



Delaware Military Academy

March 25, 2019

Good morning, Seahawk Nation,

Welcome back to another exciting edition of the Commandants Corner! On Saturday the PTA hosted Designer Bag Bingo, and it was a huge success! Many thanks to Amy Kalafut, Cindy Ferry, Tatiana Rice, Michelle Kipp and all the other volunteers who helped make the event such a hit! I do believe I have a future career as a professional bingo caller, and am happy to provide my rate for anyone interested☺.

Here is what we have happening at DMA...

- ❖ We are now full speed ahead with the construction of the stadium! This is very exciting for the future of DMA, as the conclusion of this project will complete the strategic plan we developed back in 2012. The stadium is scheduled to be open August 1st, with the official opening and ribbon cutting on September 20th! Much more to follow, as we progress through the spring and summer months.
- ❖ ***On Wednesday, March 27, 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.*** Breakfast will be provided for all cadets in the Mess Hall starting at 7:00 am. Buses will run at the normal time in the morning and at dismissal time, which is 12:45 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.
- ❖ Congratulations to junior cadet Jackie Means who attended the Disney Dreamers Academy. Please click on the link to find out more! Keep up the great work Jackie!
<https://6abc.com/society/delaware-teen-attends-disney-dreamers-academy-5215866/>
- ❖ There is a DMA Board meeting this evening at 6:00pm in Talley Hall Room TH-2.
- ❖ The driving safety seminar will be held Tuesday April 2nd at 6:30pm at DMA. I will be sending out a text alert and ask for you to please respond if you plan on attending so I can get a rough head count. We are encouraging you to attend with your cadet, whether they drive yet or not.

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- ❖ We will be hosting Patricia Anderson of the Crystal Trust Foundation this Thursday for a tour of our campus. Crystal Trust has been a great friend to DMA and we are looking forward to sharing with her all of the exciting things happening at DMA and with our cadets!

- ❖ **DMA Sports Report:**
 - The next and last DMA College Athlete Signing Day will be May 20th. More information to follow, as we get closer to the date.
 - The 13th Annual DMA Golf Outing will be June 21st at Odessa National. Registration and sponsorship opportunities can be found at www.dmagolf.com. If you have any questions or are interested in sponsoring the event, please contact Mr. Ryan.
 - DMA Competition/ Game-Day Cheer interest meeting for the 2019/2020 season will be held Monday, April 15th, in the Mess Hall at 6:30pm. We are taking our cheerleaders to the next level, and can't wait to get started! Practices to prepare for camp will begin the end of May with UCA Camp taking place June 13-16th in the Poconos! We will be discussing our new competitive/game-day cheer program, team commitment, expectations, financial obligations, and community involvement. Tryouts will be held Thursday, April 19th from 5:30-8:30pm!
 - Baseball opens their season with a big game against St. Marks today at 4:00pm at Newark National field. Good luck, fellas!
 - The Golf season looks promising and our numbers are up from previous years. The players are ready to get started and their opening match is this Friday at Frog Hollow against Concord and MOT Charter. Good luck!
 - The Boys Lax Team opens up their season with a big DSAC game against rival Archmere. The game is tomorrow, at 3:45pm at Kirkwood. Good luck, men!
 - The Girls Lax Team lost their season opener to Dover, but showed significant improvement from last year. They have had a strong pre-season and hope to improve their record from last year. They next play at Archmere on Tuesday. Good luck, ladies!
 - Our Girls Soccer Team is the defending State Champion, and looks to make another run at the Chip starting today, 3:45pm against Mount Pleasant at Kirkwood. Good luck!
 - Softball is feeling hungry and confident this year as they look to compete for a state championship. They start their quest today against rival Conrad at Midway Fields at 3:45pm. Go get 'em!
 - Excitement is in the air for this year's Track and Field Team. Its participation numbers have grown and it is ready to get started. The first meet is this Friday at the AI DuPont Invitational starting at 3:00pm. Good luck!

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- With spring weather being so unpredictable please, make sure you check out www.seahawkssports.com for updated information as well an article regarding fan behavior. Thank you.

We hope you have a great week, and are looking forward to a great rest of the school year! If anyone, or any company, happens to be interested in discussing a donation to offset the cost of an upgraded speaker system for the stadium, please reach out to me directly. Happy to discuss several opportunities we have for you here at DMA.

Kind regards,

Anthony Pullella
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