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Dear Cadets and Parents,

On behalf of my fellow instructors, Chief Michael Rodrigues and Lieutenant Commander Henry Lane, and our principal, Dr. Daniel Lippy, I am writing to congratulate you on your enrollment in Naval Science and welcome you aboard the Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) program at Governor Thomas Johnson High School for this school year. Our program continues to grow, with nearly 200 cadets registered for either the Fall or Spring semesters (or both), and we are proud that we continue to have cadets who represent every high school in Frederick County.

This year promises to be our best ever. As our program expands, we are looking to enrich all aspects of the NJROTC experience, including a restructured, dynamic curriculum; the addition of Academic, Fitness and Cyber-Patriot teams to our co-curricular offerings, which already include Dill, Color Guard, Orienteering and Rifle teams; a heightened emphasis on Community Service; and opportunities for fun, professional development and even travel through extra-curricular activities, such as our annual Military Ball and the field trips we have planned.

Attached is an invitation card with information about our Open House on the evening of Wednesday, September 6th. At the Open House instructors will provide an overview of this year's program and senior cadets will be present to answer questions from their perspective. Information about our various teams will be available and cadets and parents can meet with coaches and returning team members to learn more about team expectations, practices and competition schedules. Booster Club representatives will describe how the boosters support the program and what parents can do to help. We will also discuss the field trips we have planned for this year. Cadets are part of the NJROTC program for the entire school year and have the opportunity to participate in field trips, service projects and on teams throughout. Regardless of whether you are attending Naval Science class in the Fall or the Spring, whether TJ is your home school or not, or whether you are new or returning to the program, please come and join us. I hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

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