



Delaware Military Academy

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(Congratulations to State Champ Stephen Worden in the 50 free and 100 free!)



(Cadets aboard the USS New Jersey- Cadet Kayla Orth warned MC King about hair regs!)

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March 2, 2020

Good morning Seahawk Nation and welcome to March!

We have made it through the winter months at DMA, which we typically refer to as “The Dark Days”. With spring sports beginning today, warmer weather forecasted this week and daylight savings this Sunday (remember to spring ahead), we can all look forward to some fresh air and Vitamin D!

Speaking of fresh air and health, we posted some precautionary information from The Delaware Division of Public Health about COVID - 19 or coronavirus on our DMA website. DMA is certainly not in the business of sounding the alarm or causing panic, but we do want to be proactive and do all we can to ensure our buildings are as sanitary and germ free as possible. Therefore, Friday after school we will be disinfecting all desks, chairs, windowsills, etc... Maintenance will then come in Monday to do a final once over. School will be closed on Monday. We intended to reward the cadets for their performance during AMI week, so the timing worked out well. We are asking parents to provide us with additional cleaning supplies, which you will find below in the newsletter. Lastly, if your cadet is sneezing, achy, coughing (everything on the Nyquil bottle), please take them to the Dr. and do not send them to school.

We had a busy weekend with winter sports wrapping up their respective seasons, our Success of Cultures Group giving back in the community, our marksmanship team competing here at DMA and cadets aboard the USS New Jersey on an overnight NJROTC trip, so grab your favorite morning beverage and happy reading!

- ❖ On Wednesday, March 4th only sophomores and juniors should report to school. The 10th graders will take the PSAT-10 and the 11th graders will take the SAT. The uniform of the day is DMA authorized PT Gear. Cadets should bring the following items with them: sharpened #2 pencils, calculator, bottle of water, and a small snack. Cadets should be sure to get a good night of sleep and eat a good breakfast. Buses will run at the normal time in the morning and at dismissal time, which is 12:30 pm., Cadets are expected to report to the Mess Hall no later than 7:25 am. Lunch will not be served, as it is not a typical school day. For many of our juniors, this is the first time they will take the SAT. Please encourage your cadet to try his/her best. For our sophomores, the PSAT-10 will show us how they have grown from October of freshman year when they took the PSAT 8/9. It will also provide us with valuable data about the areas in which cadets should look to improve their skills over the next year before taking the SAT.

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- ❖ NJROTC took 49 cadets to the overnight encampment program on board the USS New Jersey over the weekend. The cadets enjoyed a night of camaraderie and an outstanding tour of one the Navy's four remaining Iowa class battleships that currently serve as floating museums around the country. Those cadets will be awarded the sea cruise ribbon at the next Regimental inspection. Big shout out to Rosita Doerr who should be awarded a medal of bravery for serving as chaperone☺. Thank you!

- ❖ On Saturday, about a dozen of the Success of Cultures Club (SOCC) members went to visit the Ministry of Caring in Wilmington. The club took food and drinks for lunch, presented bags filled with supplies, played board games and simply talked to the women. They couldn't believe that young folks cared enough to spend their time on a Saturday afternoon with them. It was time well spent, and lessons learned on both sides. Education is not necessarily always within the four walls. These cadets experienced another form of education and lessons they will take with them for a lifetime. Bravo Zulu to all!

- ❖ Supplies requested- Hand sanitizer- plain, non-scented, tissue boxes, Lysol aerosol spray, disinfecting wipes (Lysol, Clorox). We will have boxes located in each of the buildings. Please give to your cadet to drop off in the morning. Thank you!

- ❖ Sports Report: Congratulations to all of our winter sports teams! Here is a summary of how the winter teams finished.

Swimming

The Seahawks enjoyed a very competitive season. Congratulations to *State Champion Stephen Worden* who captured 1st placed in the 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle this past Saturday at the 2020 DIAA Swimming State Championship.

Wrestling

The Seahawks finished the season with an 11-4 record. The team reached the Semifinals of the 2020 DIAA Wrestling State Championship. The season was full of excitement, which led to the team winning a conference championship, the Red Clay Duals tournament, and Hunter Smith reaching 100 career wins.

Boys Basketball

The Seahawks finished the season with a 12-8 record improving last year's record by 4 wins. Jordan Green made 2nd Team All-Conference and Logan Jordan made Honorable Mention.

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Girls Basketball

The Seahawks finished the season 8-12 improving last year's record by 3 wins. Clare Henry earned Honorable Mention.

Congratulations to all the winter sports teams and best of luck to our spring sports athletes as they begin their quest to bring home the "Chip"!

We hope you all stay healthy, have a great week and as always please let us know how we can assist your cadet to meet and exceed the goals they have set for themselves.

Kind regards,

Anthony Pullella

Commandant

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