



# Delaware Military Academy

October 30, 2017

Good morning Seahawk Nation,

Happy day before Halloween! Friday, the cadets were informed that they are permitted to dress up in costume for Halloween (no mask or weapons). DMA has had some major highs and lows to start out the school year and through it all they (including our staff) have shown maturity, resilience and a will to press on. We couldn't be more pleased with the cadets' behavior and wanted to let them know it is recognized and appreciated.

If you attended the ribbon cutting ceremony you witnessed firsthand just how impressive our cadets are. They were respectful, motivated and enthusiastic, but not obnoxious. The dignitaries in attendance were absolutely delighted with the ceremony, but in awe of the cadets. We have said time and time again, that our cadets understand time and place. They know when they can unwind and they know when to dial it in; they deserve a day to have some fun and unwind a little before midterms. We certainly aren't making this mandatory and if your cadet chooses not to participate they can wear DMA PT gear. Tomorrow is a regular school day, but we will be doing some contests, raffles and other prizes during both lunches. Hopefully, the teachers will find a few minutes during their class to have a little trick or treating of their own. We hope it is a memorable and fun day for all of DMA.

Here is your update for the week:

- ❖ A message from the Lavelle family: On behalf of our extended family, we would like to express our sincere thanks and deep appreciation to the entire Delaware Military Academy community for their support and comfort these past few weeks. Christopher loved Delaware Military Academy. Thank you for sharing in that love with him.
  
- ❖ Last week was a very busy week with College Application Week, the Ribbon Cutting and the Open House on Saturday. We continue to have record crowds come out who want to learn more about DMA, see our expansion and find out how they can become a part of the Seahawk Nation Family. Thank you to all of you for continuing to talk about DMA in a positive manner and sharing your point of view with the community. Word of mouth is by far our biggest and best marketing tool.
  
- ❖ We have an ad running until the end of open enrollment (January 10) on Delaware Online under the education tab (click on Education Guide) to see more of what DMA has to offer. Feel free to share the link, post on Facebook, Twitter or however you choose to share information. <http://www.delawareonline.com/topic/6272ceba-ef8b-4d0a-ae25-104583b863c1/>
  
- ❖ A special thank you to our Music Association, Sports Boosters and PTA for all you do for DMA. The support you provide to DMA is priceless and it is why our events,

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contests, half time performances and all the other activities we do at DMA come off polished and professional.

- ❖ We would like to thank all of the cadets (I'd list them, but there were a lot and wouldn't want to miss one) who woke up early on Saturday to represent DMA as well. Sure, they earn their unit service hours, but if I were a gambling man I would venture to say they would come out regardless. They genuinely seem to like being a part of this day and I can't begin to tell you how helpful, respectful and professional they were when talking with prospective families. I know it may seem like I am pumping them up just a bit, but I call it like I see it! They are really just a pleasure and make you want to work harder for them. BRAVO ZULU to all hands!
- ❖ Yearbook prices go up this **Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**, so you have today and tomorrow to order your 2018 Porthole at the lowest price of the year. Go to [www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com) (order # 16925) to order. if you have any questions or problems, please contact Mrs. Faccenda – [ann.faccenda@dma.k12.de.us](mailto:ann.faccenda@dma.k12.de.us). They are selling fast!
- ❖ Midterm exams for first semester classes will be administered on Thursday, November 2nd and Friday, November 3rd. Midterm exams are cumulative and are weighted as 10% of the overall grade in the course. If a midterm exam is scheduled for your cadet, attendance is mandatory. If a cadet misses an exam due to illness, they may be required to present a doctor's note to be allowed to make up the exam. If your cadet does not have an exam during a specific block, they are not required to be in attendance during that block. Cadets coming to school late (no exam during the first exam block) or leaving early (no exam during the second exam block) must have a signed note from a parent. If your cadet is leaving with another cadet or parent, the note must give permission for them to leave

with someone other than their parent or guardian. No exceptions. There will be classroom space available if a cadet is present and does not have an exam scheduled and buses will be running on a normal half day schedule. The exam schedule is:

	Thursday, Nov 2	Friday, Nov. 3
0725-0910	Block 1	Block 5
0914-1100	Block 2	Block 6

**Sports Report:** A big thank you to all of those who coordinated and participated in the DMA Anchor Down 5K. Although the weather did not cooperate this year we still had a great day in support of our cadet-athletes. All results can be found on demilesplit.com Winter Sports Information Night will be Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm in the Mess Hall. Please come to meet all the coaches and learn about the Family ID registration process. Registration for winter sports will open that night.

The Football Team and Cheerleaders continued their winning ways against FSMA on Friday

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night. The team is now ranked #1 in Division 2 and have a 7-1 record with two weeks to go. All of the seniors for Football, Cheer and Band were honored as the team brought home a 58-20 victory. Up next is Division 1 Newark High School on Friday night 7:00pm at Newark. Good luck.

- Cross Country competed in the DSAC championships last week and many Personal Records were set. This weekend they will run in the New Castle County Championships on Saturday at Winterthur Estate. Good luck, team!
- Field Hockey is now 7-6 after defeating MOT Charter last week. With two games left to play the girls are fighting for a spot in the post season tournament. Their next game is tomorrow at Kirkwood where we will honor our seniors! Good luck, ladies.
- The soccer team is now 6-6-1 and with two games to go they are also fighting to earn a spot for the post season tournament. Last week the seniors were honored at halftime of the Caravel Game. Congrats to all the seniors! Their next game is tomorrow at Tatnall. Good luck, men!
- Volleyball finished the regular season with a huge win against Red Lion in the first ever game played in the new Dome. It was great night and the win propelled the team into the State Tournament. They are the #16 seed and play #17 Cape Henlopen Thursday night, 6:00pm at Smyrna HS. Good luck, ladies.

We hope you have a great week and look forward to seeing you around the campus. Thank you for sharing your children with us. They really are a lot of fun to be around.

Kind Regards,

***Anthony Pullella***

Commandant

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