



West Point Parent Club of MA

Cadet Candidate Lunch

June 14, 2008

A meeting was held on June 14, 2008 at The Shaw Group in Stoughton to greet the cadet candidates and their families before R-Day. We started with a lovely lunch and many of us met the families from MA who are about to embark on this journey. After lunch a large portion of the MA class of 2012 had the chance to meet a few cadets from the area and ask questions in a friendly environment. Meanwhile parents had the chance to share their questions and concerns with the members present.

Alan Small introduced the board members who were present and reviewed the various committees which comprise the Massachusetts Parents Club. The following points were made during the discussion:

- West-Point.org maintains several online email forums designed to aid parents. Prospective-net is for before R-Day. Plebe-net is for Plebe year starting with R-Day. One parent shared the information that after R-Day they would like parents to re-register for Plebe-net. At the end of Plebe year all parents on Plebe-net automatically get rolled over to parent-forum. Read more about this and sign up at: West-Point.org [Parent Services](#)
- WPPC-MA operates a bus service between WP and MA with stops at Sturbridge and Riverside mass transit station. The bus is coordinated by Kevin & Paula Trimble.
- We still have some shirts with the parent club logo on them. If you would like to purchase one, contact Carla McMahon at carlajmcmahon@yahoo.com.
- The remainder of the meeting was dedicated to sharing the summer experiences of the current cadets.
- Tim McMahon, Martha Laughna and others discussed with the group what to expect at R-Day and answered questions from the new parents. Parents dispelled the rumor that a New Cadet needs fifteen pairs of underwear and were advised not to try to sneak peaks at their cadet during R-Day and other events during Beast (July 4 fireworks).



The West Point Parent Club MA will be hosting the All Academies Holly Ball on Saturday, December 27 at the Hyatt Regency Boston. This black tie event honors the New England cadets and midshipmen of all five service academies. Please plan on attending this wonderful night of dinner and dancing. We certainly don't want to be outdone by the Naval Academy! More details to follow.

Important Upcoming Events

June 30: R-day--look for Carla & Tim McMahon and Martha Laughna at the parent club table in Eisenhower Hall

July 12: New Cadet letter writing party at the Laughnas (more details later)

September 14: Meet new parents @ **The Shaw Group** (click above for mapquest) 100 Technology Center Dr., Stoughton, MA 02072

September 20: WPPC-MA tailgate party at Akron football game (details later)

October 19: Yuk boodle bash at Shaw Group.

December 6: Army vs. Navy football at Philadelphia

December 27: All Academies Ball, Hyatt Regency Boston

New Parents, if you have questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact your mentor. If you need contact information regarding your mentor, call Marcia Ciccolo at 617-527-7407

Respectfully submitted:
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