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Editor-In-Chief's Reflection~

The school year of 2017-2018 is one to put down in DMA's books. As a senior at DMA and being Editor-in-Chief of the Scuttlebutt, I have personally been able to see and hear about all the activities that DMA has done. This school year has gone by fast and I believe that is because of the amount of fun the student government and school staff has done for us. Throughout this year DMA has accomplished great things and have grown as a school. Starting off with the school newspaper; when taking over the position of Editor-in-Chief, personally I did not know what I was getting into at first. Collaborating with Mrs. Faccenda and other intelligent/inspirational cadets to make the newspaper what it never was, put the Journalism Class on a pedestal. Past Scuttlebutts have been good, but this year they were amazing! Consistently putting out a new newspaper every marking period, updating the templates to intrigue the readers, and always writing interesting articles have shown that the 2017-2018 Scuttlebutt staff has done a great job. Some days were slow, but when everyone had a task to complete, they got it done. The Scuttlebutt will be handed over to Madison Williams who will be the new Editor-in-Chief. With her enthusiasm for this class, I believe she will do a great job, and build on the legacy that the 2017-2018 Scuttlebutt Staff has left.

New Editor-In-Chief... Madison Williams~

I can't believe my time here at DMA will be over in a blink of an eye. I can't wait to see what my senior year holds! I'm excited to see where everyone's headed, and if DMA Field Hockey will get our big break in the Fall. Hopefully Girls Basketball can catch a dub season, and the Softball Team can keep up the legacy! I've never been a part of so many clubs, but it's going to be great working with everyone and publishing my first newspaper! Shout out to the Scuttlebutt! I'm also excited about just our class become successful as a whole in the Regiment, and going off to college, the service, or the workforce! I hope that everyone has something to take away from here and goes on to live successfully. Life is just going way too fast, but it makes you want to cherish every moment even more!

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Fan Central

By: *Matthew Drejza*

The spring sports teams have done an incredible job in their regular season. We can't wait to see how they do next year. Go Seahawks!



Girls Soccer in huddle before the game against Padua.

Spring Sports

As of press time, Baseball has finished their season with a record of 10-5. They defeated Delmarva Christian in the first round of the state tourney before losing a close game to Caravel in Round 2. Congratulations on another great season. We are very proud of the Baseball Team as they made it to the second round of playoffs.

Girls Lacrosse has done a good job this season with this being only their third year as a varsity sport. The team had a very hard schedule this year, and, unfortunately, was unable to make it into the state playoffs. The team is looking to next year for great success.

The Boys Lacrosse Team finished the regular season 13-2 and earned the #3 seed in the DIAA State Tournament. They defeated DSAC foe Wilmington Charter in the first round. They lost to Friends in OT in the quarterfinals, in what was an incredible high school lacrosse game. Congrats on a great season!

The Softball Team completed their regular season with a record of 15-3 earning them the #3 seed in the DIAA State Tournament. The girls defeated #14 Padua, and then lost an epic 12-inning battle to Wilmington Charter in the quarterfinals. Congratulations on a great season! We can't wait to see what DMA Softball accomplishes going forward.

The Girls Soccer Team finished the regular season 12-2-1, and earned the #2 seed in the D2 State Tournament. They dominated Wilmington Christian in the quarterfinals and play Indian River tonight at 6pm at Dover HS in Semi Finals. Good luck, Girls Soccer; keep up the good work.

The Track and Field Team participated in the DIAA State Championships, and many athletes earned a spot in the Meet of Champions. The weekend was highlighted by senior Samantha Butler winning the D2 Triple Jump State Championship. This is the second time she has accomplished this feat. The team has been a dominant force all season. Congratulations, runners!

The Golf Team wrapped up its season by participating in the DSAC Championship. The team had an excellent season, and qualified one golfer for the State Tournament. They are already looking forward to next year. Congrats!



Matt Marandola on the Boys Baseball team running for the ball.

Reflections from the 2017-2018 Scuttlebutt Staff

Emily McKenna~

Looking back at this school year I feel incredibly grateful to have grown old relationships and created new ones with incredible people. Everyone who I have met has taught me something and I really appreciate their positive presence. I'm extremely grateful for all of the tireless hour my teachers have put in 7-days-a-week to build a challenging and profound curriculum for my peers and me. Having the opportunity to be in Journalism 1 has given me, and many others, a platform within DMA to develop writing skills, opinions and friendships, reaching to those inside and out of school. In terms of my Journalism 1 experience, I enjoyed being able to work critically with my friends toward the same end goal, creating a meaningful, interesting and interactive newspaper to celebrate at the time of publishing every other month! Being a part of the very first Journalism class at DMA has been an experience I will never forget, I wouldn't change a thing. I feel incredibly lucky to have accomplished everything I did & to see what the future has for the DMA Scuttlebutt!!! Congratulations to the 2018-2019 Editor in Chief, Madison Williams! You will have a blast being a part of such a great program! Thank you, Mrs. Faccenda!

Erika Hoosier~

This school year has flown by so fast. Being a part of the newspaper was engaging because every issue we would put out for the public was always something fresh and new. For this being the first year of Journalism as a course, it was great! Thanks to Mrs. Faccenda for her hard work organizing it, and another thanks to our Editor-in-Chief Matt Drejza for always working hard on the finishing touches of the Scuttlebutt so each issue would be close to perfect. Being a part of this class has given me many opportunities to branch out and make new friendships

with other cadets. I have learned so much with, not just the newspaper, but about the yearbook too, and I look forward to coming back next year as a member of the Porthole's editorial staff!

Bryanna Garvey~

When I look back on my junior year, I have nothing but positive things to say. I met so many new friends and rekindled old bonds. I am thankful for all of the experiences I have had, both good and bad, as they all taught me very valuable life lessons. All of my teachers helped me to prosper and grow, not only as a student, but also as a person. I have learned a lot about life while furthering my education. I am very thankful that I got to be a part of the newspaper because it made the foundation for me to better my writing skills and express my creativity. I look forward to next year and I know that the articles will only continue to improve. I have high hopes in the 2018/2019 Editor in Chief, Madison Williams. I know that she has an outstanding work ethic and will make the Scuttlebutt nothing short of impressive.

Keith Jewell~

This year I was a part of the Journalism class, as a member of the Scuttlebutt staff. As one of the only 3 sophomores in the class, and the only one writing for the Scuttlebutt, I will admit that it was a bit intimidating at first, especially when I was given the offer to put in excerpts from the story I had written over the summer. It was a daunting experience, however, a rewarding one as well. I had never particularly had much interest in journalism, so writing for the newspaper was not something I had originally planned on doing, despite my mother encouraging me to do so last year. However, eventually I put more thought into it, and decided to give it a chance. While I am not sure what might have happened had I not chosen to join this class, I can say with great confidence that I am happy I decided to join it.

I love being able to spend time each day doing what I love, and am very happy being able to put out my work for the school to read. Multiple teachers and students have read and enjoyed the beginning of my story, and that may not have happened if not for this

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Class. For that I am very grateful. I am only sad that it has to end during the summer, and despite my first reservations, I am already excited to see what happens when I return next year!

Erin Walsh~

When I first started writing for the newspaper, I had no idea just how freeing it could be. My role in the newspaper was mainly writing editorials voicing my opinion about different topics in the world. Some of my work that I am particularly proud of would include my paper on diversity and my article about my "Un-Invention." These writings allowed me to realize some of my own personal views that I didn't know I had. With the newspaper, I have found a safe place to voice what's on my mind in a venue where it gets seen. I have written some of my best works for the newspaper due to the amount of various opinions and resources I had at my disposal because I had the class every single day. I wish my time writing for the newspaper didn't have to come to an end but I've learned so much from expressing my various opinions and starting conversations with them.

Kaylee Taylor~

This year in Journalism, I was a part of writing stories about how the yearbook production went, recipes for people to try out, and an article on the Eagles Victory Parade. Overall, I feel the newspaper editors and reporters did a good job and worked hard on their articles. Next year they could improve the newspaper by adding more stories to attract all different groups of students. Also, they could make sure they update the stories at the final deadline to make sure it is as current as possible. I feel the newspaper was a good choice to do because it helps you make new friends and shows your creative side in the articles.

Kayla Twaddell~

If I am being honest, I was not too thrilled about taking journalism at the beginning of my senior year. I previously did not like to write, so in turn, I

believed that the class would be a drag for me. As the days went on, I began to create a love for writing. I wrote and helped to write several articles for the newspaper, including many recipes for yummy meals and my most recent article, "A Lesson for Life," which was about the March for Our Lives protest that occurred in Washington, D.C. on March 24th. As the saying goes, "never judge a book by its cover." Being involved in journalism has created a new love for me, as well as forming many new friendships and gaining more knowledge about our very own DMA and the cadets within. I wish the best of luck to next year's staff...you will most likely have the time of your life!

Cody Nicholson~

This has been a long year, so obviously I have more to say than space allows. Only good things if I might say. Even though it is weird to be graduating from here I can't say I'm complaining. At the beginning of the year I thought it would take forever to get to this point yet it feels like just yesterday I was saying those words. It's been a good four years at DMA and while it has had its ups and downs, overall I would say that it has been a great experience.

Kevin Santner~

Over the school year I have written the articles about so many topics, such as: the Vaping Seminar, the 9/11 Ceremony and the Zach McCrea interview, to name a few. Being in the Journalism class – newspaper side really brought back my interest in writing as well as bringing out my creativity. I'm very glad that I chose to be a part of it because of all the things that I have learned, it seems to be the knowledge that I will carry with me into the future.

Sarah Webb~

This year in journalism, I was given the chance to grow as a writer and to be able express myself in my writing. I learned about time management and what it's like to work on a team as if I were working in a real newspaper company. I would recommend this class to anyone who likes to write and wants to catch a glimpse of what it's like to be a journalist, if they are interested in pursuing a career in that field.

Creative Corner...

Elements: *A Narrative*

By Keith Jewell

Chapter 4

Damien puts us through a lot during our training. From battling hordes of monsters on our own to unusual training to enhance our teamwork. Summer and I get along well, and nail the teamwork sections; Ace doesn't do so well in that aspect. He never was much of a team player. In terms of individual ability, Summer and I don't do quite as well. Ace, however, does great in that area. That's to be expected, I suppose. However, by the end of it, all three of us are much stronger than we could have imagined.

Eventually, the fifth day passes, and during our sixth, Damien has us go through one final test to make sure we're ready. We're to venture deep into the woods and deal with the so called "King of the Wild," whatever that means. So we set out, doing battle with whatever we run into along the way. It takes about two hours of walking and fighting, and by the time we make it to our goal, we're exhausted. But, nonetheless, we've made it. The king resides inside of a large tree, with an opening shaped like a door. We enter, and are met with ascending stairs. As we climb, Summer warns us that she can sense a powerful aura coming from the top. That's one thing she's really good at, detecting dangers around us. Something about feeling it in the air, which I guess makes some sense. I'm still not sure how much I trust any of this, but I haven't noticed anything too out of the ordinary with Damien or Ace, so I've managed to quell my suspicions for now. As we near the top, I ask Summer if she can tell what it is we're up against. Her response is worrisome. "Something is messing with the flow of air... I can't feel anything properly." "Well, at least we know it's got abilities over the air." Everything in this world has a single elemental affinity. Whether that's one of the "pure" elements, fire, water, earth, and air, or one of the many "branches",

like Damien's lightning, seems to be random, but the fact remains that you only get one. So knowing which one your enemy has is very helpful in battle. "Okay, are you both ready? No half measures now - give it everything you've got!" Ace exclaims, charging through the opening to the top. Summer and I follow. When we reach the top, we're on a stump surrounded by the outer leaves and branches of the tree. It's like someone - or something - strategically cut down only the branches and leaves needed to make this space. We're also met by what looks like a griffin - a very angry one, charging straight at us. Summer blows us away, literally, and Ace draws his boomerangs, a very unusual choice of weapon, but of course he figures out a way to make it work well. "Aqua Blades!" He shouts, charging at the beast, the boomerangs now swords with blades of water, and the beast cries out as it is hit. It flies up and roars, sending out powerful gusts of wind threatening to blow us off. "Flame Wings!" I shout, burning wings shooting out of my back, sort of like an angel's, and fly out of the way of the wind. Sword drawn, I fly above the beast, stabbing downwards at it. It cries out again, and its wings beat powerfully, blowing me away. I stab my blade into the stump to stop myself from flying too far, and then the beast targets Summer, who is having trouble fighting thanks to the beast messing with the wind. Ace jumps onto its back and starts attacking, but it's quick to knock him off. As he flies off, he throws his boomerangs shouting "Aqua Saws!", again transforming them, this time into powerful, spinning blades. "Flame Jets!" I yell, jets of flame from my feet blasting me forward.

As I prepare to attack the beast, my blade begins to glow a strange golden color, and as I stab the griffin, the blade slowly transforms into what looks like a much sharper, stronger bronze color, with a red flame drawing in the middle. The creature then evaporates like the rest of the monsters we've fought. I rejoin Summer to ensure she's okay, who assures me that she's fine. "It's strange though... I still feel something messing with the air."

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“That’s because that wasn’t what was messing it up in the first place. We aren’t even at the top of the tree yet.” Ace says, joining us. It’s then that we notice more wooden stairs have appeared, leading us further up. We head up, wanting to finish this as soon as possible. When we reach the top, we’re very surprised by what we find. It’s just a green crystal, with electricity coming out of it. Electricity that’s forming attack to launch at us, very familiar attacks. I deflect the attacks with my blade, thankful that the crystal isn’t nearly as fast as its maker. Ace closes in on it, though he isn’t able to do very much with water, as that would be a big risk to himself. Summer follows behind him, while I continue deflecting the attacks. As Ace gets ready to strike, the electricity suddenly targets him and Summer, but Ace acts quickly, dodging the assault and pushing Summer out of the way before it strikes. He then strikes at the crystal, which creates a few cracks, but not enough. More electricity suddenly comes out, making my job much more difficult. Summer then surprises us all by touching the crystal, and she absorbs the energy inside of it. She gets out of the way before it can strike her, and comes up to me. “Summer! You need to be more careful! That was way too dangerous!” I yell at her, though a lot of its intended force is lost due to the sound of the electricity.

“Don’t worry, I have a plan.” She assures me, and then walks behind me. “Okay, for this to work, you need to get a big fire attack ready! Can you do that?” she asks.

“Kinda busy here already!” I shout back, barely able to keep up with the new speed of the electricity flying out all over the place.

“Ace! I need you to take over his job!” Summer says, suddenly gaining a new commanding voice, though I’m not sure where she could have gotten it from. This is a side of her I’ve never seen before; that’s for sure.

“I’m not sure these will work as well as his sword, but I guess I can try. What kind of plan do you have in mind, though?” Ace asks, getting ready to take my place.

“You’ll see.” Summer vaguely answers as Ace and I switch positions.

“Alright, so what kind of attack did you have in mind?” I ask her.

“Well, your tornado attack is pretty big, so that might work.” I nod and get ready to do it.

“Flame Tornado!” I shout, spinning around quickly, speed boosted by flame jets. “How’s this?” I ask her, ready to launch the blustering spiral of heat around me.

“That’s perfect. Alright, let it go in three... two... one... *now!* Breath of Growing Flames!” she shouts. As I launch the tornado at the crystal, she blows a great gust of wind at the flames, which in turn cause them to grow larger. “Now, direct them all at the crystal!” she yells, and I see what her plan is. Her wind will cause the flames to grow, and if there are enough, it should burn the crystal enough for it to stop functioning.

“Homing Flames!” I yell, suddenly directing all the flames directly at the crystal. These crystals are particularly annoying, being able to repair itself quickly, meaning we need to destroy it completely with one attack. After all the flames are gone, we can clearly see that the crystal is now complete ash, no more lightning, and no more of Summer’s power being blocked.

“Well done, all of you. You’ve passed your test.” Damien says, appearing behind us out of nowhere as per usual. “Now then, let’s head back to camp and get some rest.” So we do, and the next day, we’re ready to go rescue my brother...

To be continued...



***Thanks for a
great school year.***

See you in September!