

## NORTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL NAVAL RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS (NJROTC) PROGRAM

Dear Parents and Students,

Students entering high school face a much different learning environment than Middle School. They also have many new opportunities and choices to make. One of these opportunities is participation in the Naval Science Program (Navy Junior ROTC), a **fully accredited elective course** offered at Northwestern High School. The United States Navy, as directed by Congress, subsidizes this program that brings experienced retired naval personnel to teach our nation's youth. Northwestern High School is fortunate to have one of only 2 NJROTC programs in the state!

NJROTC offers a solid four-year academic program with over 24 subjects, including US government, oceanography, meteorology, astronomy, first-aid, leadership, naval organization, naval history, physical fitness, military drill, military customs and courtesies, and more. Further, NJROTC instructors work closely with school counselors, and other teachers, monitoring attendance and grades, to ensure the NJROTC cadets are achieving their goal in **all** of their classes. Regular contacts are made with each cadet's parents to keep them informed of their son's/daughter's progress and achievements.

The overall goal of the NJROTC Program is to prepare cadets to succeed in school, whatever career they choose, and as US citizens. **Note: There is no requirement to join the armed forces.** Cadets develop good study habits, self-confidence, self-discipline, physical fitness, and good friends! They learn leadership and "followership" skills and how to set and achieve personal and NJROTC Unit goals. In addition to being an elective course, the unit conducts a variety of supervised activities.

Also, the unit sponsors the following teams that compete and/or perform locally and within the state and region: color guard, academic team, air-rifle marksmanship team and armed, unarmed, and exhibition drill teams. **Note: Participation on the Drill Team earns each student an additional ½ credit.**

Our cadets plan and conduct a variety of extracurricular activities and trips such as: Drill Meets, Community Service, Summer Leadership Camps, Awards Ceremonies, Field Trips, Parades, an Annual Military Ball, and more.

Our travels may include field trips to places such as the Great Lakes Naval Base, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, US Coast Guard Cutters in Port Huron and Detoit, and the US Air Force Base/Museum in Dayton, Ohio. The unit organizes periodic local fundraising events to keep the cost of our meets and trips as low as possible. This enables the unit to include each cadet who meets basic district and unit requirements of attendance, grades and behavior.

Cadets are eligible to earn academic and leadership awards and other recognition from the NJROTC program, veterans and service organizations. Additional cadet benefits include increased opportunities for appointments to the US Naval Academy and other military service academies (a \$300,000 education), selection for Navy (and other military service) ROTC College Scholarships, and advanced promotions for those cadets who choose to enlist in any branch of the US Armed Forces.

Finally, the NJROTC program is **cost-free**. The Navy provides all textbooks, training materials, uniforms and associated equipment.

It is not too late to take advantage of the opportunities the NJROTC Program provides at Northwestern High School. Students from any Flint Community/Genesee County High School may participate in NJROTC. Students who are interested may contact their guidance counselor for admission to the program. Although students may have already received their schedules for the school year, they may be enrolled into NJROTC anytime during the first two weeks of school. We would be happy to answer any questions you have about the program, and will be available to help students adjust their schedule to enroll in the NJROTC program. Freshmen should register for Naval Science One. Please feel free to call us at 760-7905. If we are not in the office, please leave a message. We will return your call as soon as possible.

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