



Delaware Military Academy

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Good Afternoon, Seahawk Nation,

We have a busy week at DMA as the interview process for the class of 2022 begins. We also received our official certificate of occupancy for the new building so we can truly say the DMA expansion plan is complete! I wonder what we will get ourselves into next? Lol...

Here is your weekly communication:

- ❖ Interim Grade Reports went out this past Friday. If you haven't seen your cadet's report yet, be sure to ask him or her for it. It is important for our cadets and their parents to know where grades stand as we head into the last month of the semester.
- ❖ Thank you to the Sports Booster Club, all of the parent volunteers, and to the cadets who made yesterday's Breakfast with Santa sale a huge success! It was nice to see so many families out supporting DMA.
- ❖ The DMA Marching Seahawks and DMA Color Guard participated in this past weekend's Annual Elsmere Holiday Parade on Sunday afternoon. It was an awesome performance by the cadets and a big thank you goes out to all the family and friends who came out to support! Way to go Band!
- ❖ Congratulations to the math league teams on performances at the second meet of the season last week. The freshmen team placed second overall and is now second place in the region over Caravel, Tatnall, McKean and Conrad. ***Kelsi Bowers, Adelina Campbell, Noah Cillo, Evan Fallon and Thomas McAdoo*** all scored. ***Noah Cillo*** is currently the third highest scorer in the region for freshmen. ***Kendal Murphy*** scored for the upperclassmen team that is still in a tight race for the top three spots. The third of four meets is on Thursday, January 4th. Go Seahawk Athletics!
- ❖ Congratulations to the Shining Seahawks for the Month of November! Freshman Cadet ***Brynn Castellani*** was nominated by Mrs. Dick. Sophomore Cadet ***Zachary Sklodowski*** was nominated by Mr. Townsend. Junior Cadet ***Christopher Gray*** was nominated by Chief Kegerreis and Ms. Fabian. Senior Cadet ***Jonathan Golebiowski*** was nominated by Commandant Pulella. Read more about these Shining Seahawks on the DMA website!
- ❖ We are planning our voluntary cell phone study after the cadets come back from winter break. Surprisingly, we have a number of cadets who are interested in participating in this social media study. We will keep you posted on the results.

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- ❖ We will hold grade level assemblies when we return to discuss some particular topics that could use some course correction. We have a truly wonderful group of cadets who we want to see achieve the highest levels of success possible. We will always do whatever is necessary to safeguard the climate and culture at DMA so that it remains nurturing and positive.
- ❖ Many cadets scheduled to take a dual enrollment class in the second semester have not turned in their course registration forms. They are due before cadets leave for winter break on December 21st. Please have your cadet drop their form off at the Main Office or to Ms. Urquhart.
- ❖ This Saturday, there is a community service opportunity for DMA cadets to be part of the yearly Wreaths Across America. It will be held at the Delaware Veterans cemetery, located on route 71 near Lums Pond. The start time is 8:00AM and the cadets will be helping to lay and secure the wreaths on both the Navy's and Marine Corps posts. If interested the cadets should see their Naval Science Instructor to sign up. The cadets are to wear DMA PT gear and dress warmly.
- ❖ ***Our 2018 Porthole*** is well into the production process, and the sales have been incredible. We only have about 30 more books available for purchase. (We can increase our order with Herff-Jones in January, ONLY if the sales come in to support the increase.) ON JANUARY 1, 2018, the price of the book will increase one last time, so take advantage of the lower price and make sure you get a copy of the 2018 Porthole TODAY! It would make a great holiday gift. To order, go to www.YearbookOrderCenter.com. Our order number is 16925. "Yearbook accessories" are available now, and personal ads will be available to order later this week.
- ❖ Also, the ***Porthole Staff*** welcomes any DMA-oriented photos taken of your cadets. Please email them to dmaporthole@gmail.com. Right now we are in need of ***LAST SPRING's*** Girls Lacrosse, Marksmanship, Girls Soccer, Track, Prom, Ring Ceremony, Graduation, ***AND THIS YEAR's*** Volleyball, JV Football, and Freshman Football. Please put the topic of your photos in the subject line of your email. Thank you!
- ❖ Sports Report: Winter Sports team are all in action!
 - The Ice Hockey Team is off to a fast start! The defending ICSHL Champions have dominated in their first games. They are 3-0 and have outscored their opponents 26-4. They play next Thursday night at Ice Line Rinks and then take on Appo at the Pond on Friday at 8:00pm.
 - Boys Basketball lost a tough game against Red Lion in the DSAC Tip Off Classic held here at the Dome last Friday. They play Archmere today at 4pm in the Consolation Game. Good luck.
 - Girls Basketball is 1-0 after defeating Delcastle in their opener. They play Charter at home this Thursday. Good luck, ladies!

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- Winter Cheerleading performed for the first time ever at the Boys Basketball game on Friday. Look for the squad to keep up the fan spirit at our home games. Great job, ladies.
- Our Dance Team will be performing at halftime of some of our home events. Keep an eye out for their performances.

- Boys and Girls Swimming both defeated Caravel in their season opener. Great job! Their next meet is against Sallies and Ursuline on Wednesday at Charter. Good luck!
- The Indoor Track Team competed in the Ursinus HS Invitational last week. They will travel to the AT&T Coaches Hall of Fame Invitational this weekend at the Armory in New York City. Good luck, team! We are still looking for athletes to be a part of the team. See Mr. Ryan if interested.
- Wrestling is off to a great start. They represented well in the Polytech tournament and followed that with a dominant dual meet win against Middletown. This past weekend they finished 2nd in the 17-team field at the Yellow Jacket Invitational. Congratulations. They will wrestle in the 30-team Howdy Duncan Invitational this weekend at William Penn. Good luck.

We hope you have a great week, and look forward to a successful completion of the first semester. Take a look at HAC and make sure your cadet is completing what needs to be done for course credit.

Kind regards,

Anthony Pullella
Commandant

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