



# Delaware Military Academy

September 8, 2017

Good Morning, Seahawk Nation,

Happy Friday and welcome back to a new school year! The start of the year has been really quite smooth. With Fusco Hall open and the cadets getting acclimated to the new facility and their new schedules, we are off and running!

Here are some important pieces of information to ensure you are in the know:



- ❖ Safety, safety, safety! We have a new traffic pattern and it is going quite well, but please slowdown in the parking lot (parents and cadets). Many of our cadets in the morning back into their spot for an easier exit at the end of the day, but we have had a few close calls with the vehicle behind them. Please just take your time and be very alert. Cadets leaving in the afternoon who are blowing through the stop sign on Middleboro Road you are going to cause an accident, get ticketed, or both. I promise you an officer is going to be waiting there. Save yourself some cash and points!
- ❖ This is DMA's second year with our "new" transportation company, All in One. Overall, we are off to a great start! We have been addressing all concerns, again with the safety of our cadets as a priority. Thank you all for your patience as we continue to get everyone acclimated to the new routes, new traffic patterns, new faces and new year.
- ❖ Our 9/11 tribute is this Monday beginning at 8:00am sharp. We welcome all of you to come remember with us, as we do every year. Parking is first-come, first-served, and we ask that you to be here no later than 7:45am. We hope you can be with us.
- ❖ We have made several changes to our internal operations i.e. new phone system, surveillance cameras, and magnetic locks. We are still working on a few issues, but when it is all up and running as it should, it will greatly enhance our security, which is always our top priority.
- ❖ The 2017 Back to School night will be held on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. This event is designed to give parents an opportunity to meet the teachers and ask general questions. We will begin in the Mess Hall promptly at 6:30pm before you have the opportunity to visit the classrooms. In addition, the music and sports boosters will have DMA gear on sale before the event begins on the drill deck. If you have a specific concern about your child and their progress, you will have the opportunity to schedule a parent conference in the near future. We look forward to seeing you this coming Thursday evening.

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- ❖ The first college workshop of the 2017-2018 school year will be held on Monday, September 18th at 6:30pm in the Mess Hall. The program will start with a recap of our spring workshop about the DMA college process and where the seniors should be in the process. Immediately following this short presentation, we will move directly into our September Workshop presentation by Stand By Me (Delaware Financial Empowerment Office) called "PAYING FOR COLLEGE: GET IN THE GAME." This workshop will be an overview of the many financial options available to cadets and parents. Cadets and parents are encouraged to attend.
  
- ❖ Sports Report: Welcome Back Seahawk Nation and all of our sports fans! Thank you to all the fall sports families for making our transition to the online Family ID registration process a great success.
  - Come check out our first official sporting events of the year with Field Hockey kicking things off today at Kirkwood against Ursuline Academy at 3:45pm. Good luck ladies!
  - Football and Cheerleading have their first contest tomorrow at Wilmington Charter at 1:00pm. This will be the first game in the Diamond State Football Conference. Good luck team!
  - Cross Country starts their competitions tomorrow as they travel to Killens Pond for the Lake Forest Invitational. Run team run!
  - Soccer gets kicking tomorrow morning at 11:00am at Delcastle. Good luck guys!
  - There is plenty of action for high school sports fan this weekend. Please support all of the Seahawk teams by attending their contests! Look for updates next week for volleyball and the new DOME! Seahawk Nation, Anchor Down!

We have several other irons in the fire which all pertain to the forward momentum of DMA and are so excited about the future of this school and our cadets. They truly are an awesome bunch to be around. For example, the very first day of school so many cadets just went out of their way to ask how things went over the summer, shake your hand and simply say hi. It is nice to be around young people who are full of optimism, energy, and enthusiasm; it makes us want to work that much harder to give them absolutely everything they deserve and more... and we will. It takes time, but just like our expansion was a vision, it is now here, and there is so much more to come!

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend, and have an opportunity see our cadets and athletes competing and participating this weekend. Please remember to practice good sportsmanship at the athletic contests and cheer for our teams in a positive manner.

Kind regards,

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