



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
US ARMY JROTC JAGUAR BATTALION
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Dear Cadets and Parents,

Welcome to the Jaguar Battalion. We are Colonel Greg Cannata and First Sergeant Bob Pollino, the JROTC Instructors. The mission of JROTC is "to motivate young people to be better citizens" and has three key components – Academics, Activities (Teams), and Community Engagement; it is cadet-led, where youth learn and practice leadership.

1. Academics: In the classroom, the cadets learn about Leadership, Health and Wellness, Fitness, First Aid, Geography, American History and Government, Communications and Emotional Intelligence. We maintain a disciplined classroom environment. Cadets may not distract from the instruction or learning processes.

2. Activities: Our voluntary co-curricular teams compete across Florida. The teams practice from 2-4PM and cadets must coordinate a ride home after practice. To participate on any JROTC team, each cadet must have a medical release form (out of county/overnight) on file in their JROTC records. There is a financial cost to these activities and our JROTC Booster Club conducts fundraisers throughout the year to offset costs and assist in these opportunities.

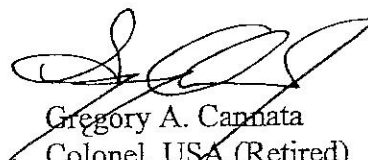
- Raiders is a Fall activity (August to December) and consists of physical training and skills testing.
- Marksmanship Team is a Fall/Spring activity (September to April) and is air rifle shooting (like the Olympics).
- Drill Team is a Winter/Spring activity (December to April) and is precision execution of military movements.
- Color Guard is year-round where students present our colors (Honor Guard) at school and community events; it is also a competitive team in Drill Team competitions.

3. Community Engagement: in addition to the Honor Guard, we execute a Service Learning Project, selected and planned by the cadets, providing service to the community. More information on this will follow in the year.

The Cadet Handbook outlines grades and our point system. Also, please check Skyward regularly for your cadets progress. Very few cadets fail JROTC. If your child has a grade below a "C" average, we will contact you directly by phone or e-mail (see attached Personal Data Form). We also offer a tutoring program which your child must request through the cadet chain of command. Finally, if your child is hindering our progress or not meeting his or her potential we will contact you and establish a speaker/telephone hookup between you, me, and your cadet.

Lastly, please consider being a part of the JROTC Boosters. These parents and supporters are a key element in the success of the battalion program. The Boosters meet on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30PM in JROTC building.

We believe every motivated and disciplined cadet will succeed in JROTC. We welcome an open line of communication. Feel free to contact us by e-mail: Robert.Pollino@stlucieschools.org or Gregory.Cannata@stlucieschools.org or by phone at (772) 337-6729. We also have a link on the school website at www.stlucie.k12.fl.us/pslh/. We appreciate your support.


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