



Delaware Military Academy



Cadets providing a Color Guard and our choir for a Veterans Day ceremony at Greenbank's
Wilmington Western Railroad

November 13, 2018

Good morning Seahawk Nation,

Happy Tuesday! We hope the cadets and you enjoyed the long weekend, and are ready for the second half of the first semester. By now, all of you should have received your cadet's first marking report card. The second half goes very quickly with the holiday season, so no time to procrastinate. Overall, the first marking period grades were excellent with **65% making honor roll or high honors!** For our cadets who are struggling academically, we will schedule Academic Review Boards (ARB's). These are formal meetings with the cadet and parent(s) to determine what additional assistance can be offered, so that **EVERY** cadet at DMA is successful.

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Here is what is happening at DMA:



- ❖ Happy belated 243rd birthday to the United States Marine Corp. The finest fighting force the world has ever known. Semper Fidelis!
- ❖ Last Friday morning, we honored our Veterans with our annual breakfast. The breakfast is always well received, and a nice occasion to reflect and spend time with service members. It also allows our cadets to see firsthand, the pride and patriotism so many have for our country. We firmly believe that patriotism and love for country is something you cultivate and nurture, which is a vital part of what we do at DMA every day. Thank you to our PTA, for serving and making the event first class and memorable for all.
- ❖ Does your son or daughter enjoy art, music and dance, or have an interest in writing, producing films and taking photos? Then ask them to join us and have fun unleashing their inner artist with PTA Reflections! This year's theme, "Heroes Around Me," calls for their own unique interpretation through the arts. Ask them to pick up submission guidelines and an entry form today from Mrs. Welch, and return by December 20, 2018. For inspiration, visit the Reflections virtual art gallery and learn more about prizes and scholarships at PTA.org/Reflections. Involvement in Reflections is a great addition to your resume and/or college application.
- ❖ Class ring orders for the Class of 2020 will be taken during lunch tomorrow. Full payment is NOT required at this time, but a deposit of \$70 - \$100 (depending on the ring selected) is due at the time of the order. Our ring committee has designed the top of the ring and one side. Cadets will have the opportunity to select which sport or activity they would like on the other side. In keeping with Navy tradition, all rings will have the same Navy Blue Sapphire stone. Ordering information is being sent home with junior cadets today. Rings will be distributed as part of our annual Junior Ring Ceremony on March 19th. Please contact Mrs. Certesio with any questions.
- ❖ The New Castle County School Counselors Association will be hosting their annual College Fair at the UD Bob Carpenter Center on Wednesday, November 14th starting at 6:30 pm. There will be hundreds of colleges in attendance and we recommend that all juniors attend. This is also an opportunity for our 9th and 10th grade cadets, and their parents, to see what colleges are out there and get a jump-start on the process. We highly recommend that juniors attend in their NJROTC uniform (it makes a fantastic impression), but it is not required. It is a wonderful way to make connections, meet admission officers and expand the list of potential colleges. Contact Mrs. Certesio or Mr. Grant with any questions. The complete list of schools that will be in attendance are listed on the guidance calendar on the DMA web page.

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- ❖ The next PTA Meeting is this Thursday at 6:30 pm in the Mess Hall. There will be an informative presentation on vaping. After the meeting, we will be packing up the "fixings" for the Turkey Drive. There is still time to donate a turkey!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090945afa729a2fb6-20181> or make a monetary donation - <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/2018-dma-ptaturkey-drive>

- ❖ Sports Report: The SBC Annual All You Can Eat Breakfast with Santa for \$6.00 is right around the corner. Please mark your calendars for Saturday December 8th, 2018 from 9:00am to 12:00pm in the DMA Mess Hall. Santa will be making his annual appearance and DMA athletics gear will be available for purchase. There will also be a basket raffle provided by the DMA sports teams. Come out, and celebrate the holidays DMA style!
 - Winter sports are up and running with practices and tryouts beginning last week.
 - Cross Country concluded their season by participating in the DIAA Championships. The boys finished 5th overall in D2 and the girls finished 7th overall in D2. Both teams improved their finishes from last year and the future looks bright for the team. Congrats on a great season!
 - Our Field Hockey team lost a tough game to Mt. Pleasant in the first round of the state tournament. It has been exciting to watch this program grow into a playoff caliber team. Congratulations on a great season!
 - The soccer team lost a heart breaker to St. Andrews in the first round of the playoffs. The team played very hard and represented DMA well. Congratulations on a great season.
 - The football team defeated DSAC rival Conrad 42-13 on Saturday night. The victory propelled the team into the DIAA playoffs for the fourth straight year. They earned the #7 seed and will play #2 Wilmington Friends on Saturday at 1:00pm at Baynard Stadium. Good luck men!

Please support all of the Seahawk teams by attending their contests. Seahawk Nation Anchor Down!

We hope you have a great rest of the week and Thanksgiving break. The cadets' last day of school is Friday, November 16th and they return Monday November 26th. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday!

Kind regards,

Anthony Pullella

Commandant

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