



Delaware Military Academy



Talk about family... DMA baseball players supporting Matthew Kohan in Dover at his All State Band Competition.

March 26, 2018

Good morning, Seahawk Nation,

Welcome back to what is supposed to be the start of spring, but feels more like January. Hopefully, we have seen the last of the snow and freezing temperatures and our kids (and we) can get outside and enjoy some nice WARM weather!

FYI... Today is the final day of second semester Mid-terms. Cadets will be dismissed at 11:00am.

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Here is what we have going on this week:

- ❖ Congratulations to senior cadet **Matthew Kohan** on his performance in Delaware All-State Senior Band this past weekend at Dover High School. With this senior year performance, Matthew has been selected for All-State Band for six years straight, and is one of very few to hold that honor! Bravo Zulu on another excellent performance and for representing DMA at the state level!
- ❖ Re-enrollment letters and report cards will be distributed this Thursday. If you have not yet paid for your parking permit or have other outstanding fees it is considered an unmet obligation. You will not receive the report card or re-enrollment form until the payment(s) are satisfied.
- ❖ On Tuesday, April 10th, juniors will take the SAT and sophomores will take the PSAT-10. Freshman and seniors do not report to school this day. For those testing, please go to bed early the night before and eat a good breakfast on the 10th. Cadets are permitted to wear PT gear, and should bring two sharpened #2 pencils, a calculator, bottle of water, and snack. Buses will run in the morning and following the conclusion of the SAT at 12:40 pm. The PSAT-10 will end earlier than the SAT at approximately 11:00 am; following the exam, sophomores will be housed in the Mess Hall until dismissal. They are welcome to bring a bagged lunch, as lunches will not be sold this day. For most of the juniors, this will be their first time taking the SAT, which is an important step in determining their post-high school plans. For the sophomores, this exam will provide data about the progress made since 9th grade and the work that needs to be done in preparation for their SAT administration next year. Any sophomores or juniors with questions about the administration of these assessments should see Ms. Urquhart.
- ❖ Seniors and Senior Parents, Commencement Fees are due! Please have your fee and ticket pre-order sent in to Mr. Grant before Spring Break. Regular ticket sales should be announced the first full school week in April so stay tuned. Thank you to those that have already paid! Commencement information can be found on the Graduation webpage, <http://demilacad.org/graduation.htm>.
- ❖ DMA will hold our 14th annual junior ring ceremony tomorrow evening (March 27th) at 6:30 pm on the drill deck. All juniors participating in the ceremony must check in to MH8 by 6:00 pm. There will be ample seating for friends and family to attend as well. We will hold a rehearsal with all cadets tomorrow during the school day. Please contact Mrs. Certesio if you have any questions.

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- ❖ **DATE CHANGE!!!** Dickinson High School is hosting a Lifelines, Suicide Prevention Program *for parents only* on **Tuesday, March 27th 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.
- ❖ Congratulations to our Class of 2018! As of March 22nd, an impressive 72.3% of our seniors have completed their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This application is required to take federal student loans, need based financial aid as well as many merit based scholarships. There is still time for seniors to complete the FAFSA and qualify for aid.
- ❖ Don't miss DMA's Spike Ball Night Blowout in the Dome on Saturday, April 14 from 6:30 to 9:30! This is the Student Government's annual charity event, and it will benefit and raise money for Neighbors to Nicaragua and Suicide Prevention! These are two important charities that appreciate every penny donated. Every team of two will raise \$10 and pick up a "sponsor sheet" to take home to family and friends who can fill it out and make donations! This will be a fun night of games, surprises, raffle, music, and more... you definitely don't want to miss. Family and friends are invited to come! We have many "talented" spike ball players here at DMA, and want to find out who the real GOAT is in this tournament. The top three teams will receive prizes plus a signed trophy spike ball that will go on display. For more information, please take a look at www.neighborstonicaragua.com or contact Mr. Grant! Sign-ups start at lunch before spring break!
- ❖ **Porthole Photo Plea:** Our yearbook staff is head toward the last deadline for the main book, and is rounding up photos to be included. The pages being submitted this time include student life candid pages. Please send us any photos you have of your cadets involved in everyday DMA life – including: socializing with other DMA cadets, classes, sports, extracurricular activities, volunteer activities. We are working toward our goal of representing all cadets as many times as possible, so photos of several cadets would be the best. Please email the photos to dmaporthole@gmail.com with the subject line "spring deadline photos". As usual, any Porthole questions or concerns should go to Mrs. Faccenda ann.faccenda@dma.k12.de.us. Thank you so much!
- ❖ **Sports Report:**
 - The Senior Athletic Banquet will be held May 14th at 6:30pm in McDonald Hall. More information will be delivered to the seniors soon.
 - 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 sponsorships at www.dmagolf.com

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- The spring competition schedule is upon us, and so is the wonderful Delaware springtime weather. Please make sure that you check the website frequently for updates and ensure you have access to your team's Team App for up-to-date schedule changes.
- Baseball opens their season today at St. Marks. They will follow that by playing at Middletown tomorrow, and then taking on rival Conrad this Saturday. Good luck guys!
- The Golf Team's first match will most likely be postponed due to the course conditions. Look for them to get started in early April.
- The Boys Lacrosse Team opens their season with a DSAC game at rival Archmere tomorrow. Good luck.
- The Girls Lacrosse Team gets things started tomorrow against Archmere at home followed by Dover at home on Thursday. Good luck ladies!
- Our Girls Soccer Team kicks off the season today at Mt. Pleasant. They will then play Archmere at home on Wednesday. Good luck girls.
- Softball opens things up today against Conrad at home. Good luck.
- Our track and field athletes start official competition Thursday at the AI DuPont Invitational. Good luck everyone! Seahawk Nation Anchor Down!

We hope you have a wonderful Spring Break, and look forward to finishing the school year off strong!

Kind regards,

Anthony Pullella
Commandant

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