



Delaware Military Academy



(Photograph by parent Joe Rago. Please see below for details.)

March 12, 2018

Good morning, Seahawk Nation,

Welcome to Annual Inspection Week at DMA! The Naval Science Department, as well as the cadets, have been working hard to make sure we are ready for a successful inspection. The plan (as of this moment), is to hold the “Pass in Review” this Friday outdoors beginning at 10:00am. However, should that not be feasible, we will go indoors with only First Company Cadets taking part in the ceremony. Not the ideal situation, but we have no control of the weather. You will receive a text alert first thing Friday morning as to what plan we are going to utilize.

Here is your weekly intel report:

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- ❖ Stadium update: Currently, everything seems to be a **GO** on moving forward with the stadium - the final piece to complete our DMA campus vision. While this piece was not expected to happen for another decade or so, we thought, “Oh no! That is way too long to wait 😊,” so... we figured out a way to make it work! We are elated to offer our cadets and families a multi-purpose facility that will benefit so many. As you know, DMA is never going to settle for “good enough.” We will not allow it from our cadets, and we certainly are not going to sit back ourselves and say, “We did just enough.” No, we will always be looking around the corner for the next opportunity to make DMA the very best it can be. You never know what will happen, but rest assured we are always peeking around that corner seeking opportunities to make DMA the elite high school in Delaware!



- ❖ Dickinson High School is hosting a Lifelines, Suicide Prevention Program **for parents only** on Tuesday, March 20th at 6:30pm. The Mental Health Association of DE is presenting the program. If you have any questions or would like to know more please contact Dawn Riley at delawarerileys@verizon.net.
- ❖ There are a number of cadets who have not yet paid the balance on their class rings. If you have an outstanding balance, please turn your check in to Mrs. Certesio ASAP. Checks should be made out to Balfour. If you are unsure what you owe, please contact Mrs.Certesio.
- ❖ Re-enrollment letters for the 2018-2019 school year will be distributed on Thursday, March 29th along with third marking period report cards. All re-enrollment forms and payments must be returned no later than Friday, April 13th. For the 2018-2019 school year, we will be including parking fees for all juniors and seniors. There is sufficient parking on campus and all cadets driving to school are to park on DMA property. If you have any questions, please contact the main office. Cadets who have not paid their parking fee for this year will be marked as an unmet obligation. If you have not yet paid this year’s parking fee, please do so, as it will hold up graduation, transcripts etc., if not satisfied.
- ❖ We encourage all our 9th, 10th and 11th grade cadets to start exploring their college options. To help with this, Red Clay will be sponsoring a College and Career Fair tomorrow evening (March 13th) at Dickinson HS from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. This should be a great start to your college planning!


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- ❖  Some of you may know that Joe Rago takes numerous photos for DMA. Joe has volunteered his services to benefit DMA. Joe is selling his photos (like the one above) with proceeds benefitting DMA. An 8x10 is \$30.00, or an 11x14 is \$40.00. He will also make any size you choose with the cost to be determined. If you have questions, please contact Joe at ragojoseph@comcast.net
- ❖ The DMA Guidance page has been updated to include the 2018-2019 course catalog and the course selection sheets. We will begin scheduling 9th, 10th and 11th grade cadets for next year as early as Monday, March 19th. It will take a few weeks for us to meet with all the cadets but it is important that you have some discussion at home before your cadet meets with the Guidance Counselor or Deans. If you have questions about the course selections for current 9th graders, please contact Mr. Grant. For questions regarding current 10th graders, please contact Ms. Urquhart. For questions regarding current 11th graders, please contact Mrs. Certesio.
- ❖ Sports Report:
 - Spring Sports started March 1st and registration is now open at www.FamilyID.com Physicals and payments must be uploaded, along with your registration, prior to being approved to participate. No hard copies will be accepted.
 - The 12th Annual DMA Golf Outing will be held on Friday June 22nd at Odessa National Golf Club. All spring sport athletes will be selling golf ball drop tickets for a chance to win up to \$1,000! Please visit the official golf outing website for information, registration and sponsorship at www.dmagolf.com.
 - The Ice Hockey team plays in the first round of the Flyers Cup tonight at 8:45pm at the Flyers Skate Zone in Voorhees, NJ. Good luck team!

We hope you have a great week, and look forward to seeing you this Friday at Annual Inspection. Please continue to instill Pride and Ownership in your DMA cadet.

Kind regards,

Anthony Pullella
Commandant

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