



The DMA Scuttlebutt

9/11 Ceremony

By Erin Walsh and Kevin Santner

On Monday, September 11th, Delaware Military Academy held their annual 9/11 ceremony to commemorate the 2,977 people who lost their lives on that infamous day in New York City. The ceremony included guest speakers such as Governor John Carney and Senator Chris Coons and DMA's very own Commandant Pullella. As well as guest speakers, DMA asked people from the motorcycle community to help with the ceremony and show support. The fire department was a major part of the 9/11 formation in the field, bringing two fire engines to raise a ceremonial American flag behind the cadets. The police department led the motorcycle parade during the conclusion of the ceremony, making it one of the most memorable 9/11 ceremonies that DMA has hosted..

This year's ceremony included several enhancements. The American flag that the fire department displayed above the cadets in the 9/11 formation was one of the main attractions, tying the entire observance together. Cadet **Page Turner** commented, "I thought it was pretty cool; I didn't expect the fire department to bring in the flag." The giant American Flag was a pleasant surprise to the freshman this year as well as the upper classmen. Freshman **Emily Brooks** claims, "the only thing I didn't expect was so many people around the track and the big flag and the two fire trucks." The big flag wasn't the only memorable aspect to the ceremony. Cadet Turner also says, "What really stuck out to me was the bagpipes and how they stuck all of the small flags all across the field." Class President **James Sidlowski** had some positive words to say about the ceremony overall, "I thought it was very well put together and performed. We honored the men and women that died that day. All who participated in the motorcycles and the regiment should be proud of themselves for showing respect for those who have fallen." (Continued on pg. 2.)

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Standing strong during the 9/11 memorial ceremony to continue DMA's support and remembrance of this unfortunate date.

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In addition to cadets participating in the 9/11 formation in the field, DMA had a few cadets involved in the upper ceremony. DMA Executive Officer, **Cooper Pampuch**, was the MC for the entire event and the commanding officer, **Katie Certesio** commanded the regiment. “*Taps*” was played by two cadets, Matthew Kohan and Thomas McAdoo, on the roof of MacDonald Hall. A wreath to commemorate those who were lost was placed by Cadets **Luke Gilgenast, John Ray, and Nick Renaud**. DMA’s choir did an amazing job singing the national anthem. DMA cadets worked extremely hard to make the 9/11 ceremony as spectacular as possible, and they all did an outstanding job honoring all of those affected by the tragedies on 9/11.

Dome Expansion

By Cody Nicholson & Keith Jewel

There are a lot of big changes coming to Delaware Military Academy, especially when it comes to the dome, known as Fusco Hall. With this addition comes many other changes as well, such as moving many of the teachers. The teachers who currently teach freshman courses have all been relocated to the new building, creating what could be called a “Freshman Academy.” The current plan is for Fusco Hall to stay a mainly freshman populated building, although this may change at some point in the future if necessary. A significant addition emerging from the expansion is that many teachers are finally able to have their own room, which had been a problem in previous years. Though there are not any plans for the student population to increase with the addition of the building, there are new classes, such as the five classes that relocated to the new building.

Another useful addition from the dome is that it concentrates on giving the freshmen time to bond and grow close, while not being influenced by the things the older cadets are doing. This helps prevent them from having to grow up too soon. So far all of the classes seem to like the set up, and as the teachers finally all have their own rooms, they are very happy with the set up. There are three new teachers who have joined our academy this year, and so far they seem to be doing well. The dome comes with various new amenities, including a new weight room to with new equipment. Other additions include new offices,

including an athletic training office for Athletic Trainer Hillary. The Commandant may also move his office over to the new dome to be closer to the incoming freshman.



The sports section of the dome can seat 750 people allowing for everyone to watch the games. A skybox was also built for the announcers inside the gym part of the dome. To give the gym inside the dome a more authentic feel there is a 4 sided score board above the center of the court. We hope to see what becomes of DMA with this recent addition.



New dome/Fusco Hall has its finishing touches being added for the opening night of 10/26/17. Girls Volleyball played against Red Lion for the first competitive sports game in the new gym.

Fusco Hall’s opening ribbon cutting ceremony was on October 26, 2017. The attendance consisted of the entire DMA student body, local officials, teachers and *(Continued on Page 3.)*

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donors. It is now officially open to the whole school now, and will forever be a part of DMA.

FAN CENTRAL

By Kierah Barricks & Bryanna Garvey



Student section during the DMA homecoming football game against St. Elizabeth's

Fall Sports

We interviewed Coach Mike Ryan earlier in the month and he had a few words about the Varsity Football Team. Mr. Ryan has stated that he has goals to “Get better every day, come off the field better than when we went on the field. One of our goals is to definitely make it to playoffs.” Mr. Ryan had good feelings about this season all along. Since last season the Varsity Football Team has been eligible and able to play against Division 1 schools such as Hodgson and Newark High School. Rivals for this year are: Conrad, St. Marks, and Archmere. Another objective that Coach Ryan set for the team was making it to the Diamond State Tournament. DMA Football went 9-1 in the regular season and plans on continuing to win in the playoffs.



Currently, Girls Volleyball (as of press time) finished out their season 7-6. Unfortunately they took a tough loss to rival, Conrad. Girls Volleyball had their toughest game on Thursday, September 28 at Padua. The girls' goals for this season were to have better communication, and just work together as a united team. They accomplished their goals, and are ready to go further next year.

A big game for the DMA Boys Soccer Team was when they played against Caravel Academy on October 26. The history behind Caravel Academy and DMA is pretty big. DMA and Caravel have been close rivals throughout the years. Two years ago DMA lost to Caravel, but in 2016 DMA beat Caravel 2-0. The Boys Soccer Team this year unfortunately lost to Caravel, but finished out their season 8-6-1, heading to the semi-finals in the tournament. DMA Boys Soccer Coach, Mr. Holland, says, “The team this year is strong and has skilled players.”



The Boys Soccer Team against Archmere at Kirkwood winning the game 3-0.

Comeback is the name of the game for DMA Field Hockey, as the first game to start off the season was against Ursuline Academy, but unfortunately they lost with a score of 0-6. The team continually tries their hardest and pushes their limits. After the Ursuline game, the Field Hockey Team suffered another loss, but made a strong recovery against Hodgson; winning 2-0. The team is a strong team with so many positive attitudes, which is crucial to their success this season. Field Hockey finished out their season 9-6, making it into the tournament but losing in the first round.

Recipes

By: *Kaylee Taylor & Kayla Twaddell*

Monkey Bread

Ingredients

- 3 (12 ounce) packages of refrigerated biscuit dough
- 1 cup of white sugar
- 2 teaspoons of ground cinnamon
- ½ cup of butter
- 1 cup of packed brown sugar

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease bundt pan.
2. Mix white sugar and cinnamon in a plastic bag. Cut biscuits into quarters. Shake 6 to 8 biscuit pieces in the sugar cinnamon mix. Arrange pieces in the bottom of the prepared pan. Continue until all biscuits are coated and placed in pan.
3. In a small saucepan, melt the margarine with the brown sugar over medium heat. Boil for 1 minute. Pour over the biscuits.
4. Bake at 350 degrees F for 35 minutes. Let bread cool in pan for 10 minutes, then turn out onto a plate. **DO NOT CUT!** The bread just pulls apart.



Fro-Yo Fruit Bites

Ingredients

- 1 ½ cup of yogurt flavor of your choice
- ¼ cup of milk
- 2 teaspoons of honey
- ½ cup of pure vanilla extract
- 1 ½ cup of fruit of your choice

Directions

1. In a medium bowl, combine yogurt, milk, honey and vanilla. Whisk until smooth.
2. In an ice tray, distribute fruit in each of the cube molds.
3. Spoon yogurt mixture over fruit, filling molds completely. Freeze for 5 hours, or until frozen solid.



DMA's Advice Column

By: Sarah Webb

Every teenager experiences high school differently from one another. Every person has their own thoughts, their own feelings, and their own unique stories to tell about the “best times of their life.” The infamous saying that “high school will be the best four years of your life,” may ring true to some people, however, what they fail to mention about high school is that you, as an individual, are ever changing. Everything you thought you knew about yourself, the world, and the people around you changes. You will soon start to realize that you are going through one of the most important self-growth phases of your life. Anything and everything you go through during high school will shape you as an adult. There will be many valuable life lessons to be taught in high school, and these lessons are not always going to be taught within the classroom.

As an introvert, high school may not always be the most comfortable experience. Of course, there will be many enjoyable times and you are bound to make memories that will last a lifetime. However, from my own personal experience, being quiet can make you feel as though you don't belong, as if you're constantly being overshadowed.

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Being the “shy girl,” who always seemed to go unnoticed, has taught me so much about myself. I realize now, as a senior, there is absolutely nothing wrong with being the way I am. I still have genuine friends who look out for me, and I have made so many memories that I will always cherish. I used to envy the popular and outgoing kids, but I have learned to accept myself, and to even love myself. I don't know whether or not anyone who may read this has experienced a similar feeling, but I am writing this in the hopes that someone connects to my writing, and gains something from it. I appreciate the times throughout high school when I could relate to someone.

Take the time in high school to enjoy yourself, and realize that there is more to life than popularity. Make friends with the people that make you happy, and allow yourself to discover your passions, whether it's by playing a sport or joining a club. If you are going through hard times, never give up on yourself, because you *will* get through it. There are always people around you who care, and will never hesitate to lend a helping hand. Take all of the life lessons you learn, and use them throughout life. Use them to become the person you are supposed to be, and realize you are going to do amazing things, no matter what you may have gone through in high school.

2017 Horoscopes

By Emily McKenna & Erika Hoosier

Virgo (23 August-22 September)

As soon as the Sun conjoints Pluto in Capricorn on January 7, the year 2017 will blast off into an adventure of work and career possibilities for Virgos.

Your planet Mercury will be in Capricorn, too. Thoughts and ideas to move you ahead will be abundant and achievable all year. January also starts with a mystic and mystifying conjunction of Mars and Neptune in Pisces. You'll be looking into the face of magic all year long, and you'll be able to tell what's real from what's illusion. That's an advantage that very few people will have. The Moon and Venus conjunct in Aquarius smooths out many social and relationship issues. You will be able to see and think more clearly about others than perhaps they can themselves. The most important celestial signal might be the conjunction of Mars and the Lunar North Node in Leo on the day that the Sun enters Virgo. You normally act with great consideration and compassion. This year, what you do may more often have karmic implications with soul connections to improve your life. You're more playful, dramatic actions could have deeper, more subtle and long-reaching consequences. The third of this year's four Mercury retrogrades starts in Virgo on August 12 and ends in Leo on September 5. You can have some of your best and most successful moments of the year now. They may not look great in the moment, but they are.



Libra (23 September-22 October)

For the first ten months of 2017, enthusiastic and big-hearted Jupiter is in your sign, Libra. You can do endless good things with this. Strong allies, partners, and friends are there with you. Have a persistent vision, help and be helpful, and you should have a magnificent year!



Venus and the Moon are conjoined in the Air Sign Aquarius as 2017 begins. Love and all social relationships and connections will benefit from the cool, clear-seeing, but compassionate influences of this Air Sign. Jupiter is retrograde from February through early June, giving you extra time to make the most of all the good things that Jupiter can bring. This retrograde doesn't take luck away but it concentrates on internal, less obvious issues. Be luckier in personal matters and get into better shape by the summer. As the Sun enters Libra, Mercury, Venus, and Mars are all in sensible, accomplished Virgo. Your efforts may sometimes feel modest but they will have great influence and consequences. The Sun is also conjoined with the asteroid Vesta. You naturally sacrifice and share blessings and good luck. The Moon is in a separating conjunction with Jupiter at the same time. Feelings and intentions deepen and you'll focus more sharply on what matters most to you.

Scorpio (October 23-21 November)

You may not recognize just how lucky you are going to be this year, Scorpio! The Sun-Pluto conjunction at 2017's beginning may keep you wired, intense, and focused on your chosen work. Keep an eye out for lucky opportunities and be ready to pounce. Your modern planet Pluto will keep you sharp and intense all year long. The separating Mars-Neptune conjunction in Pisces may tug at your heart and conscience at times but your traditional planet Mars will keep you moving forward and won't let you sink into self-doubt. When Scorpio starts, the Sun is conjoined with Jupiter and Mercury. Your lucky streak comes out of this. Mars is just entering Libra, too. This keeps you involved and plugged in with other kindred spirits, and those with shared goals and intentions. Your drive for success is unwavering. Your craving for love and respect is also without limits. The outside world may be crazy at times but at the end of every day, you return to what matters most in your life. 2017 is a powerful and empowering year when nothing can distract, disturb, or stop you if you're determined. Go out and do it!

