Members of the East High School Army JROTC pose last weekend at the Kenmore Drill Competition located in Akron.

The East High School Golden Bears Army JROTC took home several honors from last week’s Kenmore Drill Competition. The Varsity Drill Team, Raider Team and Academic Challenge team each earned second place in their respective contests. The Varsity Color Guard won third place.

Kimberly Agosto earned first place in the Knockout Drill and J’Quan Mitchell earned second place. In the knockout drill, an instructor directs a series of rapid-fire commands and cadets are eliminated as they make mistakes. The last one remaining is the winner.

The East Golden Bears won second place overall. Congratulations!
YCSD is offering season passes for adults and students for basketball season.

An adult pass for high school costs $75 — a $78 savings — and includes adult admission to all regular season high school boys’ and girls’ home basketball games including freshman contests.

An adult pass for middle school costs $25 — a $27 savings — and covers adult admission to all regular season home boys’ and girls’ middle school basketball games.

Season passes for students are free and cover student admission to all regular season middle school and high school girls’ and boys’ basketball games.

All of the season passes may be purchased online. For adult season tickets, click here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/youngstown-east-boys-and-girls-basketball-season-ticket-tickets-39257230433

For students’ seasons passes, click here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/youngstown-east-basketball-student-pass-tickets-39257432036

**Winter Athletics Meetings Slated for Next Week**

Parent and Player meetings are set for next week for students participating in YCSD winter athletics.

The meeting for girls’ basketball and for boys’ and girls’ indoor track will be at **6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15**, at East High School, 474 Bennington Ave.

The meeting for boys’ basketball is at **6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16**, at East High School, 474 Bennington Ave.

All parents and students planning to participate in winter athletics must attend the meeting which will cover and review the rules and regulations for boys’ and girls’ basketball and indoor track.

Sports safety, mandatory requirements and obligations, athletic expectations and concussion safety are among items to be covered and reviewed.
“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

— Nelson Mandela

Going All Out for Orange

Those bursts of orange popping up across the city show support for the Youngstown City School District and the initiatives being implemented by CEO Krish Mohip.

The City of YOUth Leadership Council is launching its “ALL OUT ORANGE CAMPAIGN” as the next part of its approach to engage the community around its school district. The group includes community and business leaders, parents, educators, clergy, representatives of non-profit organizations and members of the public who want to see the school district progress and improve.

Michelle Fleming, who leads the All Out Orange Campaign, distributed orange lapel pins at a meeting. Stakeholders and community members are wearing the ribbons as a way to show support for the district’s initiatives and reforms in the strategic plan. Group leaders encourage citizens to join in by decorating their yards and neighborhoods with orange ribbons.

“I appreciate the City of YOUth Leadership Council’s support,” CEO Mohip said. “For our plan to succeed and for that success to be sustainable, we need the community’s help and engagement. Our children need and deserve that.”

The color orange was selected because it symbolizes enthusiasm, joy, sunshine, creativity, happiness, determination and success. The main corridor areas of the city will be targeted with orange bows and ribbons as well as each school as participants paint the town orange.

The City of YOUth Leadership Council was formed to develop partnerships and supports for the city schools in “The City of YOU.” The group published fact sheets last summer regarding the school district’s reconfiguration, honored Mohip on his first year of service at a summer reception, helped transition staffs and families into their new schools and organized cake and orange balloon deliveries donated by various organizations to welcome the staff back to school.

**District awarded more than $615,000 for school improvement**

The Ohio Department of Education awarded the Youngstown City School District $615,310 to improve leadership and boost family and community engagement. The School Improvement Grants were awarded for three elementary schools -- Harding, $125,000; Martin Luther King, $115,810; and Williamson, $125,000 -- and East High School, $249,500. Each grant is for one year. SIG is a federal program administered through the state.

“Obviously, we’re very pleased to be awarded these grants from the state,” said CEO Krish Mohip.”
East High School invited military families to its Veterans’ Day program to honor them and their service. The school’s JROTC students led the program, welcoming service members and reviewing the history of the holiday. Faculty and staff who served in the military also attended the ceremony and they all enjoyed breakfast together.