



Delaware Military Academy

December 10, 2018

Good morning Seahawk Nation,

Forgive me if this week's report is not as upbeat and peppy as you are normally accustomed to, but I am still coping with the Eagles losing to those Cowboys yesterday! That was a tough one and what is worse is Mr. Gatson is a Cowboys fan, so I have to stomach him walking around here gloating with his chest puffed out! lol....

We had a busy weekend at DMA and another full week on the docket, so let us get into it.

- ❖ Tuesday, December 11th begins the first round of interviews for the class of 2023. The majority of the Admin team is involved in this process, so please be patient in a response if trying to contact one of us. I assure you that we will get back to you in short order.
- ❖ On November 29th, a team of Christiana Care Respiratory Therapists came to DMA to visit the Anatomy and Physiology class. The team gave a presentation on how to become a certified respiratory therapist in Delaware. They also brought some various tools of their trade to provide the cadets with some hands on practice. Cadets practiced intubating on a model and used tools to measure breathing function. They observed lungs from both healthy patients and patients who have a history of smoking. This is the second year Christiana Care Respiratory Therapists came to visit our classes. Many DMA cadets are interested in health care careers. If you would be interested in making a presentation about a health care career, please contact Mrs. Averell at tamara.averell@dma.k12.de.us
- ❖ The PTA would like to thank all the parents, cadets and staff who helped with this year's Turkey Drive. We received over 50 turkeys from families and staff, along with \$3,387.29 from the Dress Down Day and monetary donations! All this, along with the 20 meals donated by Burris Logistics helped provide 210 meals to National Guard families! Due to the generosity of Shop Rite and the Price's Corner Acme, we have a remaining balance of \$877.90. This money will be donated to Mission 22, a non-profit organization United in the War against Veteran Suicide. BRAVO ZULU DMA! We are making a difference!
- ❖ This past Friday, DMA cadets paid their respects, both in Newport and in Smyrna, by taking part in the Pearl Harbor tributes. Lake Como in Smyrna now has a beautiful monument honoring those who gave all on that fateful day, December 7, 1941.
- ❖ PSAT scores for the 9th and 11th graders will be available this week in your cadet's College Board account (www.collegeboard.org). We encourage all 9th graders to set up a College Board account so they can view their scores. It is important that you save this login information to be used later. For juniors, they should already have a College Board

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account and can log in to view their scores. We encourage all 11th graders to use the FREE online SAT prep materials to help them prepare for the March 27th SAT Exam. A paper copy of the scores will be distributed to all test takers prior to the winter break.

- ❖ Our Balfour rep will return tomorrow, December 11th, for any junior who still needs to order their class ring. He will be available to take orders during both lunches. A deposit is required at the time the ring order is placed. Please contact Mrs. Certesio with any questions.
- ❖ The DMA Music Department will be hosting a holiday concert in the Auditorium at Richardson Park Elementary on Wednesday, December 19th at 6:30pm. The Choir and Marching band will be performing all your holiday favorites and there will be Spirit Wear available for purchase, great for holiday gifts! Admission is FREE to the event, so mark your calendars and come support these hard working cadets!
- ❖ Several of our cadets are involved in a program called “Neighbors to Nicaragua”. They are holding a fundraiser, taking place Tuesday, December 11th at Anthony’s Coalfire Pizza (Limestone Rd) all day! Please help support by mentioning Neighbors to Nicaragua for a 20% donation!
- ❖ Sports Report: Thank you to all those who attended the annual SBC Breakfast with Santa. We had a great turnout and everyone had a lot of fun. Thank you to all of the coaches who helped out in the kitchen and thank you to the many volunteers who came together to make it such a great event. Your hard work and dedication to DMA Athletics is greatly appreciated.
 - Winter season passes are now available for home contests. Boys Basketball- 12 home games- \$44- get a game free. Girls basketball 11 games- \$40 get a game free. Wrestling 4 home events- \$12 get an event free. Winter season passes for ALL Home Games are also available. Email Stacy Wenner at wenner05@gmail.com if interested. Cash or Checks payable to DMA Sports Booster.
 - Boys Basketball has gotten off to a great start with two dominating victories. They defeated FSMA in the first round of the DSAC Tip Off Classic and then defeated Charter 83-56 to win the championship. They have two home games this week starting with Christiana on Tuesday followed by Charter on Thursday. Good luck.
 - Girls Hoops lost their opener to Delcastle on Saturday. This week they play at Charter on Thursday, followed by a home game against St. Marks on Saturday. Good luck girls.
 - Ice Hockey continues to look very strong and are now 5-0 on the season. They defeated Father Judge 7-6 followed by another close win over Downingtown West by the score of 3-2. They play Rustin HS tonight at Ice Line Rinks at 7:15pm. This Friday, our team will play Appo at the Fred Rust Ice Arena at U of

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D when they participate in DFRC Hockey for A Cause event. Come and support the team, as well as a great cause. The game starts at 5:00pm. Good luck!

- Swimming started the season with a good win over Caravel Academy. Both the boys and girls won! They take on Sallies and Ursuline on Wednesday. Good luck!
- Indoor Track traveled to Ursinus for their first competition this past Saturday. Their next event will be Jan 6th in Collegeville. Good luck!
- Wrestling lost to Middletown and CR in a tri-meet last week before participating in the Yellowjacket Invitational over the weekend. The team had five wrestlers finish in the top six and placed tenth overall. They next compete on December 19th at home against Newark Charter.
- Winter cheer will be performing at most of the home boys basketball games. Come check them out!

Our cadets continue to work hard and we are looking forward to finishing the semester on a positive note. Please continue to instill Pride and Ownership in your DMA cadet!

Kind regards,

Anthony Pullella
Commandant

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