards during orientation and the appropriate wearing of the MC uniform.

Our non-military, or civilian uniform is available for purchase from our uniform vendor Poree's at 3630 MacArthur Blvd.; Suite C-B New Orleans, LA 70114. The civilian uniform consists of a white shirt (long or short sleeved) with the NOMMA emblem, a red tie for the male cadets and red tab tie for the female cadets, black shoes (any style), black belt, belted khaki pants and black socks. The black shoes must be completely black, no other colors on the shoe (including the sole) and black laces. Included in this mailing is more information regarding the khaki plants and options for purchase. Female cadets may wear a khaki skirt. The skirt must be knee length and worn with a belt if appropriate.

NOMMA sweatshirts, sweaters and jackets are available for purchase. Cadets are not allowed to wear any other garments except the NOMMA uniform. This means no hoodies, jackets, or over shirts will be allowed; only NOMMA authorized uniform apparel. Shorts are not a uniform option.

5. BACKPACKS/BOOKBAGS must be of neutral colors, according to Marine Administrative message 695/11

Authorized bags will be:

- Black/Brown/Tan or a combination of the three
- Olive Drab/Camouflage

Backpacks must be "conservative" with minimal logo representation (manufacturer tags/logos in subdued colors no larger than 5 inches long by 2 inches wide) and must be worn over both shoulders while in uniform. Gym/duffel and computer bags will be carried by hand. **Female cadets will NOT carry a purse while in uniform.**

Upcoming events:

- 8/1 Orientation in the NOMMA Library for **New Parents Only** 6-8 PM
- 8/3 First Day of School -

Attire for first day of school -

Clothing should be comfortable for physical activity and class activity such as T-shirts and pants/slacks or jeans. Clothing must be free of holes, profanity, sexual or drug references. No hoodies, sweat pants, tank tops, halter tops or bare midriffs. Closed toed shoes are required.

Transportation routes for non-Orleans students will be completed during the summer. You will receive another mailing around mid-July with specific bus stops.

Cadets in New Orleans will receive a monthly bus pass. Bus passes will be available at the school office beginning July 25.

Please contact the school if you have any questions,

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