



Delaware Military Academy

2019 National Blue Ribbon School



(Cadets who participated in the Veteran's breakfast)

November 12, 2019

Good morning Seahawk Nation,

Welcome back to a shortened week at DMA. We hope all of our cadets had the opportunity to spend some time with a Veteran yesterday, or reflect in some way as to the sacrifices our Veterans have made to make this country great. We thank you for your service!

Here is what is happening around DMA:

- ❖ Last Friday, our cadets recognized our Veterans at DMA by hosting our annual breakfast. The ceremony was very meaningful to all in attendance, as we took time to reflect and recognize each branch of service, as well all of our POW's and MIA's. Thank you to former parent and now current Board member, Dominick Papa who once again sponsored the breakfast. We truly appreciate your support and generosity. Also, thank you to State Trooper Scott Mauchin who played the bagpipes for us, and of course to our PTA who volunteered their time to set up and serve breakfast.

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- ❖ BRAVO ZULU! 282 cadets (48.6%) of the Regiment earned high honors (3.5GPA or higher). 112 cadets (19.3%) of the Regiment earned honor roll (All A's & B's - no more than 1 C). In total, that is 394 cadets (67.9%) of the Regiment! This is a testament to the hard work and commitment our cadets are displaying on a daily basis to be academically strong, physically fit and socially confident! Well done DMA!
- ❖ From the desk of the SNSI: The annual Poinsettia fundraiser is underway, and all orders must be in no later than 2 DEC. The Naval Science instructors have the order forms. Our annual Dining-out is re-scheduled for Thursday 12 DEC and tickets are on sale now through the Naval Science Instructors. It will be a fun night and a great tradition! Attendance is highly encouraged. We had two color guards over the weekend that supported veteran's events in the community. The DuPont event was staffed by Cadets: **Jared Younker, Nick Weber, Jordan Behnke and Shane Younker**. The Wilmington Western RR event was supported by Cadets **Sabrie Purnell, Nilsa Rivera, Delaney Wenner and Maria Puka**
- ❖ The annual Turkey Drive has been rescheduled for Friday, December 6th from 7:00am to 1:00pm and has been officially renamed "**Holiday Food Drive.**" Turkeys and hams, as well as monetary donations, are greatly appreciated. All donations can be dropped off behind McDonald Hall. Also note, that the cadet Dress Down Day to benefit the Drive will now be held on Thursday, December 5th. Dress down passes will be sold December 3rd through 5th. More information to come!
- ❖ The fall sports season is officially finished for DMA. Congratulations to all of our teams for competing and doing your best throughout the season. Winter sports season officially began yesterday, we have a large number of athletes trying out and it is awesome to see! If you have any questions about the season or programs, please contact the respective coach or our Athletic Director Jeremy Jeanne. GO SEAHAWKS!
- ❖ With the flu season among us, I wanted to provide some information about influenza (flu), preventative steps and symptoms to be aware of. First and foremost, get the flu vaccine! 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

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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. It is very important to get the flu vaccine, not only for yourself, but to protect others also. Stay healthy!

❖ Thursday, November 14th is a Sports Boosters Club (SBC) meeting @ 6:30pm in the Dome.

We wish everyone a great week and as we always say, if there is anything we can assist with in making your cadet (or your) experience better at DMA, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Anthony Pullella

Commandant

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