



Delaware Military Academy

January 16, 2018

Good morning Seahawk Nation,

Hard to believe, but the cadets will be taking finals this week for the first semester. Exams will be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. The detailed schedule for each day is on the DMA webpage (calendar). Any cadet who is leaving early or arriving late will need a signed note from the parent before they will be released. These are half days and dismissal is at 11:00am. First semester report cards will be distributed Friday, January 26.

Here is what is happening around DMA:

- ❖ We received some great news at the end of last week and over the weekend. Two more of our cadets received appointments to Academies. Our Regimental Commander Cadet Captain Katie Certesio received her appointment to the United States Naval Academy and Lieutenant Commander Elise Buonopane received her appointment to West Point. These two young women have worked tirelessly to achieve these goals, and we could not be more proud. Over the past four years there was not a single task that either of them categorized in the “too hard to do” box; their hard work has paid off. BRAVO ZULU to you both! We have several other cadets in the pipeline, and should be hearing more from the Academies soon. The number of cadets we have receiving appointments and earning ROTC scholarships in a class of 141 is simply unmatched. We will continue to work, educate and guide our cadets so they see first-hand all of the opportunities that are open to them. You just have to be willing to keep your eye on excellence, and put in the sweat equity. We wish both Katie and Elise all the best!
- ❖ DMA will be participating in the University of Delaware's School Climate Survey. This survey will provide feedback regarding the school culture and school safety. We encourage all parents to participate. If you would like to participate, please visit the DE-PBS website at www.Delawarepbs.org and click “2017-2018 Delaware School Climate Survey” at the top of the page. The survey will be open until February 23rd. Thank you in advance for your participation. Cadets will complete the student survey at school after the start of 2nd semester.
- ❖ Any junior cadet interested in attending a United States Service Academy should see Mrs. Certesio to pick up information about the various summer programs available for this summer.
- ❖ The Guidance Department is in the process of collecting college acceptance information from all our seniors. We will be creating our college acceptance wall in Talley Hall soon, and would like copies of any college acceptances our cadets have received. All copies can be given to Mrs. Certesio ASAP. Thank you!

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- ❖ As of January 9th, only 81 of our 141 seniors have completed the FREE Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This is a 57% completion rate. We recommend that ALL seniors complete the FAFSA regardless of whether they believe they will qualify for aid or are planning to enlist. Some merit-based scholarships cannot be awarded unless a FAFSA has been completed. In addition, each year we have graduates who enlist and then find out that they cannot go in to the service for a variety of reasons. If they did not complete the FAFSA, they have no chance of aid if the enlistment does not work out for them. We will be hosting a hands-on FAFSA workshop at 6:30 pm on Monday, January 22nd in Talley Hall. Stand By Me will be providing volunteers to assist you with the completion of your FAFSA. If you would like to sign up to attend the FAFSA workshop, please reserve a spot by visiting <https://goo.gl/forms/6Qey5wA1WuoDXlq92>

- ❖ Sports Report:
 - The Ice Hockey Team continues to roll after an 11-1 win over Boyertown. Come out and support the team this Friday when they take on in-state rival Salesianum at the Pond at 6:30pm. Good luck!
 - Boys Basketball got their first win of the season when they defeated Hodgson last week. Come out and support the team today at home against rival Conrad. It should be an exciting atmosphere in the DOME!!!
 - Girls Basketball is 3-5 and they take on Concord this Friday at home. Good luck, ladies!
 - Our Dance and Cheer Teams will be performing this evening at the Boys Basketball Game. Come check them out!
 - Boys and Girls Swimming will get back in competition mode when they take on Newark Charter this Wednesday. Great luck to both teams!
 - The Indoor Track Team competed in the Bears Invitational at Ursinus this past weekend. The team is moving in a positive direction with several runners already posting personal records in their first three meets. Two of the Girl Jumpers have placed well at each meet with one automatic state qualifier! In addition, the Boys 4 x 200m team is currently ranked 5th in the state. Keep it up team!
 - Wrestling has continued to show their strength throughout the state. Last week they defeated Polytech in a very close match to push their dual meet record to 6-0. They have a DSAC tri-meet at home tomorrow against Red Lion and FSMA. Good luck!

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We hope you have a great week, and let's go EAGLES!



Kind regards,

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