



1st Battalion

October 2018 Update



Hello everyone,

September at the 1st Battalion was quite a rush - basic training, a promotion ceremony, the start of classes, a new modified block schedule, and a new Sergeant Major (welcome aboard, SGM Cayton). With the rush of the beginning of the school year now in the past, it is time to turn our attention to the future and things to come.

Conferences

Parent-Teacher conferences this year will be held October 18th from 12pm - 8pm and October 19th from 8am - 4pm.

Due to overwhelming feedback about glitches in online conference sign-up systems and the fact that some conferences take longer or shorter than the reserved time slots, conferences this year will be held in a different format. All staff will have their own “booth” in the 1st Battalion Gymnasium, and parents will be free to rotate freely through the booths to meet with staff as they are available on a first-come-first-serve basis. No online sign-ups will be used this year.

We will also be hosting a book swap at conferences, so please bring any unwanted or unused books from home and browse for new “hidden gems” while waiting to speak with staff. A PSA (Parent Student Association) signup table will also be available for those wanting to get involved with WLA and find ways to help out.

Veterans Day Parade

Both WLA Battalions will be participating in the Springfield Veterans Day Parade on Sunday, November 11th. This year marks the 25th anniversary of Pioneer Youth Corp of Oregon, the founding fathers of Willamette Leadership Academy. This year also marks the 80th anniversary of Veterans Day. As such, parade attendance is strongly encouraged this year, but we understand if your cadet is unable to make it. Uniform for cadets will be BDU's. Report time is 12:00 at the parking lot at the True Value Distribution Center, which is on the corner of 21st and Olympic in Springfield.

Important: The parade route has changed this year. The parade will begin same as usual - starting at 21st & Olympic, headin west to Mohawk Blvd, and then traveling South on G St. However, at this point it changes and travels East on G st. to 21st, and finally goes north back to Wilco and ends at the same place it started. Plan on picking up your cadet in the parking lot near Wilco and Jerry's.

Springfield Christmas Parade

Both WLA battalions will be marching in the Springfield Christmas Parade on December 1st, so mark your calendars now. The parade starts at 1pm. Anticipate that cadets will need to be there about noon. More information coming soon.

Special End-of-Quarter Events

The last week of 1st Quarter is October 29th - November 2nd. During this week, we will be having a special schedule of events. One major change from last year is that every cadet will have a final exam in each course covering the whole term worth of material.

Mon. Oct 29th - *Finals Review Day* - Normal bell schedule with all periods 1-8.

Tues. Oct 30th - *Finals Day 1* - Block Schedule, finals for periods 2-5

Wed. Oct 31st - *Finals Day 2* - Block Schedule, finals for periods 6-9

Thurs. Nov. 1st - *Whole battalion FTX Day*. All cadets will be bussed out to an FTX activity during the school day. Bus routes will run as normal in the morning and afternoon.

Fri. Nov. 2nd - *No School*. End of 1st Quarter

Company Points Update

This year, cadets have been able to earn company points in a friendly competition to see who can get the most. Many "Good knight" tickets have been handed awarded for outstanding behaviors and actions, which have helped cadets earn points for their companies. This is a reminder that your cadet is a cadet 24/7 (Standing Order #5). If you see them doing anything above or beyond what is expected, or they have achieved some major accomplishment, please contact us at the 1st Battalion and let us know so your cadet can earn good knight tickets and points for their company.

Soon, cadets will be having Sergeant Major and Company Classroom inspections, which is a chance for them to earn (or lose) company points based on performance. Other opportunities for points will be coming soon.

At the end of the quarter, the company with the most company points will earn the Company Team Achievement Award Ribbon, which comes with a special streamer for the company's guidon. A gourmet lunch will also be prepared for them by LTC Migliaccio & other staff.

Current company point standings (as of 10/08/18):

Alpha -	43
Bravo -	25
Charlie -	23
Delta -	61
Echo -	56
Foxtrot -	82

Here's to a great rest of the quarter.

Go Knights!

~LTC Migliaccio