



# THE GOLD STAR

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## Welcome to the Wildcat Battalion!

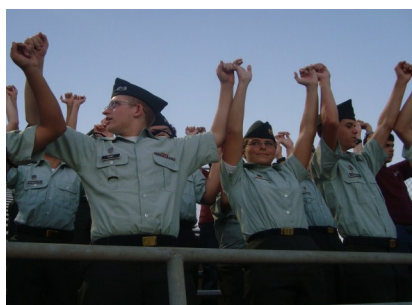
Hello Wildcats, and welcome to the Battalion! We are so glad you joined! The returning cadets can let you know just how exciting and fun JROTC really is. To all of the returning cadets, welcome back! It's up to you to set the standard for our newcomers, and your commanders have faith that you will do an exceptional job. The JROTC Wildcat Battalion has been in operation since 1974 and has

maintained an outstanding reputation and degree of excellence year after year. Let's make sure this year we uphold that same degree of excellence and make it an outstanding year. Make sure you shine your brass, study your knowledge, and make PSHS proud! Not East, Not West, Just the Best! Wildcats Lead The Way!



### Home and Away Games

Home games are mandatory for all cadets, but we receive free drink and hot dog passes. It's worth company points. However if you sign up and don't show up it's worth negative company points. If you sign up to games you get in free and it's always fun. It's always nice to show your school spirit. If possible officers should sign up for away games.



## NCOS and OCS Camp and Commissioning Ceremony

First of all, thank you to all that attended the NCOS and OCS camp this summer. During summer camp cadets trained in their marching skills and their knowledge. The ceremony started off with an introduction by the Battalion SAI LTC Rhoden, next Battalion Commander Derrick Jergins received his

saber and cord, and Cadet McKay Paxman was promoted to CSM and received her saber and Cord. After, the Battalion Executive Officer received her saber and cord. Following the Company Commanders received the saber and cords. The incoming officers recited

the Officers Oath and then received their new ranks. NCOS also were sworn in and received their new ranks. Both were aided with the change of ranks.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ 9 Sep - First Home Game
- ◆ 10 Sep - Battalion Picnic
- ◆ 17 Sep - Car Wash
- ◆ 23 Sep - Plano Vs. Allen
- ◆ 24 Sep - Denton Meet
- ◆ 30 Sep - Plano @ home

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## Teams



- Unarmed Drill Team Commander is C/2LT John Cerreta . Unarmed meets Monday and Wednesday after school. Unarmed is essentially a stomp/clap team paired with marching.
- Your Armed Drill Team Commander is C/ILT Chandler Slagle. In Armed you will learn how to spin a rifle, as well as many other neat rifle and marching maneuvers.
- The Physical Training Team Commander is C/ILT Will Montgomery. Practices are Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7 am to 8 a.m. PT consists of running, push-ups, sit-ups and long jumps. PT is helpful in preparing for the Cadet Challenge in the spring.
- The Color Guard Commander is C/SGM McKay Paxman. Color Guard meets Tuesday and Thursday mornings. You've probably seen the Color Guard at the Plano football games. Also, at your high schools, we are the pep rallies. We will be doing various other color guards for different events throughout the year.
- Rifle Team Commander is C/CPT Derrick Jergins and practices are Monday through Thursday after school .

## Commander's Corner

Hello new cadets, NCOs and Officers! I'm c/CPT Jergins and I'm the battalion commander for this year. So far the battalion looks like it will be very successful and a lot of fun for the entire year but I encourage everyone to keep up with their knowledge and uniforms because we have a very important inspection occurring this year. Remember that JROTC is all about teamwork, so don't be shy to ask for help or ask questions from any peers or superiors. Wildcats lead the way!

-C/CPT Derrick Jergins

## Uniform tips and Drill!!

On 30 December 2011, The Wildcat Battalion will be having our formal inspection, also known as our "Gold Star inspection" because it is our biggest inspection of the year and will determine if the Battalion keeps its honor unit with distinction. To help you prepare for this major inspection, the Battalion staff has assembled a list of helpful uniform tips and drill:

- "Practice drill in front of a mirror so you can see what you're doing." -C/CPT Jergins
- "Make sure that you double check all your measurements USING A RULER" -C/SGM Paxman
- "SHINE YOUR BRASS! When I'm taking pictures of you, it should blind me."-C/I LT Quintero
- "Make sure you keep your uniform pressed so its not wrinkled. Look sharp!" -C/ILT Montgomery
- "Dress and Cover!!!" -C/ILT Slagle
- "Don't forget to lint roll your uniform and cut the lanyards (the little strings)" -C/ILT Strakele
- " If you stay in step, everything goes a lot smoother." -C/ILT Connery
- "Windex your shoes!" -C/ILT Stokes
- "Check your brass, check placement of everything on the uniform, and work on knowledge, chain of command especially."-C/ILT Rhoden
- "Don't wait until the last minute to put

