




Delaware Military Academy

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Good Morning, Seahawk Nation,

Happy Solar Eclipse! As summer winds down we wanted to provide you with some information regarding the start of the school year so sit back and take off your solar glasses, so you are in the know come the first day of school (which by the way, is Tuesday, September 5th). See, you are already ahead of the game ;-). Okay, here we go...

- ❖ First and foremost, to squelch the rumor mill... we are opening on time! Yes, the Dome (athletic center) will be delayed, because the scoreboard was not delivered on time which holds us up installing the floor by maybe a couple weeks, but the Academic Center which our freshman occupy, will be open. As we said when this project began we had a very aggressive time line, but in the grand scheme of things we are on point. As the school year evolves we will assess what is working well, what isn't, and make adjustments.
- ❖ We are going to have a new traffic pattern. Don't worry, we will be out there to guide you, and after a couple days it will be old hat. However, the new entrance to DMA will be by the Dome. You will exit out of our original entrance. Some of you probably just made this face  lol... just follow the nice gentleman's (in the flashy road guard vest) direction and everything will run smoothly.
- ❖ Bus routes have been posted on the DMA website. Just as we do at the start of every school year we ask for your patience as we work out some of the unnecessary stops. If you have a question regarding your route please contact Mr. Gatson at kenneth.gatson@dma.k12.de.us, and he will work with our bus company Advanced Student to see if something can be done. Safety is our top priority, and those will be the issues addressed first.
- ❖ DMA is looking for bikers! Not bicyclists, bikers! Every year for our 9/11 ceremony we offer a different theme and this year we are looking for motorcyclists. If you ride, or know people who do, and would like to be a part of this year's tribute, we would absolutely love to have you! Please contact me or Master Chief Call at david.call@dma.k12.de.us, and we will square you away with the details.
- ❖ Fall Sports, Band and Color Guard are all underway; it really is nice seeing the kids back in the building. They have all been wonderful. The Band performed their show last Friday, and they looked spectacular after only a week of practice However, they are small, so I am going to insert a plug here that they could use some more bodies! If we have cadets out there that do not have anything going on this fall, and have some sort of

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musical inclination, please contact our Band Director John Grant at john.grant@dma.k12.de.us I promise you he will get you ready, and you will be glad you got involved.

- ❖ Last, but certainly not least! Cadets, you are still growing, and I am guessing most of you probably haven't been like, "Oh, hey! Let me just try my uniform on." Please do so, and if it doesn't fit, stop into DMA this week and get uniforms that do. Being situated and looking good on the first day will set the tone for the year; please take the time to do so.

That should about cover things for the start of the year. If you have any questions or need anything, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are absolutely looking forward to our 15th year of operation and the start of a new chapter, and we couldn't be more proud of who we get to write that chapter with.

Kind regards,

Anthony Pullella
Commandant

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