



Delaware Military Academy

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Good morning, Seahawk Nation,

Welcome back from what was, hopefully, a relaxing Spring Break for the cadets and their families. Although the weather did not feel much like spring, it was nonetheless a break from the daily routine. We are nearing the finish line now, and our message to the cadets is absolutely to finish strong! We certainly have a busy end of the year with various events and ceremonies upon us, and the stadium project getting underway later this month. We are all looking forward to the completion of this campus, and leaning forward to see where and how we can continue to make DMA the best high school experience for our current and future families of the Seahawk Nation! We have a full report, so refill the coffee and enjoy ☺

- ❖ Dome Update! As some of you may be aware, there has been a lot of work going on behind the scenes with regard to the financing of our newly constructed monolithic dome, which serves as our Athletic Center and Academic Wing. Without boring you too much, we just wanted to share with you that we have managed our fiduciary responsibility very well. Today, we are closing on a loan with the USDA at a fixed rate of 2.375% for 30 years. This is a tremendous accomplishment for DMA in regards to our future financial outlook and we are now strategizing on how to transfer our entire debt service over to USDA. More to come!
- ❖ Congratulations to freshmen cadets ***Ethan Kalafut and Annabelle Hagood*** who were published in Teen Ink, a national magazine written by teens for teens. Kalafut nominated ***Patti Jeffers*** from Brandywine Springs for the Educator of the Year contest, and Hagood nominated ***Jen Kryspin*** her cheerleading coach at DMA. BRAVO ZULU!
- ❖ We have had two serious injuries in the last two weeks to two of our cadets. ***Seth Immediatio*** re-broke his leg right before spring break playing kick ball and ***Samantha Freeland*** broke her arm in a softball game over the weekend. On behalf of all of us at DMA, we want to wish you both speedy recoveries and are here for you both with anything you need! Get better soon!
- ❖ Cadets from DMA will be participating ***today*** in the Ceremonial Ground Breaking Service for the Gold Star Memorial. The ceremony will take place at the Delaware River Bay Authority Veterans Memorial Park at 11:00 AM. The cadets participating are ***Katie Certesio, Kayla McOwen, Joshua LeVan, Aryand Hernandez, Mia Petrucci, Lukas Cook and Sophie Skelton***.
- ❖ ***Tomorrow, Tuesday, April 10th, juniors will take the SAT and sophomores will take the PSAT-10.*** Freshman and seniors do not report to school. For those testing, please go to bed early tonight and eat a good breakfast in the morning. Cadets are permitted to wear **DMA PT gear**, and should bring two sharpened #2 pencils, a calculator, bottle of water,

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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 or you can provide them a note and pick them up at 11:00am. They are welcome to bring a bagged lunch, as lunches will not be sold. 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.

- ❖ **Mark your calendars!** We will be holding a college/post HS planning meeting for junior cadets and their parents on Monday, April 23rd at 6:30 pm in the Mess Hall. We will discuss a wide range of options including apprenticeship programs, trade schools, enlistment, community college as well as four-year college option. Parents and cadets will have the opportunity to learn more about the college process ask questions and meet the counselors. Please contact Mr. Grant or Mrs. Certesio with any questions.

- ❖ **PTA News:** The DMA PTA is preparing to hold officer elections at their May 17th meeting for the 2018-19 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 2 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 in any position (even if there is an incumbent or other nominee), contact the nominations committee at nominations@DMApta.net. Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to working with you!
Vacant Board Positions for Next Year - No Current Slate:
Secretary (current nominee- Maryellen Charno)
Executive VP
Communications VP
Board Positions with Incumbents Running:
President - Incumbent: Tatiana Rice Treasurer - Incumbent: Erin Battista

- ❖ **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. This Friday we will be taking a picture of all senior athletes for the banquet and asking each of them to fill out an informational survey. Please make sure your cadet is aware of this.
- 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. We are actively searching for sponsors for the golf outing. We have plenty of opportunities available including the popular CADET SHOUT OUTS. Show your support for DMA Athletics by

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purchasing a Cadet Shout Out or Hole Sponsor. You can also ask local businesses, families and friends to support as well. Anyone can contact Mr. Ryan at michael.ryan@dma.k12.de.us for more information or go straight to the website. www.dmagolf.com

- Tryouts for Fall Cheerleading will be held on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 6:00pm on the Drill Deck. Contact Coach Kryspin at jen24fit@gmail.com with any questions.
- Today is the last chance for seniors who are signing to play athletics in college to let Mr. Ryan know so he can schedule your signing pictures for this Thursday April 11th.
- What an excellent start to the spring season! Action has been fast and furious and our student-athletes have shown great promise early on. The Baseball Team is 2-3 after defeating DSAC foe Archmere 17-3. They have three games this week starting with Tower Hill (away) on Tuesday, followed by DSAC opponent Newark Charter at Wilson Field on Thursday, and then Smyrna at home on Saturday. Good luck, men!
- The Golf Team's first match is today. They have a tri-meet against Newark Charter and Wilmington Christian at Newark CC. Good luck!
- The Boys Lacrosse Team is 1-2, and has two away games this week. First, they play Middletown on Tuesday followed by Caravel on Thursday. Good luck, guys!
- The Girls Lacrosse Team is 0-4 but continues to improve. They take on Ursuline Tuesday at home, followed by Newark Charter on Thursday. Good luck, ladies!
- Our Girls Soccer Team is 2-0-1 after two big wins over Friends and Archmere. They have two major DSAC matches this week, starting with Newark Charter on Thursday followed by Conrad on Saturday. Good luck!
- Softball is off to a very strong start. They defeated #1 ranked Milford then defeated #9 ranked Lake Forest in 11 innings to push their record to 4-0. They travel south to Sussex Central today followed by Newark Charter on Thursday and Padua on Saturday. Keep it going, girls!
- The Track and Field Team has competed in the AI DuPont Invitational and then the Whippett Invitational at Downingtown HS. The team is looking strong and competed well at both events. They travel to Bullis HS in Maryland this Saturday for the Bulldog Invitational. Good luck!

We hope you have a great week, and continue to instill Pride and Ownership in your DMA cadet!

Kind regards,

Anthony Pullella
Commandant

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