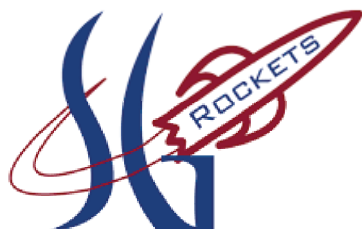


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Dear Spring Grove Students and Parents,

I hope you are enjoying your summer break! The times are definitely tough for everyone, but we will get through this together. The new school year is right around the corner and we have a great **NEW** opportunity starting this year at Spring Grove!

We are creating an Armed Forces Club at Spring Grove starting this fall! This is a great opportunity for Spring Grove students, faculty and myself! Whether you are planning on going to college, entering the work force, undecided or are thinking about joining the military after high school, this club is for you! The Armed Forces Club will help students make informed decisions about their futures, be it in the service or not. The club will help students develop another idea if they can't afford college or other educational opportunities.

What will we do? Each time the club meets will be different! The training plan is still being developed but you can expect a variety of things such as field trips (once Covid-19 restrictions are lifted), physical activities, classroom activities, guest speakers and learning about life after high school. It is meant to be a fun environment to learn, network and create friendships with fellow students. Getting up close and learning about some military vehicles, trips to Fort Indiantown Gap and Fort McHenry are things that we are hoping to host once Covid-19 restrictions are lifted! Learning about, preparing and eating MRE's (meals ready to eat) is also something that we will be doing this year.

Who can join? All Spring Grove High School students in 9th – 12th grade can join. This club is for everyone! **We will be meeting during your school day club periods.** You do not have to be planning on joining the military to participate and be a member of the club. If joining the military after high school is your plan, then joining the Armed Forces Club will help you get ahead of your peers when it comes your time to join.

What is the Armed Forces Club's goal? The primary goals of the club would be to prepare students for the SAT and ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) tests as well as

give students a preview of military life through physical training, discussion about modern military life and technology and fields trips to local military facilities. It will help you to know and understand what it's like to be in the service without necessarily pushing you to enlist. My goal for the Armed Forces Club is to educate, inform and guide the students.

COVID-19: The club will follow all guidelines for COVID-19. We are all unsure of what to expect in the coming school year but no matter the outcome, we will do our best to make sure everyone has an educational, fun and SAFE experience with the Armed Forces Club. We will do what we have to, to accommodate any situations that are to come this year to make sure everyone has the same experience.

Sign-up for the club: If you are interested in being part of this new club, please e-mail me at Patrick.S.Stevens5.mil@mail.mil with your name and grade. We will provide additional information as the school year draws closer.

I am always here for the school, students and the community. If you or someone you know may be interested in learning more about an opportunity with PA Army National Guard please feel free to contact me at any time. It is a pleasure working with Spring Grove!

Thank you,



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