



THE BLACK KNIGHT'S SWORD



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A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE

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FALL FUNDRAISING

All About the Benjamins

A significant requirement for all JROTC programs is to host an annual Military Ball where Cadets, friends of Cadets, and parents dress up and attend a formal dinner where awards are presented. It's also just an occasion for Cadets to celebrate the close of a school year where the Cadets spearheaded many endeavors to support the school and the community. To host a ball, Cadets must fundraise and raise thousands of dollars. This fall, the Black Knights are selling World's Finest Chocolate, Spooky Baskets for Halloween, popcorn, and also hosting a digital fundraiser. The goal is to raise up over \$10,000 so that no Cadet has to pay to attend the ball.



Staff members on the move making it happen with the chocolate sale.

'FUN'RAISING FOR THE FUTURE

Battalion leadership with 1SG Martinez at
"Spooky Basket" table in the cafeteria



Booster Club Mothers and Cadets
assembling "Spooky Baskets"



The Booster Club for the Black Knights showed up and delivered the goods for Project "Spooky Baskets." The Spooky Baskets are a bag or basket filled with goodies that students and faculty can purchase. Every Friday, a Cadet team will be in the cafeteria at a table ready to take orders. \$5 bags, \$10 and \$20 baskets are available daily throughout the month of October in the JROTC department. The \$35 baskets are costume made baskets that require special order. The funds will be used to support the spring Military Ball which will be held in April of 2022.

\$10 and \$20 Spooky Baskets on Sale Now! See your friendly neighborhood JROTC Rep and get yours



PROMOTING THE BEST



Sabrina Obregon, 11th Grade, currently serving as the Drill Team Commander (red chord) was promoted in September to the rank of Cadet Sergeant First Class. This is her third year in the program and first year as the Drill Team Commander



Marco Montes, 11th Grade, currently serving as the Marksmanship Commander, 4th period class leader, and Battalion Staff Officer was promoted to the rank of 2nd Lieutenant. He is also a member of the Drill Team. 9th grade Cadets look on from the formation.



Cadet Sergeant First Class Obregon leading her team in Drill practice preparing for the "FALL CLASSIC" district competition which will be held at the end of October.



Sister Cadets Esveydi and Ashley Perez (middle and right) training on the track to get their 1 mile time down. Esveydi currently has the fastest 1 mile time within the battalion with an 8:21. Ashley is third.

A WORD FROM THE TOP



I want to congratulate the Cadets who have been working hard in both classes and in our clubs. We have gotten through our first school cycle, and we are slowly building our program back up brick by brick. I am proud to be the leader of this hardworking program. GO BLACK KNIGHTS!

Black Knight 6
C/Major Erik Jimenez
Battalion Commander



JROTC Spirit! You should be proud to be a Cadet. You should be proud when you wear the uniform. But most of all, you be proud you are representing this distinguished program. Hold your head high and keep your eyes forward!

Black Knight 7
C/CSM Nicoles Sandoval
Command Sergeant Major

THE LEGACY CONTINUES



DISTRICT VISIT

Often, District administrators visit the campus to inspect the JROTC department. Command Sergeant Major (Ret) Briggs is always in the mood to stop inspecting so he can “Teach, Coach, and Mentor” young Cadets so he can mold them in the way they should go. Selected Cadets were able to be mentored by CSM Briggs this past summer at the district leadership camp which was held at Westbury High School. The Cadets absolutely cherish his wisdom as he has 30 years active duty Army and another 15 in 12 in JROTC as both instructor and administrator.



Thank You CSM!

The Black Knights Battalion seeks knowledge and wisdom which helps us become better citizens and improves on our legacy of excellence.