



Delaware Military Academy

2019 National Blue Ribbon School



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Good morning Seahawk Nation,

Wow! Where did the first half of the year go? The second semester is officially underway and for our seniors, it marks their final few months of high school. At this point, many of our seniors have been accepted into college or have a ship out date for a designated branch of service. We are extremely proud of the work the class has done over the past four years. We certainly would not want anything to get in the way of their future plans, prom, graduation or any other exciting events that the next four months has in store for the class! The message and the expectation at DMA is **FINISH STRONG!** We have had an excellent first semester with very few discipline issues and we intend to keep it that way. Help us maintain a safe and conducive academic and social environment by reinforcing our message at home with your cadet.

Here is what is happening around DMA:

- ❖ DMA still needs your support! We are behind on the 2019-20 DMA Annual fundraiser. As a reminder, when enrolling or re-enrolling into DMA, every family **signs and agrees** to support the DMA fundraiser. We do not like to pester families for money, but it is important that you do your part. As a charter school, we do not receive capital funding, so when it comes time to replace equipment or enhance our programs, it can be extremely challenging. The smartboards in Talley and McDonald Hall are getting older and need to be replaced. We need your support to make this happen. The old adage, “that it takes a village” is very true. If you have questions about the DMA Annual Fundraiser, please reach out to Mr. Gatson or myself. Thank you to all the families who continually do your part and to those who have not, please do so.

- ❖ First semester report cards will be issued Friday, January 24th. Please review the report card with your cadet and if you are in need of additional assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

- ❖ Grade level assemblies for the second semester will be taking place next week.

- ❖ From the desk of the SNSI: Annual community service weekend is coming up FEB 1-3. Please help your cadets to schedule at least 3 hours of service in your community

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sometime that weekend. NJROTC has its annual area manager's inspection 20-21 FEB. Please be extra mindful about ensuring the cadets have ample time to attend to their hair and grooming as well as their uniforms leading up to that week. If we are asking for forms to be filled out that you feel you have done already, please be understanding as occasionally things are lost in the shuffle of 580 cadets and we may need to re-do a few of them. Successful completion of this inspection is essential in earning the distinguished unit designation. The DMA Drill Team participated this past Saturday in the Linden High School MLK Day Drill Meet in Linden, NJ. The varsity Color Guard placed 2nd, commanded by C/CPO Joshua Gutzmirtl, and the Armed Exhibition Team placed 2nd, commanded by C/CPO Jacob Botterbush. Bravo Zulu to a job well done! For those interested in coming out to support the DMA NJROTC drill team, the remaining drill meets are as follows: 1 FEB Glasgow HS, Newark, DE 0730-1600, 22FEB Sterling HS, Somerdale, NJ; 0800-1600, 7 MAR Seaford HS, Seaford, DE; 0800-1600, 21 MAR Rancocas Valley HS, Mt. Holly, NJ; 0700-1600.

- ❖ As we move in to the second semester, our teachers will be setting their professional academic goals, which are required by the State. To do this, they are required to administer a pre-test at the start of their semester and will administer a post-test at the end of the course. Please be aware that your cadet may have multiple pre-tests over the next week or two. They will not count as part of the cadet's grade, but the data from these tests will assist the teacher with planning their instruction. Thank you for your support.

- ❖ **LAST CALL ...** we are unable to start our Middle States re-accreditation process without the input of our parents. At this time, less than half of the required number of surveys have been completed by parents. Please take a few minutes and provide your feedback about the school through the Middle States Parent Survey. Click here to access the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DMA2019Parents>

We hope you have a great week and continue to instill Pride and Ownership in your DMA cadet!

Kind regards,

Anthony Pullella

Commandant

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