

Senior Army Instructor

29 September 2023

Welcome to the Wildcat Battalion

My name is **Sergeant Major (R) Rob Gonzalez**, and I am your Senior Army Instructor. I am extremely excited about this school year and look forward to welcoming all of our new and returning cadets to our program. Our battalion is well known throughout Carrizo Springs and is often called upon to support community events. Our program also has multiple teams for our cadets to participate in such as Marksmanship, Physical Training Team, Color Guard, Drill and Ceremony, JLAB, and Raiders. Soon to come will be Robotics, Drones, and Marksmanship. We urge our cadets to be involved with the program as much as possible, but our number one priority is ensuring that our cadets do their best, academically, while developing their character and leadership skills.

We are rebuilding the program and ask for flexibility, support, and patience. We are striving to expose our cadets to events outside of Carrizo Springs.

We will publish this monthly newsletter showcasing our cadets.

Parents, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at rgonzalez@cscisd.net or 915.540.0477



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Carrizo Springs JROTC



1st Week of School Event



Carrizo Springs City Pep rally

Upcoming Events

Event Name	Date	Location
Football Game Color Guard	29 September 2023	Frank Carter Stadium
First 6 Weeks Grades	29 September 2023	CSHS Campus
Uniform Inspection (Black Shirt)	4 October 2023	CSHS Campus
Football Game Color Guard	6 October 2023	Frank Carter Stadium
Cadet Challenge (HT/WT)	9-12 October 2023	CSHS Campus
Uniform Inspection (Black Shirt)	18 October 2023	CSHS Campus
Football Game Color Guard	20 October 2023	Frank Carter Stadium (Homecoming)
Homecoming Parade	21 October 2023	Carrizo Springs
Uniform Inspection (Black Shirt)	25 October 2023	CSHS Campus
Working Dates		
JROTC Photos	TBD	TBD

Team Practice Days

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Color Guard	3 Marksmanship Introduction	4 Marksmanship Introduction	5 Color Guard	6 No Practice
9 Physical Training	10 Raiders	11 Physical Training	12 Raiders	13 No Practice
16 Marksmanship Training	17 Color Guard	18 Physical Training	19 Raiders	20 No Practice
23 Raiders	24 Marksmanship	25 Physical Training	26 Color Guard	27 No Practice
30 Color Guard	31			

Parents, this newsletter will be a living document and grow as we plan events throughout the year.

Our program budget is very small, this hamstrings the program to attend only a few events as travel costs impact us for simply being too far from many opportunities. We are open to having a JROTC parent club - this will allow parents to fundraise for the program without being governed by the district fundraising red tape. *The parent club can donate the proceeds to the program.*

Army Instructor

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My name is *Sergeant First Class Roland Hernandez* and I am your Army Instructor. I am beyond excited for this new school year. It is our program's goal to promote Patriotism, citizenship, community service, school support and academic excellence as well as to help your sons and daughters become happy and productive adults after graduating high school as we promote advantages of pursuing a college degree and / or vocational school or even at the very least military service.

It is our goal to fill our calendar with many competitions, community and school support activities that will bring a great sense of accomplishment to our cadets. I am so looking forward to all their hard work and accomplishments throughout the school year as they grow as good people of character and capable leaders.

Parents, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at rhernandez@cscisd.net or 502-295-1189



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JROTC Myths

Q: Will my son/daughter have to serve in the military if they join high school JROTC?

A: No. There is no commitment to serve in the armed forces if a student goes through the high school JROTC program.

Q: You must wear a uniform every day?

A: You must wear the uniform at least one day each week unless otherwise directed not to.

Q: If you are in JROTC you can't be in an Academy, Band or play sports.

A: You can do both. JROTC is a class that allows you to do both.

Q: Is JROTC like boot camp?

A: No. The JROTC course is a leadership and character education program that does not rely on harsh discipline techniques like a boot camp.

Q: What do I get out of taking JROTC?

A: Life skills! The development of your personal potential, the enhanced ability to communicate with others, the knowledge and ability to coordinate varied activities, the focused skills to plan, organize and lead group activities and the knowledge and skills to motivate and bring a team together will give the student a distinct advantage in college and beyond. Every student is capable of doing well in this program if they simply cooperate, follow instructions, pay attention in class, read the material, and study a little.

Q: What makes JROTC different from other classes?

A: Students in JROTC learn through a unique program that involves both classroom and "live" situations. For instance, a JROTC cadet might be found leading classmates in and outside the classroom.

Q: If the mission of JROTC is to "motivate young people to be better citizens," how do you accomplish this mission?

A: By instilling discipline, respect for self and authority, accepting responsibility, being accountable for their actions, and learning to work as part of a team.