



Delaware Military Academy

2019 National Blue Ribbon School



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Good afternoon Seahawk Nation,

With all things considered and COVID-19 running amuck, we hope that this correspondence finds you in good spirits, staying positive and that everyone is making the best of the current situation we find ourselves experiencing.

We wanted to provide you some important information regarding DMA's educational plan for the foreseeable future. We fully expect this quarantine to go past the March 27th mandated closure, and if not, fantastic, but we are planning and preparing as if school will be closed for the remainder of the year. With that being said, we have a solid plan to continue providing quality instruction throughout the duration of this quarantine.

Here is the plan:

- ❖ The Staff has created Band apps for all of their classes. For the remainder of this week they are accepting any work that may have been missing from the last week of the third marking period. Staff have also included extra credit opportunities in their Band app for cadets to raise their overall grade. You can expect daily assignments and instruction to be posted to your cadets Band App (beginning Monday) by 10:00AM.

- ❖ Mid-terms for the second semester have been waived. As of now, no one is exempt from finals. We will revisit this decision when we find out more regarding the duration of the quarantine.

- ❖ Monday, March 23rd is no longer a "day off". This is the beginning of the 4th marking period and all cadets are expected to check in through the Band app and follow the instructions of their teacher's. Information, as to where to watch their online videos, download assignments and the date for which they are due will all be readily available. This work will be graded and does count. We are abundantly aware there will be some technical issues, but are prepared to work through them. The Admin team and Staff have been in communications regularly via Zoom meetings to create educational platforms and assuring all of our teachers are proficient in creating video lesson plans.

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DMA is blessed in the fact that we do not have to focus on more than one school, which allows us to the capability to **focus on our cadets and their educational needs**. Certainly, we do not have all the answers, but I assure you we are working every day to work through every issue we can foresee.

- ❖ We know the online classes do not take the place of “in the classroom” instruction, but we do know our staff is ready and eager to provide excellent online instruction! What we have planned for you is far from a “Band-Aid”. The online instruction is going to propel us for future plans we had in store so this just made us move a little quicker than originally planned. The “Rona” may have us on the ropes, but as the Marine Corps motto goes, “Adapt and Overcome”, which is exactly what we will do!
- ❖ Attached with this newsletter are the URL’s links to the staff Band apps. Please make sure your cadet is linked up with their teacher. If you need assistance, please contact us so we can help you.

This a raw deal for everyone, but especially to our senior class, our hearts go out to you. Know that we will do everything in our power for you guys to have all the special events you so rightfully deserve. Our senior class is a topic of discussion on the regular and we hope to find a way to make it happen for you. I wish I could make you a promise that it will, but if it doesn’t, it will not be for a lack of trying.

We miss all of you. We miss traffic duty, we miss yelling about you speeding, we miss seeing you in the halls, we miss our parents, we miss our incredible staff, we miss the laughing, we miss the meetings, we miss the camaraderie, we miss being able to physically help. We even miss the khaki pants and white shirt (well, maybe not ha-ha).

The strangest part of it all is the deafening silence in the buildings. After 17 years, you grow accustomed to the voices of young people laughing and going about their day and now it is unmistakably absent. Stay Strong Seahawk Nation!

By the way, we do have some good news to share with you, but do not want it to get lost in this translation. I will be sending out a separate email by weeks end or the beginning of next week. Stay tuned!

Stay healthy & stay positive #Seahawksforever

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