

Dear Parents of incoming Cadets,

I would like to take this time to welcome you to Siegel High School JROTC. We look forward to a productive and fun filled year as JROTC enters our fourteenth year here at Siegel. I would like to offer a few facts concerning the JROTC program to ensure a better understanding of our mission statement, which is to "motivate young people to be better citizens". There are no military obligations or pressures. The purpose of this course of study is NOT to make a soldier of your child, but to develop a self-assured young citizen who is ready to become a productive member of society.

JROTC is a leadership development course for high school students. Cadets who participate develop skills in discipline, decision making, leadership, citizenship, teamwork, integrity, self-esteem, respect and time-management. All are critical life skills sought after by employers. JROTC builds recognition of the importance of good health and physical fitness, and teaches an appreciation for, and the values of, the United States Armed Forces: Honor, Integrity, Respect, Loyalty, Duty, Selfless-Service and Personal Courage.

Though not required, JROTC offers many extracurricular activities that are both challenging and rewarding. We have teams that take part in regional competitions throughout the year, and also offer special event trips and organized social functions. These activities foster a close, family-type atmosphere and allow each student to achieve their greatest potential.

The Siegel JROTC program encourages parental involvement in these activities, because we believe that even high school-age students benefit from parental support. We have a very active and supportive Booster Club to assist us with these activities and to provide fundraising support. One of our current fundraisers is the Kroger Community Rewards Program. We would like every family and friends of our cadets to enroll in the rewards program and link to our JROTC Kroger Community Rewards Program number: **89350**. Enrollment is easy and all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card. There is no gift card to purchase or recharge, however, you must enroll and link to our Rewards Program Number. (Please see the attached directions)

- Simply register your Kroger Plus Card online at https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards, by clicking on "Create an Account."
- Or you can simply sign in if you have already registered your Kroger Plus Card.
- Enroll in the Community Rewards and enter our JROTC Kroger Community Rewards Program number: **89350**; then select **Siegel JROTC** and click Enroll.
- Every time you shop for groceries and scan your card, Siegel JROTC automatically earn a rebate.

All funds raised will be used for our Teams competition entry fees, transportation costs, equipment, our Military Ball, picnics and classroom supplies.

If you have any questions concerning this program, please feel free to contact MSG Thurston or I, at 893-5815 or ext. 29573, or our Booster Club President, Mrs. Cathy Wolfe cell 615-351-4332 / home 849-1269.

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