



# Delaware Military Academy

April 30, 2018

Dear parents and cadets,

Unfortunately, Mother Nature did not cooperate with us this year and we have had to revise the school calendar to ensure our seniors, and underclassmen have the required number of hours. The majority of this document will pertain to seniors, but there is very important information for all grade levels.

The additional 30 minutes a day will ensure our underclassmen will meet the required hours. However, since seniors are scheduled for less hours than underclassmen, the snow days are going to affect the seniors more. The seniors are short a total of 47 hours and will need to make this time up in order for us to issue diplomas.

Here is the plan for seniors to make up the days missed:

- We have added 30 minutes to each school day from April 30<sup>th</sup> until May 24<sup>th</sup> (this equals 7.5 additional hours).
- We will be extending May 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> from half days to full days (see exam schedule below) – this equals approximately 10 hours.
- We will be adding the following dates to the school calendar – this equals approximately 32 hours
  - ***ALL CADETS WILL HAVE SCHOOL ON FRIDAY, MAY 4 (PROM) from 0725 to 11:30. We understand appointments may have already been scheduled and will handle those on a case-by-case basis.***
  - Friday, May 25 – full day
  - Tuesday, May 29 – full day
  - Wednesday, May 30 – full day
  - Thursday, May 31 – Hershey Park trip – seniors are welcome to attend but not required. If they are not attending, they do not need to report to school.

Here are more details:

- **The Bell Ringing ceremony and underclassmen picnic will be THURSDAY, MAY 24<sup>TH</sup>.**
- The Hershey Park trip will move from Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Permission slips are due to Mrs. Certesio by May 18<sup>th</sup>. Seniors are welcome to attend, but not required. Additional permission slips are available in the main office for any senior who would like to attend.
- Senior Final Exams will be held on Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Your day will consist of a combination of study blocks and exam blocks. As usual, if you are exempt from an exam, you are not required to attend.

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- The senior exam schedule is below:

## May 22<sup>nd</sup>

Block 1: Block 1 Exam  
Block 2: Study Hall  
3/4: First half of Exam  
Block 5: Block 5 Exam  
Block 6: Study Hall

## May 23<sup>rd</sup>

Block 1: Study Hall  
Block 2: Block 2 Exam  
3/4: Second half of Exam  
Block 5: Study Hall  
Block 6: Block 6 Exam

- What will the seniors be doing on these make-up days?
- May 25<sup>th</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup> is enrichment week – these are now regularly scheduled days for the seniors, but will look a little different, as final exams will have been completed. The senior teachers are working to create enrichment activities that are fun and interesting for the week. We know that many of you have paid for trips and planned events for this week and excusals will be handled on a case-by-case basis.
- Here are some of the activities that are being planned (more specific details will be sent out in the next few weeks):
  - Cadets who have earned a C, D or are failing a course will receive additional instruction and opportunity to increase their final grade in a senior year class.
  - Plan your college orientation during this week or schedule a college tour to the college you selected
  - We will set up time for you to meet with your military recruiter if you are enlisting to talk about plans and options
  - We will make computers available to allow seniors to complete online college placement tests (math/English)
  - Tutor underclassmen / serve as classroom aides
  - Unit Service Opportunities
  - Plan a community service event in our local community
  - A seminar on film studies
  - Attend a personal finance course to learn the basics
  - A book club with Ms. Faccenda
  - Science enrichment labs

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*Important Note for Senior Athletes ... If you are still “in season” with your sport, you must be in school for a minimum of a half day to be able to participate in your athletic event as these are now scheduled school days for seniors.*

Kind regards,

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Commandant

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