



# Delaware Military Academy

January 29, 2018

Good morning, Seahawk Nation,

This week marks the end of the first month of the New Year and we are already a full week into the second semester. First semester report cards were issued out last Friday, so if you have yet to see that 8 ½ x 11 single sheet of paper please ask your cadet so you know where he or she stands academically.

Here is your report for the week as we head into February:

- ❖ We are very excited to share with you that DMA is actively in discussions to finish out our campus vision of a stadium complete with a 90,000 square foot multi-purpose turf field, seating for two thousand, locker rooms, press box, lights, concession stand, ticket booth, patron rest rooms and storage space. This goal was thought to be many, many years down the road, but DMA has been relentless in wanting to give our cadets a campus and high school experience they can be proud to call their home. Through the fine reputation our cadets have built in the community, the hard work of our staff to improve test scores, an administration built with forward thinkers, and a Board of Directors who support our initiatives, our complete campus vision is becoming a very real possibility. We are not all the way there yet as there are some *i*'s to dot and some *t*'s yet to cross, but those details should be complete soon. We hope you are as excited as we are about the final phase of the campus plan. The Academic Wing and Athletic Center has proved to be invaluable, and has allowed us to do so much more with curriculum and our athletic program. We know the stadium will do the same, if not more! If you have not contributed to the DMA Annual Fundraiser, please do so. Those who have, we sincerely thank you for your support.
- ❖ Bravo Zulu to our Regimental Commander Cadet Captain Katherine Certesio who has received an Appointment to the Merchant Marine Academy. This is her second Appointment this year! Katie just recently received an Appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Congratulations!
- ❖ Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> is Community Service Day. All cadets and staff members are expected to do something positive and worthwhile in the community. Cadets wanting to receive service hours need to have what they did documented and turn it into their Naval Science Instructor. This has been a tradition at DMA since 2003 and it not only is an excellent way of giving back, but strengthens our name and reputation in the community.
- ❖ DMA is currently participating in the University of Delaware's School Climate Survey. This survey will provide feedback regarding the school culture and school safety.

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We encourage all parents to participate. If you would like to participate, please visit the DE-PBS website at [www.Delawarepbs.org](http://www.Delawarepbs.org) and click “2017-2018 Delaware School Climate Survey” at the top of the page. You will need to select CHARTER from the drop down menu and DMA will be on the next screen. The survey will be open until February 23rd. Thank you in advance for your participation.

- ❖ Congratulations to Cadet **Matthew Kohan** who placed 2<sup>nd</sup> Chair in All-State band after last weekend’s auditions. Matthew was up against thirty-two of the state’s best trumpet players. His high level of talent and excellence in preparation were no doubt part of his success. The concert is March 24, 6:00pm at Dover High School! Bravo Zulu Matt!
- ❖ A message from the DMA PTA: It has come to our attention that not all members are receiving our emails, meeting notifications, monthly newsletter, or Signup Genius requests. If you signed up and are not receiving emails or if you received emails in the past and are no longer receiving them, please email me, Tatiana Rice, at [dandtrice@gmail.com](mailto:dandtrice@gmail.com)
- ❖ A message from Sick Bay: With the flu season among us, I wanted to provide some information about this year’s influenza (flu), preventative steps and symptoms to be aware of. There are three strains of influenza this year and the H3N2 seems to be the most vicious. This year, the flu vaccine is only 30% effective towards this strain, where it normally is 40-60%. It is still important to get the flu vaccine, as it will help decrease the severity of the flu. Make sure you cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Hand washing with soap and water, or alcohol-based hand sanitizer, is very important! Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth to prevent the spread of germs. Avoid close contact with sick people. The CDC recommends to stay home for 24 hours fever free (without use of fever-reducing medications), except to receive medical treatment. Symptoms of the flu are fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headaches, and fatigue. Some may experience vomiting and diarrhea also. Please rest and drink plenty of clear fluids to prevent dehydration with the flu or any virus. Please keep your cadet home if he or she has... a temperature >100 degrees in the past 24 hours, vomited or had diarrhea in the past 24 hours, and/or a severe sore throat, cough, chest congestion or nasal drainage that is persistent. Once your cadet is 24 hours fever free without the use of fever-reducing medications, he or she can return to school.
- ❖ Sports Report:
  - The Ice Hockey Team is 7-2 after two recent setbacks. They look to get back on track tonight when they play Bonner HS at 7:40pm at the Pond. Good luck!
  - Boys Basketball defeated rival Conrad in a highly spirited game to give the team their 2<sup>nd</sup> win of the year. They also defeated DAAPS last week; their current record is 3-9. The team travels to MOT Charter on Tuesday. Good luck!

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- Girls Basketball defeated William Penn last week followed by a loss at Newark Charter. The team is 4-8 and play MOT Charter tomorrow at home. Good luck, Ladies
- Our Dance and Cheer Teams will be performing at home Boys Basketball games. Come check them out!
- The Boys Swim Team is 4-3 after defeating Wilmington Friends and the Girls Swim Team is currently 1-6. Both teams take on Tower Hill today at Wilmington. Charter. Good luck!
- The Indoor Track Team had a good day at the Bears H.S. Invitational with a 6th and 7th Place finish in both the girls triple jump and long jumps. The 4x400m relay team posted a season best time to date. In addition, several runners posted either season bests or new personal records in the 200m, 400m and 55m dashes. They most recently had competed at the Ocean Breeze Invitational. They will participate in the DIAA Championships in Prince George, MD this Saturday. Good luck!
- Wrestling is now 7-2 in dual meet with two big events this week. They take on Wilmington Charter in a dual meet on Wednesday, and then DMA hosts the Red Clay Duals this Saturday. Good luck.
- ***A reminder to fans: Please act in a sportsmanlike manner at ALL games and refrain from negative remarks or cheers. If you are that fan who likes to yell negative remarks to the coaches and players, know you are not only embarrassing yourself, but your athlete and our team as well. You will also be directed to leave and not return. Please remember, that it does absolutely no good and helps no one. Stay proud, Seahawk Nation!***

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

Kind regards,

***Anthony Pullella***

Commandant



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