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Dear Students and Parents,

Let me be among the first to welcome you to Hamilton High School. I would like to thank you for enrolling in or expressing an interest in our Air Force Junior ROTC (AFJROTC) program. To get you fired-up about our extremely rewarding program and to allow you to get a "jump start" on your first year, you are invited to the Fourteenth Annual Hamilton High School AFJROTC Best of Basic (BoB) program. This program is designed to introduce you to AFJROTC here at Hamilton.

BoB is a one-day event, full of fun, exercise, camaraderie and competition, on Thursday, 11 July 2024, beginning at 8:00 am. Participants should arrive through the south entrance (student parking lot) where current cadets will direct them to the first activity. The day will be filled with events such as group leadership projects, a crash course in drill, and various spirited competitions. Shortly after arrival, participants will be assigned to small groups called "flights" and will learn to come together as a team while picking up initial cadet skills. Each flight will work directly with experienced cadets who will lead them through the day's activities and hopefully inspire them to really get involved in all that our AFJROTC program has to offer.

The morning's activities will culminate in awards for Best Flight and "Best of Basic". After the awards ceremony (about 11:30), the informal portion begins where we will be serving pizza at a "get to know the host" party. Here our new students will be able to get better acquainted with members of the Cadet Corps as well as the instructors. The program will end no later than 12:30 pm.

Although most activities will be indoors due to the heat, please dress accordingly for some light physical outdoor activity. Please wear closed-toe shoes (no flip-flops, "Crocs" or slides) and arrive/remain hydrated. We will provide water throughout the day. Parents are welcome to observe their future cadets during the day's events but are not required to stay for any part of the program (an instructor will be supervising all activities). Regardless of whether parents decide to observe or not, please complete the attached permission form and have your student bring it with them to BoB.

We sincerely hope you decide to join us on July 11th. In order to ensure we have more than enough food available, please RSVP by e-mail (below) if you plan on participating. Also, feel free to bring any friend who is enrolled, planning to enroll, or may have an interest in enrolling in AFJROTC for school year 2024-25. They will need a permission slip as well. Our primary objective is to have fun with a challenge: Can you be BoB?

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