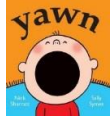




Delaware Military Academy

October 23, 2017

Good afternoon Seahawk Nation,



We have a very slow week ahead of us, barely anything to do, just... college application week, a Board meeting this evening, senior nights for sports teams, the ribbon cutting ceremony Thursday, Open House Saturday and a 5K Sunday. Other than that we don't have much going on ;-).



- ❖ This past Sunday, Mr. Grant, DMA's Suicide Prevention and Awareness Committee, and over 50 cadets and DMA families joined together to spread Awareness at Wilmington's Out of the Darkness Walk. DMA was able to exceed their fundraising goal of \$2000.00 for the event in just one week and became one of the top 5 fundraising groups! The event benefits the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and its goal of decreasing the annual suicide rate by 20% by 2025. DMA and the SPAC will continue to do their part in raising awareness for our Seahawk Nation and through planned events each year. The DMA family is encouraged to reach out to Mr. Grant for more information if interested. Awesome job, Cadets!



- ❖ to our PTA who gave our staff a morale boost following a very tough couple of weeks in regards to the tragedy we all are enduring with the loss of Christopher Lavelle. Our cadets are so strong, so loving, and so compassionate. Thank you for showing your support to the Lavelle family, to your fellow classmates and to the staff. We all need to lean on one another in times like this, and it is comforting to know and see that we do.



- ❖ In your free time check out this drone video made by cadet Brandon Rios. It really is well done and shows just how far we have come.
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/rk9fnqot1ixfc5d/Drone%20Video%20with%20Seasons.wmv?dl=0>

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- ❖ A few weeks back we sent out our request for the DMA Annual Fundraiser. The due date was October 13th. Historically, we do not receive much support, maybe half of our families end up contributing (by the end of the year), and we are very grateful for your generosity! We can only ask, and nobody feels like pleading for money. The fact is we can only do so much with what we have. The extras we try to provide for our cadets will simply have to wait until the funding is there to provide it. This is your child's education. The funding we receive from the fundraiser goes 100% back into resources to better their educational experience. We will not continue to send reminders. As a Charter school it is critical to raise money and your support is absolutely needed. Please consider contributing.



- ❖ Congrats to the DMA Marching Seahawks for their performance in this weekend's Tournament of Bands Chapter 9 Championships at Appoquinimink High School. The band won 1st place percussion and 4th place overall in their group of 6 bands. They also produced the highest score in the history of DMA's band program. Awesome job cadets, keep up the good work!
- ❖ DMA is still on the hunt for a long term substitute for Algebra 1. The position will run from November 1st until February 9th. If you, or someone you know, is interested, please contact Mrs. Certesio.



- ❖ The DMA Marksmanship team will be traveling to Pemberton High School in Pemberton NJ on November 4th to compete in their first shoulder to shoulder match of the year. The team has been practicing hard to fine tune their shooting skills and are determined to bring home the 1st place trophy. Good luck, Cadets!

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❖ Athletic Director's Report: The excitement is rising in Seahawk Nation with the imminent opening of the new Dome. The sports action is heating up and our teams are making their way towards tournament berths and post season action.

- Delaware Military Academy ANCHOR DOWN 5K Run/Walk: Sunday October 29, 2017. Join Us For A Morning of Fitness & Fun! All proceeds benefit DMA Athletics.
Complete Race info: www.usp-sports.com/DMA5K10292017.htm
- The Football Team and Cheerleaders are now 6-1 after defeating rival St. Mark's 33-21. The game was the DelawareOnline Game of the Week, 302 Sports Showcase Game of the Week, and was also featured on Delaware Sports Zone. They take on First State Military Academy this Friday night at home in what is sure to be the first game in a new rivalry. It is also Senior Night for the players and cheerleaders. Good luck everyone!
- Cross Country had a memorable meet last week at Banning Park as half of the school came out to cheer them on. It was a remarkable display of respect, admiration and love as Seahawk Nation came together yet again to support one another. It is a day I will not soon forget, and I think the team feels the same way. The team will compete in the DSAC Championships this Thursday at Bellevue. Good luck!
- Field Hockey is 6-6 after defeating Red Lion last week. They play MOT Charter at home on Tuesday followed by the Turf Bowl game at U of D's Rullo Stadium on Sunday against Delcastle. Good luck ladies.
- The soccer team is now 6-4-1 and play St. Elizabeth's tomorrow at home. They then travel to Caravel Academy to play the Bucs on Thursday night. Good luck, Team!
- Volleyball is now 5-6-1 and have won four in a row. They are heating up with two regular season games left to play. They play Smyrna tomorrow away followed by the first game of any kind in the new Dome on Thursday night against Red Lion. Come out and support the team and see what all the buzz is about in the new facility!

We hope you have a great week and hope to see you out and about in the coming weeks.

Kind Regards,

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