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Dear Parents,

As many of you have heard we had a frustrating and unfortunate situation that occurred last week with some NOMMA Cadets regarding school lunch. NOMMA has always had a policy that lunches must be paid to receive a lunch. At some point, our food service provider, in violation of our contracted agreement, allowed cadets to receive lunches even when cadets did not have funds to pay for the lunch. A \$7000 debt accrued and was communicated for the first time to NOMMA Administration on Wednesday, January 27. Unfortunately, the food service vendor, Chartwells, decided to remedy their error by denying lunches without first notifying NOMMA Administration or NOMMA parents that debts existed or of their intent to deny lunches effective immediately. As would be expected, some cadets were distressed and taken by surprise when they were denied lunch.

I wanted you to know first-hand about the situation should you hear comments or concerns. Parents of cadets owing funds were mailed letters. Parents were also given a plan for repayment of the debts and the purchase of cadet lunches moving forward. We have had several meetings with Chartwells leadership and have been assured that it will not happen again. Thank you for your understanding and support.

In December, three NOMMA staff resigned, one to move out of state and two to take other advancement positions. At this time, we welcome and I hope you have an opportunity to interact with the new staff members, Mr. Timm (teaches Geometry a newly created position), Mr. DeSilva (teaches Computer Literacy), Ms. Wylie (teaches Cyber Science and Earth Science, Mr. Peaden (teaches Algebra II). We still have a vacant position in our Maritime and World Geography class (position vacated by Dr. Wells). I would like to thank Dr. Chuck Gardner for volunteering to return to NOMMA to support the Maritime classes through creating class lessons and coming to NOMMA as available to teach the Maritime Classes. I would also like to thank Mrs. Capaci for preparing lessons for World Geography and Mrs. Long for grading the lessons for instructional continuity as we continue to look for a replacement teacher.



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Enclosed in this mailing are interim grade reports, a yearbook order form and a NOMMA Student Demographic Form. Please review student progress and attendance with your cadet. Remember cadets cannot earn credit in a course with a failing second semester grade. Also, remember cadets cannot earn credit when more than 7 days of school have been missed in any

one course. Cadets can only miss up to 14 days of school. This includes late arrivals and early departures. We offer seat time make-up on Saturdays and will contact those students who have missed between 15 and 19 days of school to schedule these sessions.

Please review the information in the NOMMA Student Demographic Information Form and make any necessary corrections so that we have current addresses, email addresses and phone numbers to contact you as needed. If you find errors on the form please return the form so that we can update our JPAMS database.

Current cadets attending NOMMA do not need to reapply next year. If you anticipate a move either out of the area or to another school, we do appreciate hearing from you. The state limits the number of students we are allowed to enroll in each grade. If you anticipate leaving then we will open up empty seats to other prospective applicants.

If you live in Orleans Parish and intend to change schools for next year, you will need to submit a OneApp application by Feb. 26. The OneApp applications are available in our school office or online at [enrollnola.org](http://enrollnola.org). Only Orleans Parish students may register through the OneApp process.

To Parents of Seniors: We are hosting FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) NIGHT on Monday, February 15, 2016 from 6:00 - 7:30. Computers will be available, as well as college financial aid reps to assist anyone who needs help completing the FAFSA process. The only thing you need to bring is your Income Tax Report 1040/1040A.

Attention Juniors:

The representative from Jostens will be at NOMMA Tuesday, February 16. He will be available during all three lunch periods.

Answers to some questions you might have: February 16 is the last opportunity you will have to



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order your ring and participate in the ring ceremony. A \$50.00 deposit is required. You may also order on line or fax the form to Jostens before this date. There has been no increase in prices. You may still pay for your ring with the payment plan; however, the ring must be paid in full before the ceremony. The date of the Ring Ceremony is April 28.

Upcoming Events:

- 2/8-12        Mardi Gras Break
- 2/19         Winter Formal 7-11 pm in the Auditorium; \$20 single; \$35 couple
- 2/26         Noon dismissal for cadets; Teacher Professional Development
- 2/27         Senior Pictures; sign up will be posted after Mardi Gras
- 3/1          Testing cadets in grades 10, 11 and 12 – ACT test
- 3/3          Testing cadets in grade 10 – Plan
- 3/24         Noon dismissal for cadets; Teacher Professional Development
- 3/25-28     Mid-Semester Break – No School
- 4/9          Junior/Senior Prom at English Turn Country Club

Have a great Mardi Gras!

Dr. Garcia