



AIR FORCE JROTC, PA-20101
Pine-Richland High School
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We welcome your child to the high school next school year and would like to introduce you to Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC), listed in your child's Program of Studies. Mars, in an agreement with Pine-Richland, will collaborate JROTC classes— we are a world-class program designed for character development, discipline, integrity, service before self, and excellence in all we do. It is all about life skills.

Designed to help students become better citizens, we offer opportunities for community service and leadership. **JROTC does not recruit for the services and students do not incur any military service obligation.** Actually, less than 4% of the 130,000 AF JROTC cadets, world-wide, enter the military upon graduation. AF JROTC offers opportunities such as:

- 1) Leadership skills providing students an edge as they enter college and/or career experiences beyond high school. Universities and employers seek students with the ability to be independent thinkers and have strong leadership proficiencies.
- 2) For those students that may have an interest in joining the military, enrolling in AFJROTC offers them an opportunity for higher rank, once they enlist, or if continuing on to college, there are ROTC scholarships and/or service academy nominations, if they qualify.

AFJROTC cadets will engage in the courses; *Milestones in Aviation History / Traditions, Wellness, and Foundations of Citizenship* during the 2021-2022 school year. After-school activities consist of drill, Raiders, volleyball, rocketry, color guard, and orienteering. Cadets travel to other schools to compete in sports and drill competitions. There are opportunities for field trips to the Pentagon, Cedar Point, Jamestown, and Yorktown. Monthly socials include bon fires, holiday parties, ice skating, movies, and more. Cadets have additional *voluntary* opportunities to participate in local color guard events (Steelers, University of Pittsburgh and Penguins games and Veterans' events), community service events, world famous Air Force C-130 aircraft flight, and a 14-day summer trip to England, France, Belgium, Germany, and Austria planned for June/July 2022. We also offer a 1-week premiere leadership camp in the summer at Concord University in West Virginia.

If you would like more information, please contact Major Morrison or Chief Gasparetto at 724-625-4444 Ext 1543, stop by Room 55 in the PR high school, or email us at the addresses included below. Guidance Counselors can also offer direction. Thank you and given the opportunity, it would be an honor to be involved in your child's high school education.

Air Force evaluation of JROTC at Pine-Richland awarded the highest rating possible: Exceeds Standards on all occasions! Come be a part of an outstanding group of cadets!

Sincerely,

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