



Delaware Military Academy

April 8, 2019

Good morning, Seahawk Nation,

We hope you had a pleasant weekend, and that your Monday is off to a good start! We have a few things to cover, so let's begin.

- ❖ DMA is accredited by the Middle States Association Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools. As a Middle States member, we are required to re-accredit every seven years. As part of this process, our parents, cadets, staff and board members will have the opportunity to provide feedback and serve on various committees. Our planning committee has started to prepare for our re-accreditation, and our parent survey opens today. You can access the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DMAMSA2019P>. We are asking that parents complete the online survey no later than April 18th. Your feedback will be combined with feedback from our cadets, staff and board members to develop our priorities for the next seven years. The survey will take about 30 minutes. We appreciate you taking the time to give your constructive, thoughtful feedback. If you are interested in serving on one of our Middle States committees, please contact Mrs. Certesio via email at debra.certesio@dma.k12.de.us.
- ❖ Our first College Workshop for the Class of 2020 will be on Monday, April 29th at 6:30pm in the mess hall. The Guidance Department will provide an overview of the college process at DMA and answer specific questions. The workshop is geared to Class of 2020 parents and cadets, but all grades are welcome!
- ❖ The DMA PTA is preparing to hold officer elections at their May 16th meeting for the 2019-20 school year. If you, or someone you know, is looking to get more involved within the school, we would love to hear from you. All Board positions are a one-year term with a two consecutive term limit. For more information regarding positions and their descriptions, go to www.dmapta.net, under the Elections tab at the top of the page. If interested, contact the nominations committee at nominations@DMApta.net. Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to working with you! Vacant positions are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- ❖ The 2019 Hershey Park trip for underclassmen will be on Monday, June 3rd. Permission slips were distributed during first block last week, and are due back to Mrs. Certesio no later than May 3rd. This trip is open to 9th, 10th and 11th grade cadets in good standing. There are no refunds, so cadets in this situation will be provided their ticket, which can be used any day before June 30, 2019. Extra copies of permission slips can be picked up in the main office. Please contact Mrs. Certesio with any questions.

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- ❖ A few reminders to put on your calendar as we head for the home stretch:
 - There will be no school on Friday, May 3rd so our juniors, seniors and staff have time to prepare for a very memorable evening, our junior/senior prom. We will be talking much more about good decision-making and safety in the coming weeks.
 - We will have school on Friday, May 24th. This will be a full day of school for all cadets. We will hold our senior breakfast in the morning and we will have our spring festivities including a staff versus cadet basketball game in the afternoon. This is an instructional day for our cadets, as the majority of cadets will have all their classes during the day.
 - Our annual bell ringing ceremony will be held on Friday, May 31st followed by the underclassmen picnic. More details we be sent out regarding these events when we get closer.

- ❖ ***Sports Report: The next and last DMA College Athlete Signing Day will be May 20th. More information will be provided when we get closer to the date.***
 - The 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.
 - All spring sport teams will be selling Golf Ball Drop tickets. The winner could win up to \$1000.00 at the annual golf outing. Please see any coach or athlete to purchase tickets.
 - DMA Competition/Game Day Cheer interest meeting for 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 cannot wait to get started! Practices to prepare for camp will begin the end of May with UCA Camp June 13-16th in the Poconos! We will be discussing our new Competitive/Game Day Cheer Program, team commitment and expectations, financial obligations, and community involvement. Tryouts will be held Thursday April 19th from 5:30-8:30pm!
 - DMA's Annual Blue Gold Week is April 15th to 18th. The cost to dress down is \$8.00 for the whole week.
 - Monday: Mix and Match – It's OK to be different!
 - Tuesday: Tye Dye – Autism Awareness
 - Wednesday: Blue-Gold Colors- Downs Syndrome & DFRC
 - Thursday: Color Wars –
 - 12th: Red – Sickle Cell Anemia
 - 11th: Light Blue - Autism
 - 10th: Green – Muscular Dystrophy
 - 9th: Purple – Epilepsy

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- We will also be holding the 3rd Annual Kickball Tournament. Friday, April 19th, 10:00am at Banning Park Softball Fields with a 9:00am Tailgate at Banning.
 - Teams of 10 players
 - \$50 per team (\$5 per person)
 - MUST HAVE AT LEAST 2 GIRLS PER TEAM
 - Prizes for the winners! Blue Gold Club members will be collecting dress down money and kickball registrations during both lunches starting tomorrow.
- The Baseball Team is now 3-1 after a loss to Archmere and a solid victory over Newark last week. It has a busy week ahead as it plays Tower Hill at home on Tuesday followed by away games at Newark Charter on Thursday and Smyrna on Saturday, Good luck, Guys.
- The Golf Team lost a close one to Newark Charter last week, and are now 1-2. They take on Ursuline today at 3:00pm at Porky Oliver's followed by a tri-match at Wilmington CC with Archmere and Sanford on Tuesday. Keep a look out for a possible schedule change for the Padua match currently slated for Thursday.
- The Boys LAX team had a strong week as they defeated Milford and Friends, but then lost to Dover over the weekend, The team is now 2-3, and next plays Caravel on Thursday at home. On Saturday, the team plays Middletown at Wesley College at 4:00pm as part of the Dave Reynolds LAX Festival. Good luck!
- The Girls LAX team has a home game today against Sussex Academy. The team plays Conrad tomorrow at Dickinson HS, and then take on Newark Charter away on Thursday. Good luck ladies.
- The Girls Soccer team is now 3-2 after two solid wins last week. Tonight the team plays at Middletown at 6:30pm followed by a DSAC match against Newark Charter on Thursday at home. On Saturday, the girls travel to play Indian River. Good luck, Ladies.
- Softball continues to play well, and is now 5-0 on the season. This week they have two big home games. On Tuesday, they take on DSAC foe Newark Charter followed by Padua on Thursday. This Saturday they travel to Smyrna for a 12:00pm matchup. Good luck!
- The Track Teams performed well this past Saturday at the Whippet Invitational as they achieved 31 Personal Bests, that included both of our Girls and Boys Teams resetting our school records in the High Jumps, having our Girls 4x100 team place 3rd, and our Boys 4x100 team placing 4th. Our Seahawks also secured seven top ten placements in various events. The Keith Burgess Invitational is up next for them this upcoming Saturday.

We hope you have a great week, and are looking forward to an outstanding remainder of the school year!

Kind regards,
Anthony Pullella
Commandant

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