

Thurgood Marshall High School (TMHS) Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC)



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To: TMHS AFJROTC Parents/Guardians, Cadets

Subject: Welcome Letter

Dear Parents/Guardians and Cadets,

We welcome you to AFJROTC. We are happy to have each and every student, parent, and guardian as part of our program. You will experience a unique course of instruction that will be educating, motivating and rewarding. Many of you will get to do things that others will only imagine. Your experiences in AFJROTC are the foundation for life-long memories and close friendships. We are truly confident that you will benefit from the teamwork, self-discipline, and leadership experiences that you will encounter.

We are sure most students and parents have questions about AFJROTC. First, let us assure you that it is neither boot camp nor combat training and also understand that there is *absolutely no military service obligation* after completing AFJROTC. This is a class that will help you develop decision-making and communication skills while building self-confidence as a leader. If you have never been in charge or responsible for anything, get ready as the opportunities have arrived! While our program will be challenging and demanding, we believe you will experience a sense of accomplishment, pride, and family.

For extra-curricular activities, we offer Drill and Color Guard Teams to compete in JROTC sponsored drill meets, a Model Rocketry Club, Multimedia Team and our Physical Training Team. In addition, field trips are scheduled to enhance students' knowledge of aviation and to promote service to others. We will visit The Lone Star Flight Museum, Space Center Houston, and attend various sport and drill competitions.

Again, welcome to AFJROTC. We look forward to working with each of you as members of our family. We are proud to have you enrolled and stand ready to help you expand your knowledge and horizons. We promise a well-rounded year, full of fun and excitement, as we work hard, learn all we can, and succeed together...AIM HIGH!

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