



Jesuit High School Marine Corps JROTC
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Greetings Parents,

The time is near for your son to choose from among many high school options. We would like to share with you a tremendous opportunity—Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (MCJROTC). Young people willing to rise to the challenge of living by a set of core values while learning the value of leadership, self-reliance and a sense of service will reap significant benefits and become better citizens. Myself and Master Gunnery Sergeant J.R. Piseno each served 28 years in the Marine Corps and bring that wealth of leadership knowledge and experience.

We are not military recruiters; there is no requirement for JROTC cadets to join the military after high school. Some of our graduates do choose military service through an academy, college ROTC, or enlistment, and there are college scholarships available through these options, but it is **not** a requirement. Our program is fundamentally about **citizenship, leadership, service, teamwork, and above all, developing character.** We do **not** condone the stereotypical military leadership model of yelling, physical discipline/punishment, or any other form of physical or verbal abuse. We employ a positive leadership model, with emphasis on building relationships and leading by example. We believe this model better helps cadets become effective leaders in any endeavor they pursue.

We emphasize academic performance, professional appearance, personal responsibility, and moral conduct. Our JROTC curriculum is built on character building, college and adult life skills, leadership development, and physical fitness. It is a place where **good kids find the support to become great men.**

The MCJROTC Program also maintains a robust program of extracurricular activities such as our Drill Teams, Color Guards, ROTC Band, Physical Fitness Team, Academic Team, and Rifle Team; we are consistently ranked in the top 10% of units in the country. We march in Mardi Gras parades, provide color guards for local events, historical commemorations, conventions, and sporting events. Participation in these teams is not mandatory; however, they do provide many opportunities for students to become involved and to earn a school **Letterman Jacket**. We have field meets, pizza parties, and sponsor trips to local areas of interest. Each summer, we go on a weeklong orientation/leadership trip to a military installation in either Pensacola, FL or San Diego, CA.

JROTC counts as a PE credit due to our fitness curriculum. As ROTC will be a one-semester class for your sons, they will meet every day in the fall semester, and will take computer literacy during the spring semester. Students can participate in JROTC and still be in band, athletics, other extracurricular activities, or any of the programs of study offered at Jesuit. Cadets must get a school physical before participating. They must also adhere to Marine Corps grooming standards and maintain the Marine Corps uniforms, which will be provided free of charge. There is **no** program fee unlike many extracurricular activities.

If you have any questions, concerns, or if you would like more information, please feel free to contact me at 504-483-3855 or friloux@jesuitnola.org. I look forward to meeting you and your son as he joins the Jesuit High School community in the fall of 2021.

Semper Fidelis,

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