

*Office of the Headmaster  
Fork Union Military Academy  
Middle School*

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of the Middle School Faculty and Staff, I want to take this opportunity to welcome our new Middle School cadets and their families to Fork Union Military Academy and to extend a greeting to our returning cadets and their families. As you begin to make plans for the 2007-2008 school year, the following notes should be helpful to you.

Enclosed in this packet is your copy of the Middle School Cadet Handbook. It is important that you and your son take time to read this handbook to begin the process of learning the rules and regulations of the Middle School. Parents of new cadets will need to bring their copy of the handbook to the Parent Orientation meeting on the day of arrival. All cadets will receive their copy during Cadet Orientation.

As you pack your son for school, please be aware that he is allowed to have the following items in his room: a pillow, a clock or clock radio, a desk lamp, a television (13" screen or smaller without VCR/DVD components), a 3' TV/cable cord, one appropriate poster or wall hanging, **two pairs** of **inexpensive** athletic shoes, sports equipment (except for lacrosse sticks/balls), an inexpensive pool stick (one that can be unscrewed in the middle to allow for storage in the footlocker), non-caffeinated beverages (in single serve containers), and framed family photos for display on his desk. The storage of civilian clothes is permitted only in extenuating circumstances, and only with the permission of the Middle School Commandant.

We recommend that your son bring the following supplies: several packs of loose-leaf paper, a pack of pencils and pens (blue or black only), a hand-held **capped** pencil sharpener, a pack of colored pencils, a **black** book bag, a supply of stationery, envelopes and stamps, several bars of soap, stick deodorant, at least two bottles of shampoo, at least two tubes of toothpaste, a toothbrush, a razor and shaving cream (or an electric razor), a comb, boxes of tissues, fingernail clippers, a healthy supply of non plug-in room deodorizers (e.g. "Stick-ups"), and an **inexpensive** watch. Required room supplies include a wood-handled broom, dust pan, and a bottle of Windex. All room supplies may be purchased at the Cadet Store. School supplies may be purchased during the school year at the Academy Book Store.

All cadets will be issued their academic schedules, their textbooks, a standard binder, dividers, assignment notebook, and pencil/pen holder prior to their first day of classes.

Uniforms and uniform items are issued by the Supply Center upon the cadet's arrival. Any underclothes and/or towels brought from home must be **WHITE**. Only crew neck T-shirts are authorized. Pajamas brought from home must be light colored. Underclothes, towels, pajamas, and bathrobes are available for purchase through the Supply Center. Long underwear, definitely recommended for cold weather, should be purchased at home.

Pillowcases and sheets are provided by the Academy. A FUMA blanket is issued to each new cadet and charged to his uniform account. All cadets must have a footlocker, available at the Supply Center. Footlockers brought from home must be no larger than H13" X L31".

**NOTE: All personal belongings MUST be marked with the cadet's last name and first initial using a permanent black marker.**

Cadets are not permitted to have the following items in their possession while at FUMA:

- any food items, including chewing gum, powdered soup, and powdered drink mixes
- civilian clothes (storage allowed only with the permission of the Commandant, MAJ Blanchetti)
- civilian headgear (e.g. non-FUMA caps, headbands, du-rags, etc.)
- sunglasses (including prescription light-sensitive glasses)
- over-the-counter drugs, vitamins, weight enhancers
- illicit drugs, alcohol, or drug paraphernalia
- tobacco products
- weapons of any kind (including paintball equipment and knives)
- inappropriate literature or pictures (including inappropriate material on computer files)
- stereos or "boom boxes"
- music CD's, MP3's, iPods, DVD's, or tapes
- TV/VCR/DVD combinations
- videogame systems (may be earned after the 1<sup>st</sup> grading period)
- handheld video games (e.g. PSP's or Gameboys)
- desktop computers
- pagers, cellular phones, or walkie-talkies
- electric cooking appliances
- unconventional lamps (colored light bulbs or lava lamps)
- laser pointers
- bicycles, skateboards, roller blades, or heeies (roller skate shoes)
- lacrosse sticks (prior to Winter Weekend)
- fountain pens or ink cartridges
- chewing gum
- powdered soup or drink mixes
- playing cards
- liquid shoe polish
- matches/lighters
- Wite-Out
- toxic model glue
- flammable liquids
- aerosol sprays, including aerosol deodorants
- animals of any kind
- personal furniture

**As mentioned above, no food is permitted in the cadet's room at any time.** Snack food must be consumed at the Academy's Sabre Shop during free time. Non-caffeinated beverages may be stored and consumed in the cadet's room. Beverages must be stored in the cadet's footlocker.

This letter probably answers a few of the many questions you might have at this point. Please feel free to call me at (434) 842-4261 or email me at [feathers@fuma.org](mailto:feathers@fuma.org) should you have any questions or concerns in the coming weeks. Please take time to view the Middle School website, which is a link on the FUMA website, [www.forkunion.com](http://www.forkunion.com). We look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

LTC Robert Feathers  
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