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US ARMY JROTC "SCREAMING EAGLE" BATTALION CUMBERLAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL 6746 CARLISLE PIKE MECHANICSBURG, PA 17050



Junior ROTC Information Paper

Dear Parents, July 2, 2019

We are very pleased to offer Cumberland Valley High School students the opportunity to take Junior ROTC classes during Academic Year 2019-20. Students in all grades are eligible to take the class. Attached to this letter is additional information about the program.

The JROTC mission is "To motivate young people to be better citizens." While the program benefits from the Army's world-class leadership education and training programs, there is no military obligation for participating in JROTC. The program is designed to help all students improve their high school performance and to prepare for meaningful opportunities following graduation. JROTC helps students to improve their leadership abilities, self-discipline, sense of teamwork, organization and study skills, ability to communicate, knowledge of healthy lifestyles, and sense of service.

The cornerstone of the program is the Leadership Education and Training (LET) course which is taught as an elective during regular school hours and integrates the following topics: Leadership, Citizenship, Learning Skills, Wellness, American History, and Geography. Students also have the opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities, including: the Raider Team (Physical Fitness and Adventure Skills), the Drill Team, the Color Guard, the Academic Team, and the Leadership Team. These teams can participate in local, regional, and national competitions.

All interested students enter the JROTC program by enrolling in Leadership Education and Training I (LET I). This is a full-credit elective course that students can schedule through their guidance counselors. The program has four levels of LET classes that are taken sequentially, so students can take JROTC throughout high school, if they desire. Cadets who take the LET 3 & 4 courses receive Honors credit.

We are very encouraged by the enthusiasm with which the JROTC Program has been received and look forward to working with you for the benefit of your child, Cumberland Valley High School, and the larger community. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us.

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