



Delaware Military Academy



2019 National Blue Ribbon School

September 30, 2019

Good morning Seahawk Nation,

To say the month of September was busy would be an understatement. We have been full throttle from day one and have had an amazing, history-making start to the school year! We have an incredible team at DMA and the old adage that “it takes a village” could not ring more true. We look forward to continuing to grow DMA into one of the finest schools in the country!

Here is what is happening as we kick off October:

- ❖ Our cadets are doing a tremendous job in the community. We have been receiving numerous requests for our cadets to support local organizations and they have been there providing the requested support. If you have pictures of your cadet volunteering in the community, please share them with us, so that we can post them on the DMA website.
- ❖ Speaking of pictures, we thought you might be interested in seeing pictures taken by Alum Brandon Bolinski (Class of 2016), who photographed the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. The pictures are superb! Thank you Brandon for giving back to your school! You can check them out here: <https://brandonbolinski.passgallery.com/-fuscomemorialstadiumribboncuttinghomeopeningfootballgamedmavsredlion/gallery>
- ❖ Interim reports will be coming home with cadets on Tuesday, October 1st. Please review these reports with your cadet and review Home Access Center (HAC) to ensure your cadet is on track. At this point, the cadets will be about 25% of the way through their fall semester courses. If your cadet is struggling, please reach out to the teacher(s) directly to schedule a parent conference for Thursday evening. Conferences will be held at DMA from 5:00pm - 8:00 pm on Thursday, October 3rd. There are limited spots available with each teacher, so please reach out quickly if you have a concern.
- ❖ There has been some confusion about the school calendar for this week - all cadets are expected to be in school on Friday, October 4th. This is a regular school day for us, as our fall teacher in-service day is Friday, October 11th.
- ❖ Homecoming is right around the corner! The dance will be held Saturday, October 12th. Tickets will go on sale tomorrow during both lunches. Please see attached fliers for more information!
- ❖ It is that time again! DMA is working on our Middle States Re-Accreditation and we need your input. We will be surveying parents, cadets and staff members to complete a survey, to let us know how we are doing and how we can improve. Parents, please take a few minutes and complete the parent survey by visiting <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DMA2019Parents> Your input is greatly appreciated. A separate survey link will be provided to the cadets to be

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completed in school. The survey will close on Friday, October 18th. Thank you in advance for your feedback.

- ❖ Wednesday, October 2nd will be a dress down day. We will be celebrating our Blue Ribbon School award by providing a Chick-Fil-A lunch, during third block, for the Regiment (student body) and Staff. Cadets will have the full block to hang out, relax, listen to music and see that hard work earns positive results! Of course, the forecast is calling for record setting temperatures, so you may want to put some sunblock in the bag just in case.

We have our Open House coming up on Saturday, October 26th and we are expecting a large turnout, but the more the merrier! Please share on your social media pages and as soon as our official ad is complete, I will share that with you as well. Thank you for supporting DMA and speaking positively about us in the community and making us shine!

Kind regards,

Anthony Pullella
Commandant

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