



Delaware Military Academy

September 17, 2018

Good afternoon, Seahawk Nation,

Happy Monday to everyone. We hope your weekend was a good one! We have had a very nice start to the school year. Last week we held our grade level assemblies with the cadets. The assemblies went well and we have incorporated a couple new policies.

This year DMA will be adjusting our late policy. Cadets who earn three lates will be issued EMI (Extra Military Instruction). EMI takes place on Wednesdays during the cadets' lunch period. Instead of having a full lunch period, the cadets will be out in the parking lot or drill deck marching. The second set of three lates will earn the cadet an after school detention which is held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 2:45pm to 4:15pm. A third set of three lates is an out-of-school suspension and a parent intake meeting. The major change to our late policy is we have added the EMI, which will be notated in the DMA Handbook (online).

We have also added a grade level incentive for the cadets to earn. The incentive is: if a particular grade goes the month with no write-ups (referrals), that class earns a dress down day. This dress down day does not take the place of any other dress down days that we schedule for the cadets. We have faith in each class, that together, they will earn an extra day out of uniform. The idea behind this incentive is to have cadets police one another and realize they are all working together to achieve a common goal. We will see how it goes!

Here is your action report for the week:

- ❖ Thank you to all of the parents/guardians who attended our "Back to School" night last Thursday. We had a great turnout and the feedback we received was positive and very much appreciated. We will continue to do everything we can to help our cadets achieve their goals. Thank you for all of the support you provide us in return.
- ❖ This evening the guidance department will host a senior college planning meeting at 6:30 pm in the Mess Hall. The meeting is specifically geared towards seniors and their parents, but all are welcome to attend. We will review the college process for DMA and answer questions about the process. We hope to see you there!
- ❖ There is a joint PTA, Music Association and Sports Boosters meeting this Thursday, September 20th at 6:30pm in the Mess Hall. Please come out and find out what the Backbone of DMA does on a daily basis to make our programs so successful. This is the perfect opportunity to learn more and get involved. We have a lot of fun and it makes the experience at DMA more fulfilling when you are "All In". We hope to see you there!

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- ❖ We will be holding our Annual Service Academy/ROTC information night next Monday, September 24th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. We will have representatives from all Service Academies, ROTC units and recruiters from all branches of the service. This night is open to all cadets and their parents. We strongly encourage you to attend, learn more and give our cadets as many options as possible when graduating from DMA. The cadets do not need to be in uniform.
- ❖ There are only ten spots left for juniors to take the PSAT/NMSQT at DMA on October 10th. Interested juniors should see Ms. Urquhart ASAP to register. Additional spots will not become available. The cost is \$20.00. Checks should be made payable to Delaware Military Academy.
- ❖ We now have an Award-Winning yearbook... the 2017-2018 DMA Porthole won a Second Place Certificate in the American Scholastic Press's Annual Yearbook competition! Kudos to our Porthole staff!!!
Some other yearbook need-to-knows:
 - ✓ The 2018-2019 Porthole (yearbook) sales have officially opened. The price is \$75 until October 20 – this is the lowest price of the year. Take advantage of this special offer by going to www.yearbookordercenter.com and using DMA's order number **16925** to order your copy now! We sold out last year, so make sure you secure your family's copy today.
 - ✓ Senior Parents: Look for information on yearbook "baby" ads soon. Start finding those baby pics of your soon-to-be graduates. ☺
 - ✓ If you have any DMA-centered photographs that you would like to share with the Porthole, please send them to: dmaporthole@gmail.com.
 - ✓ Any questions about either the Porthole or the Scuttlebutt (newspaper), please contact Mrs. Faccenda at ann.faccenda@dma.k12.de.us.
- ❖ DMA would like to recognize Admin or Faculty members who go above and beyond in what they do on a daily basis. Much like we acknowledge Shining Seahawks, staff members will be selected from nominations and have the "spotlight" placed on them. Cadets and families are welcome to nominate any DMA employee for this honor. Nominations for "Spotlight on Staff" can be submitted online. A link to the form can be found on DMA's homepage under current events (bottom right-hand corner), or go to https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSevmrs8EX39OIL_kOOIjNmlN5Mb9jjYK17iELsL1TALSEo0Dw/viewform
- ❖ Sports Report:
 - SAVE THE DATE! The DMA Anchor Down 5K will be held on Sunday October 21, 2018. More details to come.

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- We have created a Captains' Council here at DMA. All in-season sports captains will be meeting with the Athletic Director on a bi-weekly basis to discuss the athletic program. The initial meeting was last week and was well received.
- Field Hockey is currently 0-2 after a tough loss to Archmere last week. They take on Hodgson today followed by Concord on Friday. Good luck, girls!
- Cross Country participated in the White Clay Creek Classic this past Friday. The team did well and morale is high. Keep it up. The team will next compete this Friday at the Middletown Invitational at St. Andrews School. Good luck, team!
- Soccer is now 1-2 after defeating Mount Pleasant followed by a loss to Archmere last week. The team plays FSMA on Wednesday, followed by Newark Charter away on Saturday. Good luck, guys!
- Volleyball dominated FSMA and Wilmington Christian last week and are now 2-0. They have a big game at Charter on Tuesday, then at Tatnall on Thursday. Good luck!
- Our Cheerleading program is as strong as ever; the squad looked excellent at the varsity football game Saturday night. Look for the squad at all of our varsity football games. You will also get a chance to see the girls at a select amount of JV games as well this year. Have a great season!
- The Football Team defeated Milford Saturday night 37-7. They next play DSAC foe Red Lion Christian Academy this Friday night at Red Lion. The team is now 2-0. Good luck!

We hope you have a great rest of the week, and we look forward to seeing you around the campus and at various DMA events and activities.

Kind regards,

Anthony Pullella
Commandant

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