

Delmar School District

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To ensure the safety of our students and staff, please remember to have a photo I.D. ready when you enter the district or school offices. Even though many of you are familiar faces to us, school policy requires you to have your Wildcat ID card or photo I.D. with you.

Important Dates:

03/25 - 04/1: Spring Break: Schools and Offices Closed
04/12: Distribute Report Cards (MP3)
04/22: Teacher Prep Day: Schools and Offices Closed
04/22: High School Prom
04/26: Primary Election Day: Schools and Offices Closed
04/26: Staff Professional Development Day
05/11: Distribute Interim Progress Reports (MP4)
05/24 - 05/27: Senior Exams
05/27: Seniors' Last Day
05/30: Memorial Day: Schools and Offices Closed
06/07 - 06/10: Final Exams (Students dismissed at 11:45 am)
06/09: 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony (9:30 am)
06/10: Student's Last Day, Commencement Exercise (7:00 pm)
06/21: Report Cards Mailed Home

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Superintendent's Corner

As we look forward to spring in Wildcat country, on behalf of the Delmar School District, I would like to thank everyone for their participation in academic, athletic, and arts' programs throughout the winter season. Thank you for joining us in celebrating our students' work through participation at our Holiday Band/Chorus concerts, Parent Conference Night, FAFSA Night, and College/Career Fair. We hope to see you at a variety of upcoming spring events including our musical, Shrek; Parent Assessment Night; Incoming 5th Grade Registration Night, and Dual Enrollment / AP Parent Night.



Delaware Goes to College 2016 Success Report: The Delmar School District is honored as 1 of 6 Delaware School Districts to have reduced students' need for college remediation.

The Delmar School District is honored to be one of six Delaware school districts and one of five Delaware high schools to be recognized as part of Delaware's 2016 College Success Report. Due to the dedication and hard work of our students and staff, Delmar High School is being recognized for having higher percentages of students entering a Delaware college, without the need for remediation. The Delaware Higher Education Office unveiled this report at the February 23rd Delaware Pathways Conference during which Governor Jack Markell provided "An Update on the Delaware Promise." The conference featured national leaders - Jamie Merisotis, President and CEO of Lumina Foundation; Dr. Robert Schwartz, Professor Emeritus, Harvard Graduate School of Education; and Michael Cohen, President, Achieve. With Common Core changes in the curriculum and targeted student and staff supports, the Administrative Team commends all of our Delmar students and staff in working to improve students' preparedness for college.

Assessment



In response to district and community feedback, the Delaware Department of Education has changed this year's high school accountability assessment to the College Board's SAT Reading, Math, and Essay test, replacing the Smarter Balanced Reading/Math Assessment testing in the High School. For Middle School Grades 5-8, SBAC Smarter Balanced Reading and Math Assessments will remain the accountability assessment. This change helps to improve the alignment of student testing needs and college/career readiness needs as students prepare for high school graduation and plan for future employment opportunities.



Safety & Security: Wildcat Identity Card



All of our parents, students, and emergency contacts should now have a Wildcat Identity Card. The first issuance is free of charge. A replacement card can be purchased for \$5.00. Lanyards are also available for \$5.00. If you need to obtain a Wildcat Card, please see:

Nicole Nichols nicole.nichols@delmar.k12.de.us or

Penny Bell penny.bell@delmar.k.12.de.us

in the District Office. Remember to bring a photo ID such as a Driver's License.

Parking & Traffic

As a reminder, to ensure the safety of our students and staff, we must keep our Fire Lanes clear of all vehicles, and no vehicles can park on the grassy areas around our facility. Ticketing of vehicles parked in fire lane tow zones began on February 1. We thank the Delmar Police Department in their support and assistance. New signage, fencing, and traffic flow patterns will help improve the safety of our students, staff, and guests walking around our campus.



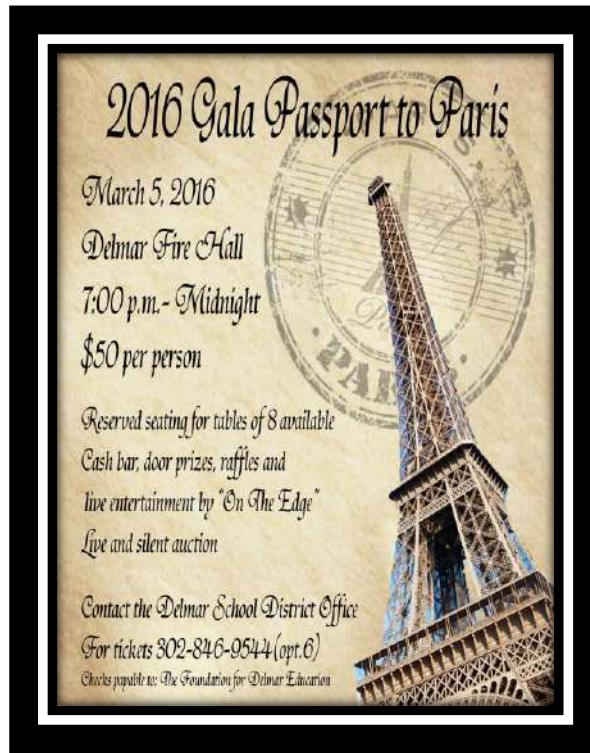
The Foundation for Delmar Education

The non-profit Foundation for Delmar Education will be holding its annual Gala on Saturday, March 5 at the Delmar Fire Department. This annual fundraising event helps sponsor teachers' instructional project grants at Delmar Elementary School, Delmar Middle School, and Delmar High School. The band "On the Edge" will be performing and the LIVE Auction will be featuring our Middle School Principal, Andy O'Neal, as the auctioneer.



Anyone interested in donating a Silent Auction Basket or Auction Item, please contact Amy Waters at: 410-603-7455; AHWATERS@salisbury.edu

Tickets are going fast, and we anticipate over 275 attendees. Tickets are available from Jan Steele in the District Office: jan.steele@delmar.k12.de.us or nicole.nichols@delmar.k12.de.us



If you or your employer is interested in a professional sponsorship to support “The Foundation for Delmar Education,” the commercial incentives are listed below:

Platinum Sponsor: \$2,500

- Underwriter for the food or entertainment
- Business name and logo prominently displayed at the event
- Table Sponsor with premier seating to include four tickets
- Business name and logo displayed at table*
- Acknowledgement on website
- *Logo is needed by February 24th



Wildcat Sponsor: \$1,000

- Business name advertised at the event
- Table Sponsor with premier seating to include two tickets
- Business name displayed at table
- Acknowledgement on website

Bobcat Sponsor: \$500

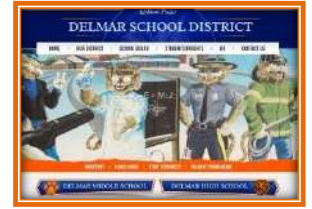
- Business name advertised at the event
- Acknowledgement on website

Contact Amy Waters at AHWATERS@salisbury.edu Jan Steele at jan.steele@delmar.k12.de.us to provide a Platinum, Wildcat, or Bobcat Sponsorship.



Communication REMINDER

District Website: www.delmar.k12.de.us. By accessing our website, you'll have direct access to the Syllabus for each teacher within our district. The Syllabus provides not only instructional information about each course, but also contact information and course expectations that will help your child succeed in their classes.



Home Access Center: To have continuous access to your child's grades on all of their assignments, remember to go to Home Access Center: <https://hac.doe.k12.de.us>. If you have any questions about a username or password, please contact Terri Sensenig at terri.sensenig@delmar.k12.de.us

Instant Phone and Email Alerts & Announcements: Blackboard MyConnect Information

This winter, our district transferred our digital instant alert system to Blackboard Connect. Our Instant Alert System will provide you access to both phone and email alerts regarding important events, announcements, or schedule updates, including inclement weather updates. This site will enable you to manage your contact information and give you the option of installing the Blackboard MyConnect app for Android and iOS to receive push notifications for important messages. You can access our new MyConnect site by typing the following URL into the web browser on your computer:

<http://delmarschooldistrict.bbcportal.com>

or going to the Delmar Webpage and access the Delmar MyConnect Site there. Once the page is open, click the Sign Me Up! link to setup your account. Please note that in order to create an account you will need:

1. An active email address.
2. Your student's Student ID #
3. The phone number that the school has on file for your student.



You will set up your account with an email address and password. Then you will receive an email link to continue. The email may take a few minutes. Once you click the link, you will answer a few security questions. Your account is now set up, and you will return to the login screen. Login to the system and then find your student with the student ID # and the phone number that the school has on file. From this point forward, you will set up your preferences for contacts. Once you have logged in, you can add any additional students you have attending Delmar Middle and Senior High School by clicking your name in the upper right corner and selecting "Contact Information." We are very excited about our site launch and invite you to visit our new site and take control over your notification preferences.



Parent Night Events

This winter, please join us at our Band and Chorus Concerts as well as our academic events such as Parent Conference Nights:

- Thursday, March 3: PRIDE State Testing Assessment Night
- Thursday, April 7: Dual Enrollment College & AP Night (Note: New Date)
- Wednesday, April 13: Parent Conference Night
- Wednesday, April 27: Incoming 5th Grade Registration for 2016 – 2017 at Delmar Elementary School

Twitter

Our Administrative Team is venturing into the Twitter world to share the instructional moments of excellence in the classroom, through the arts, as well as on the athletic field. You can also be the first to learn about any schedule changes due to delays or closings. Please follow us at:



Superintendent Charity Phillips:

Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment Supervisor Lisa Morris:

High School Principal William Rickard:

High School Assistant Principal Nick Reece:

Middle School Principal Andy O'Neal:

Middle School Assistant Principal James Heslen:

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@DHS_AP

@PrincipalDMS

@DelmarWildcatAP





Delaware Department of Education Highlights

Delmar's Students' College Readiness:

"Take Note: Education in the First State" Digital Newsletter



Delmar students participate in dual enrollment courses so they graduate with a high school diploma and college credits.

This fall, Amy Wilber, 17, will begin the Sports Turf Management Program at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. A 12th grade student from **Delmar High School** in the **Delmar School District**, she has been preparing for Ohio State University's Science and Math programs for a few years now.

In 10th grade, Wilber enrolled in high-school Biology. Last year she took her first college-level course at Delaware Technical Community College. This year – her senior year – she is enrolled in Calculus and Biology through Wilmington University.

“Looking at the classes I have to take once I get to college, I know they’re heavy in science and math so I wanted to get a basis,” Wilber said. “The opportunity to earn college credits while still in high school also gives me an advantage when I get to college since I’m better prepared.”

Wilber attends Wilmington University through Delmar’s dual enrollment program. The program – in place at Delmar since the 2014-15 school year – allows Delmar students in grades 10-12 to receive between three and four college credits from Wilmington University (WilmU) for college-level courses taken in high school.



Delmar teachers are approved as adjunct professors by Wilmington University to teach WilmU classes during the regular school day, and students take the classes on the Delmar campus. As long as students earn a “C” or better in the class, they receive both college and high school credits for the same course.

Having the courses on-site has its advantages, Wilber says. “The class professors are in the school so I can go to them when I need help instead of only seeing my instructor once a week like other courses.”

For Delmar, dual enrollment is a strategy for preparing students for college-level coursework and also earning college credits before high school graduation.

“We wanted to open opportunities for students to enroll in advanced coursework and receive college credits,” Lisa Morris, Supervisor of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment for Delmar School District, said.

And because dual enrollment is on-site, more students can take advantage of the program, Morris said. “This approach allows our students opportunities that they may otherwise miss if they had to travel and take the college courses at the actual college campus.”

Delmar currently offers Wilmington University classes in English, Calculus, Biology and Photography. This year about 45 students are taking one or more dual enrollment courses at Delmar.

“During the first two years, we were able to introduce these courses to our students for free through a grant pilot,” Morris said. Currently, “We have been able to continue to offer these courses to our students this year at a rate that is much lower than what they would pay if they took the course directly through a college.”

Delmar students in grades 10-12 also take advantage of Advanced Placement (AP) classes in English, Statistics, Art History, U.S. History and Chemistry.

Both dual-enrollment and AP classes are highlighted in Delaware’s 2016 College Success Report – released this week – as programs that better prepare high school students for college-level coursework before high school graduation and, ideally, before the 12th grade.

Access to college-level rigor in high school leads to improved student success in college and also decreases student remediation rates.

Forty percent of Delaware high school graduates attend college in-state. Nearly half of these students require at least one remedial class their first year of college.

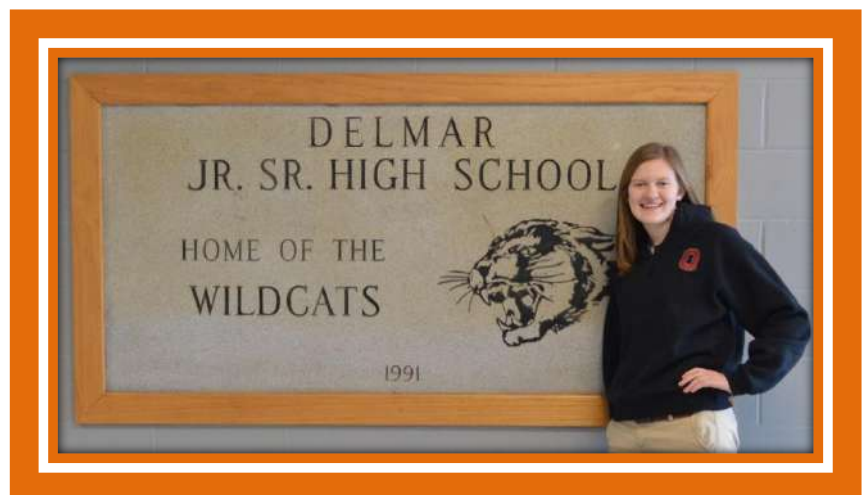
Remediation classes yield zero credits and are often offered at a significant cost to students. Because of the time, money, and frustration of remediation students who require remediation often experience higher college drop-out rates.

College remediation rates are even higher for students from low-income families or for students who would be the first in their family to attend higher education, making improved access to college-level courses while still in high school especially important so that all students can access these programs with fewer obstacles.

This week, alongside the release of the 2016 College Success Report, Delmar was one of six districts in Delaware to receive an award from the Delaware Department of Education for reducing its remediation rates.

"We know there is a strong link between high school rigor and college readiness, and we applaud Delaware high schools who are taking steps to better prepare their students for college-level courses before 12th grade," Michael Watson, Chief Academic Officer of the Delaware Department of Education, said.

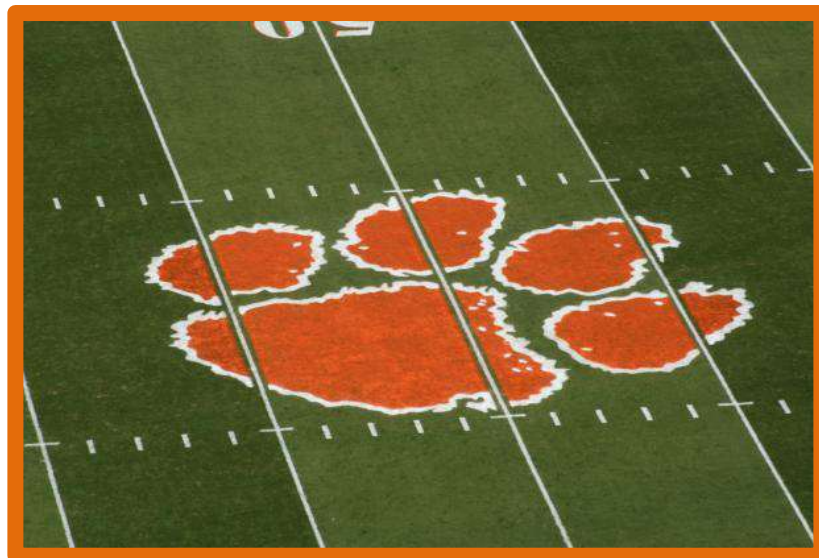
"College acceptance does not necessarily mean that a student is ready to complete college coursework. Programs like dual



enrollment and AP help to address the hurdles that students are facing when they go to college. By increasing the rigor in high school, students have a better chance at college graduation,” he said.

Wilber agrees. Due to the courses she has been able to take at Delmar, she says she is better prepared for Ohio State. “I feel ready,” she said.

Over the last few years, Delaware has seen a marked increase in the number of dual enrollment courses available to Delaware high school students. Two years ago, Delaware students took 800 dual-enrollment courses. This year, the state is on track to see enrollment of 2,700 courses.





Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment – Lisa R. Morris

Testing:

Testing dates for the remainder of the school year are listed to the right. We have a busy spring with testing.

All students in grades 5 – 10 took the Winter MAP test in math and reading in December. The final round of MAP Math and Reading testing will take place in the spring (May). All of our students are working hard to meet their growth goal in Reading and Math by the spring. The spring testing results will be one piece of information used in class placement for next school year.



All 10th grade students should have been able to access their PSAT scores from the fall through the College Board Website. In addition, they can link their

College Board accounts to Khan Academy and get personalized practice problems to get ready for the SAT.

Our 9th graders took the NEW PSAT 8/9 on Wednesday, February 24th. The PSAT 8/9 is a test that will help your child and their teachers figure out what your child needs to work on most so that you're ready for college when they graduate from high school. It tests the same skills and knowledge as the SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, and PSAT 10 — in a way that makes sense for their grade level.

All 11th grade students will take the NEW SAT test on Tuesday, April 12th. We will also offer a make-up test day on Wednesday, April 27th. The New SAT will now replace the SBAC Reading and Math test that were requirements for all 11th grade students. With this change, we have been working hard to set up all 11th grade students with Khan Academy accounts so they can practice during ACCEL time each day.

Parent PRIDE Nights:



Parent PRIDE Night was held on February 18th. A representative from “Stand by Me” was available to help parents and students complete their FAFSA Application. The FAFSA form is the “Free Application for Federal Student Aid.” This is the form completed annually by current and prospective college students (undergraduate and graduate) to determine their eligibility for student financial aid. All federal grant and loan awards are determined by the FAFSA, and nearly all colleges use the FAFSA as the basis for their own financial aid awards. The FAFSA form can be found on the web at:

<https://fasfa.ed.gov/>.

Upcoming Important Dates:

- February 18th – Parent PRIDE Night
FAFSA Night
- February 24th – PSAT for 9th Grade
(Gr 10, 11 & 12 admin Excused)
- March 3rd - Parent PRIDE Night
Assessment Night
- March 9th – 24th – SBAC Testing
(CAT Portion) for 5th – 8th Grade
- April 11th – April 29th – SBAC Testing for
(PT Portion) for 5th – 8th Grade
- April 12th – SAT for 11th Grade
(Gr 9, 10 & 12 Admin Excused)
- April 27th – Make Up SAT for 11th Grade
- May 2nd – AP Chem Test
- May 3rd – AP Art History Test
- May 4th – AP Eng Lit. Test
- May 6th – AP US History Test
- May 12th – AP Stats Test
- May 2nd – May 13th – Spring MAP Testing
- May 24th – 27th – Senior Exams
- May 24th – 27th – DCAS Science (gr 5, 8 & 10)
- May 24th – 27th – DCAS Social Studies (gr 7)
- May 24th – 27th – EOC US History
- June 7th – 10th – Final Exams

We will also be holding a Parent PRIDE Night on Thursday, March 3rd. This PRIDE Night will inform parents about the upcoming assessments in both the middle school and high school. Make plans to attend to hear more about the Smarter Balanced Test, and the NEW SAT test. The 11th grade SBAC test in Reading and Math will no longer be given. All 11th grade students will now be required to take the SAT as the 11th grade accountability test.



PSAT and SAT Resources:

Below you will find links to various resources for students.

[Khan Academy SAT \(www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat\)](http://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat) This site has practice for students now as well as a video overview of the changes to the SAT. Students can go on now, take a short diagnostic assessment and get a personalized plan tailored just for them to practice for the SAT. In December, after the PSAT results are back, students can elect to have their PSAT scores (item level information) sent to Khan and a tailored plan will be created based on the student's individual areas of need as demonstrated on the PSAT. Best part is, it is the best practice out there AND it is FREE!!!

[College Board Site: \(https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/\)](https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/) This site has everything you could possibly want to know about the SAT Suite of Assessments (including all PSAT-related assessments). There are practice tests and items, information about registering, dates, college search link; it is a wealth of information.

[SAT Question of the Day App: \(https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice/daily-practice-app\)](https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice/daily-practice-app) Students can download this app from any cellular device and get a daily practice question.



Information on the NEW SAT:

The new SAT is going back to the old 1600 scale (400-1600) and doing away with the 2400 scale (600-2400). The difference is students can now score up to 800 on the reading/writing section and up to 800 on the math section. The essay will be scored separately; the essay will be required of all Delaware students. The essay will no longer ask students to agree or disagree with a position or write about their personal experiences. Instead, they will be asked to read a passage and explain how the author built an argument to persuade the audience. Students will earn points for the questions they answer correctly but will not lose points for incorrect answers, as they did on the old test. Meaning guessing won't count against the student. The time of SAT vocabulary that you will never use again is over: The exam will now focus on words that are widely used in college and career. The updated math test now includes geometry and trigonometry and will focus on three areas of math that play the biggest role in college majors and careers. Algebra, which focuses on the mastery of linear equations and systems; Problem Solving and Data Analysis, which focuses on being quantitatively literate; and Advanced Math, which features questions that require the manipulation of complex equations.



Introduction to the Delaware School Success Framework (DSSF)

The Delaware School Success Framework (DSSF) provides students, families, and schools with important information on school performance. Reports include information covering demographics, growth, culture and climate. Visit <http://dssf.doe.k12.de.us/> to see Delmar Middle School and Delmar High School reports.

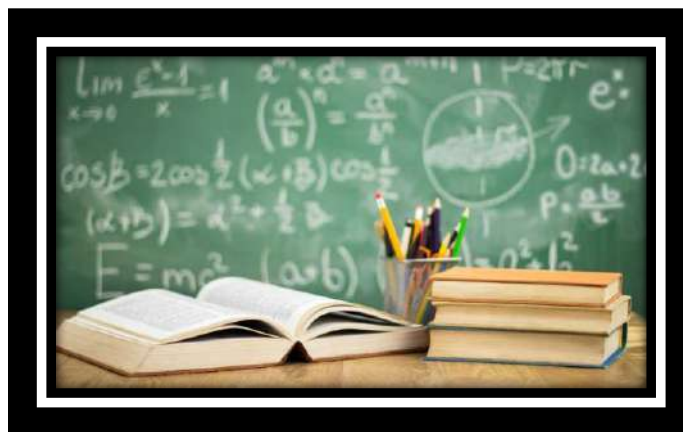
The Delaware School Success Framework applies to all schools and districts in the state. This Framework raises the expectations for students, schools and districts as it is focused on college and career readiness. The DSSF is an index made up of four categories that include:

1. Academic Achievement
2. Growth
3. On Track to Graduation
4. College and Career Preparation

These areas include nine (ES and MS) to eleven (HS) individual metrics. The metrics are:

- Proficiency in English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics, Science and Social Studies
- Growth in ELA and Mathematics
- Growth to proficiency in ELA and Mathematics (elementary and middle schools only)
- Average daily attendance (elementary and middle schools only)
- On track to graduation in 9th grade (high schools only)
- 4-, 5- and 6-year cohort graduation rate (high schools only)
- Successful participation in a college or career experience while in high school, such as Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, dual enrollment, and technical skill attainment (high schools only)

Schools and districts receive ratings based on performance in each category (e.g., Academic Achievement, Growth, On Track to Graduation, and College and Career Preparation). Individual student data is aggregated at the school and district levels to generate a numeric score for each category. Each of the metrics contributes a weighted value toward the numeric score, which is then converted into a star value.





Construction and Facility Update – Mrs. Jan Steele

Delmar School District is pleased to announce that at the October 19th Board of Education meeting, Richard Y Johnson & Son, Inc. was approved as the Construction Management Firm for the school district construction projects. Richard Y Johnson & Son will provide their management experience to run the referendum projects. They will analyze the budget during each phase of construction and work with the district to control costs and keep the project on time. Their staff will work in conjunction with the architect and engineer from the pre-construction phase through the end of the project. They will advise the district during the bid process for the vendors actually doing the renovations and new construction. Richard Y Johnson & Son provided guidance to the district in hiring the architect for our projects.

Becker Morgan Group was approved as the district’s Architect/Engineer at the December 16th Board of Education meeting. Since that date, a group of our staff visited Athletic Facilities within the state to look at various designs. Becker Morgan Group met with our Facility Advisory Committee to discuss the needs of our school and get some ideas for the locker room facility. Additionally, as the engineer for our renovation which includes roof replacement, exterior coating replacement, and ADA functionality changes, Becker Morgan Group has examined our facility to develop a plan for the projects.



On February 17th, our Facility Advisory Committee met with Becker Morgan Group to review preliminary plans for the renovations. The cost estimate for the roof replacement and exterior coating replacement, based on the engineer’s appraisal of the facility, is significantly higher than the original estimate which will require the prioritization of the additional projects approved by the Department of Education. The plans presented were reviewed and adjustments discussed based on the cost of the building project. Becker Morgan Group will provide the district with new plans to review in the near future.

As of the end of February, the district’s keyless entry project has been completed. All current and approved staff members will have card access to the school. The system is computer based and will record who enters and leaves the building each day. The district feels this will provide more security as the key-cards will not be able to be duplicated and temporary employees will only have card access during the months they are employed.

IMPORTANT PARKING UPDATE

We want to remind the staff, students, parents and community that effective February 1st, vehicles illegally parked on the Delmar School District campus may be ticketed by the Delmar Police Department. Please only park in lined parking spaces within the parking lots. No vehicles should be parked in the Fire Lane behind the school or along any grass areas where there is not a marked parking space. These regulations are being put in place for the safety and security of our students and staff.



LITERACY NEWS

By Mrs. Brittingham, Literacy Specialist

Common Core Standards



The Common Core State Standards emphasize **critical thinking** that requires students to analyze more, discuss more, evaluate more, justify more, explain their thinking, and understand deeply, especially in writing. *Take-Away: Really thinking deeply is hard. Let it BE hard, help them talk it out.*

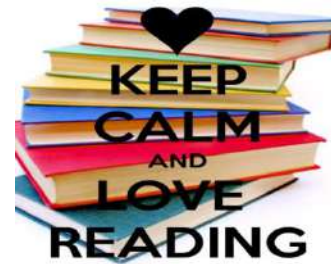
Integrating Learning across the disciplines (reading with math, science, and social studies standards combined into one task). *Take-Away: Problems and solutions happen every day in the real world.* Students must **show how they know** by providing proof and evidence. *Take-Away: The new tests require students to explain how they know.*

Helpful Websites

www.readwritethink.org
www.discoveryeducation.com
<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice/daily-practice-app>

What is Close Reading?

You may have heard of the term “close reading” and wondered what it means. Close reading means that your student will be asked to read a text more than once for a variety of purposes. The first time is to get the gist of what the author is saying. Then, they may be asked to go back and circle words that they are unsure of, and try to figure out the meaning. Rereading may mean making notes in the margin to



question or make comments. Discussion with others may occur to clear up misunderstandings or talk about what each other noticed. Students may go back into the text a final time to search for evidence to support their claims. Encourage these strategies to help your child engage in focused reading.

Key Ideas about Learning Focused Strategies

Before

An Activating Strategy starts the lesson with a meaningful, focused experience to engage students and set the stage for new knowledge.

During

Assessment prompts are completed after each learning activity to check for understanding. Collaboration helps students to actively engage their thinking.

After

Students apply their new learning to demonstrate their level of understanding and tie concepts together. Summarizing helps students solidify learning.

Learning Focused Strategies is our Instructional Framework

*Top 5 research-based strategies are incorporated into lessons to maximize learning:

- 1) Higher Order Thinking
- 2) Summarizing
- 3) Vocabulary in Context
- 4) Advance Organizers
- 5) Non-Verbal Representations



Middle School Principal's Page – Mr. Andy O'Neal

It is hard to believe that the flowers are beginning to bloom and the long cold days of winter are finally behind us. Although the year has gone by quickly, students have participated in numerous extra-curricular activities such as chorus and band concerts, Math League, National Junior Honor Society events, after school clubs, and various sports. Our students have also worked extremely hard academically in the classroom completing labs, projects, debates, Culminating Performance Tasks, and preparing for taking the new Smarter Balanced Assessment in ELA and Math that is now in its second year.

Our Common Ground 3.0 team of teacher leaders has worked to create a common language across the middle school with the implementation of incorporating Literacy Across all Content Areas. This team has lead teacher professional development on various Speaking, Listening, Reading, and Writing strategies that teachers have implemented into lesson plans, assignments, and projects as we move and prepare our middle school students for high school and college and career readiness.

Below are some important dates and information that will be taking place at Delmar Middle School over the next few months.:

- March 4th – Middle School Spring Pictures
- March 9th – SBAC Testing window opens
- March 24th – End of 3rd Quarter
- March 25th – Spring Break Begins & Student Casual Day (more information to be announced)
- April 4th – School Reopens from Spring Break
- April 8th – PRIDE Casual Day for Students
- April 12th – 3rd Quarter Report Cards Distributed
- April 13th – Parent Conference Night – 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- April 22nd – No School for Students
- April 22nd – 4th Grade Delmar Elementary Students visit DMS
- April 26th – No School for Students
- April 27th – 4th Grade Registration/Visitation to Delmar Elementary – 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- May 5th – Middle School Chorus Concert – 7 p.m.
- May 6th – IPR Grades Due for 4th Quarter
- May 11th – Distribute IPR's
- May 11th – 4th Grade Registration Night with Guidance – 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- May 12th – Middle School Band Concert – 7 p.m.
- June 6th – PRIDE Auction
- June 7th – 5th Grade Awards – 8:30 a.m. (Half Day – Dismissal at 11:45 a.m.)
- June 8th – 6th Grade Awards – 8:30 a.m. (Half Day – Dismissal at 11:45 a.m.)
- June 9th – 8th Grade Graduation – 8:45 a.m. (Half Day – Dismissal at 11:45 a.m.)
- June 10th – 7th Grade Awards – 9:30 a.m. (Half Day – Dismissal at 11:45) – **Students Last Day**
- June 21st – 4th Quarter Report Cards Mailed Home



It is important to remember as we draw close to the end of another exciting school year: students should remember to finish strong and continue to work hard and strive to do their best academically every day. Many rewarding events and activities will be taking place as we near the end of another school year. Success is not measured at the start of the race but at the finish line. I would like to conclude by leaving our students with an important quote from H. Jackson Brown, Jr. *“The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today.”*

Have a great summer!



Middle School Assistant Principal's Page – Mr. James Hesen

Hello to all our Delmar Middle School Wildcats!! Winter is upon us now and classes are in full swing. I want to take this opportunity to fill each of you in on the happenings here at school:

- The middle school chorus and band performed their winter concerts in December to packed houses. Mr. Smith is excited for the spring concert chorus later in May, as soloists will audition for slots in March. Jazz Band is now underway. Seventh grader, Rayna Clifton, was accepted into the Sussex County J.H. Honor Band. Cris Banks, as well as Annelise and Caroline Layfield were selected to the Delaware Junior All-State Chorus.
- Middle School Business Professionals of America has five students competing against other middle school students across the state in a variety of different events on February 4th in Dover. Our members have worked hard and prepared for their events and tests! Our five students are competing in Extemporaneous Speech, Keyboarding Production, Spreadsheet Application, Financial Literacy and Entrepreneurship Exploration. Both the Middle School and the High School are part of the CTE Strawberry sale! Please see a CTE student if you would like to order your fresh Strawberries!
- “Bank at School” is still taking place every Wednesday morning during breakfast in the cafeteria. It is never too late for your student to open an account and start saving money though the local M&T Bank! Please see Mrs. Kristen Jones with any questions or for an application!
- Multicultural Club meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month in Mrs. Giudice’s room. Science Club meets every second and fourth Wednesday of the month with Mrs. Giudice.
- In April, fourth grade students from Delmar Elementary School will visit DMS in order to introduce them to life as a middle schooler. Students will have lunch in the cafeteria as Mr. O’Neal and I speak about expectations for the coming school year.

I would also like to share that DMS’s discipline referral numbers are down nearly half from last school year. Presently, we have 214 discipline referrals. Our referrals numbers are low; however, the referrals I see regularly include the following:

- **S0105 – Inappropriate Behavior: Disrespect towards Student:** Make sure that your students are respectful to other students’ space and make sure that they are keeping hands to themselves.
- **S0291 – Dress Code Violation:** Please ensure that shirts are tucked in, belts are worn, and the appropriate dress code conduct is being followed. This information is found in the student handbook.
- **S0031 – Tardiness: Lateness to School:** Please be reminded that students must be in school no later than 7:50 am. If students arrive late to school they must sign in at the tardy booth prior to going to class. On January 15th, students received a new start for the second semester and tardiness referrals have dropped as a result.
- **S0082 – Insubordination:** If a teacher or staff member makes a reasonable request, the student is obligated to comply. If a student is noncompliant with the teacher or staff member, he or she may be referred to the administrator for insubordination. Consequences for insubordination can range from In-School Suspension to Out-of-School Suspension.

We have about sixteen weeks until the end of the year.

Let’s make the end of the school year as great as the start!

Fifth Grade

Wildcats!

Science

Students will be completing a science fair project to present in class. It will be due during the fourth marking period. Fifth grade students will be taking the Science DCAS assessment in May. Please make sure students get plenty of sleep and eat a good breakfast the day of their test.

ELA

What an accomplishment! Students have learned 100 stems and will know 125 by the end of the school year. We are also preparing for SBAC testing which will begin in March. Continue to ask your child questions related to “Story Works” and “Time for Kids” magazine articles and assignments.

Math

Students will continue to work on Math Weekly assignments to review concepts previously taught. These can be used to review for the upcoming state assessment.

Social Studies

Students will be starting a new unit pertaining to dueling documents. Students will explain why the same event can have different viewpoints throughout history. Continue to monitor your child’s work in Home Access.

Team Reminders

Please make sure your student has plenty of notebook paper and pencils to finish out the school year. Also, teachers are in need of tissues and hand sanitizer. If you are able to provide them, please send these in with your child to their homeroom teacher.

6th Grade News and Events

If you have concerns and would like to schedule a parent conference with the 6th grade teachers, please contact Mrs. Martie Hudson at martie.hudson@delmar.k12.de.us

Or call the school at 302-846-9544 and ask for Mrs. Hudson



Parent/Teacher Conference night-
April 13th 5pm-7pm

WELCOME MRS. VENABLES

The 6th grade team welcomes

Mrs. Alison Venables to the ELA

department. After much transition,

she has done a great job working with

our 6th grade students!

6th Grade will be having a spring field trip to the Delmarva Shorebirds on Wednesday, May 18th. Look for information to be coming home with students in the near future!

Please make sure your child has...

- Paper
- Pencils
- Binders

*Supplies run out quickly and
need to be restocked.*

Please check your child's

AGENDA

every day for homework

and teacher notes

7th Grade News



We are planning two field trips to be held during the last marking period. The first will be to the National Zoo in Washington, DC and the second will be to Jolly Roger's water park. Please look for information to come home regarding these trips in the near future.

Please continue to check Home Access Center for grade updates for your student!

We are running low on classroom donations of tissues and disinfecting wipes. If you are able, please send these supplies in to your child's teacher.



Please check your student's supply of pencils, paper, red pens, and colored pencils. Many students are running low on these supplies!

8th Grade News

We are very proud of our November, December & January "Students of the Month:" Jammell Copes, Katelyn Hill & Denver Ellis; we will continue to look for these shining stars each month displaying positive behaviors, good character, excellence in academics, etc.

The 8th grade is excited to attend our second field trip on Friday, February 26th to the Holocaust Museum & Mt. Vernon.

Each content area is studying the following units of study:



ELA is working through a novel "The Diary of Anne Frank" and informational text about the Holocaust.

Math is focusing on slope and graphing lines and in Algebra students are working on Exponents.

Social studies is working on the Revolutionary War and doing a close read of the Declaration of Independence.

Science is focusing on the transfer of heat energy through conduction and convection.



MIDDLE SCHOOL P.R.I.D.E

The Middle School PRIDE is Delmar's PBS (Positive Behavior Support) program

in which students are encouraged to show "Preparedness, Respect, Integrity, Determination & Excellence." Students displaying each of these qualities by not receiving any detentions or referrals; passing all classes, having good attendance and showing appropriate cafeteria behavior will attend the quarterly PRIDE parties as an award. The most recent was a dance party where students' names were chosen to participate in various music themed games and group dances. All students received prizes, and they had so much fun!



P.R.I.D.E. Events 2015-2016

April 8th: PRIDE Event #3: Movie in the Classrooms

\$1 Paid Full Casual Day Term 3

June 6th: End of Year PRIDE Event #4



Thank you to everyone who has been collecting Box Tops and Campbell's labels. We received a check from Box Tops for Education for \$385 and currently have 5,263 points with Labels for Education. Please keep turning in your Box Tops and Campbell's labels. All of the money we receive from these organizations goes directly to our PRIDE program.



Middle School Business with Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Layton, and Mrs. Jones

Exploring Business 8

Your student is still working hard to becoming an Excel Expert!! Along with Excel, each student has now worked through their Student Success Plan through the Career Cruising website. In order for the students to reach 100%, they need YOU to complete the parent check off portion! Please take time to review your student's hard work through their SSP and complete the parent portion! Please visit www.careercruising.com/ssp or contact the guidance department with any questions.



Exploring Business 7

7th grade Business Students have now learned many valuable Microsoft Word skills. They can professionally create many documents such as a letter, memo, press release and a flyer! Some upcoming skills are working with tables, columns, and creating newsletters! Once the Word unit is complete, we will move to PowerPoint and creating presentations! Please continue to check Home Access Center often, and contact us with any questions or concerns!

Keyboarding 5 & 6

At this point in the year, your student has learned where all the alphabetic keys are on the keyboard! We will now move into learning numbers and symbols! Please encourage your student to use proper technique when typing at home!

Middle School Art with Miss Maloney

8th grade is channeling their inner Van Gogh and recreating one of his famous paintings with the help of the grid transfer technique and oil pastels.

7th grade is all about the Zentangle designs and ways to turn an ordinary picture into something new and exciting!

6th grade is playing Picasso and creating cubistic style creatures.

Dot-Dot- Seurat! **5th grade** is learning from artist Georges Seurat and working with the technique of Pointillism to create an interesting underwater scene.

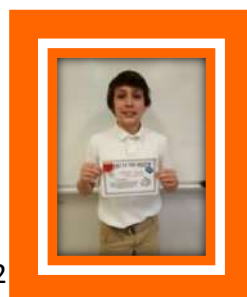
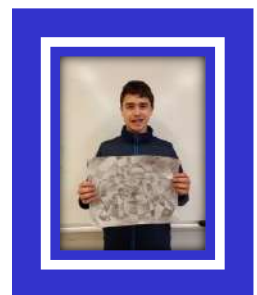
Congratulations to last month's Artist of the Month:

8th grade- Tyler Wright and Lydia Bradshaw

7th grade - Chico Mollock and Tierney Cannon

6th grade - Mitchell Ferrell and Lily Wright

5th grade- Alexander Elias and Ariana Aravanis





High School Principal's Page – Mr. William Rickard

Think Spring! At least that's what the Groundhog said. It's hard to believe the days are getting longer, that we are quickly passing through winter and the spring days are just around the corner. Before we think about that, let's recap the winter quarter.

We saw some amazing athletic activities this winter. Both the boys and girls basketball teams made us proud as they competed; always giving their best! The wrestling team took its power to the mat and, more often than not, came out victorious.

In December, we witnessed excellence from both the band and chorus. On December 10th, the chorus blew us away with FaLaLa. They performed to a full house and ended the evening with a standing ovation. Not to be outdone, the band delivered an equally amazing performance a week later in the Holiday Concert. Thank you to Ms. Fernsler, Mrs. Riepen, and Mr. Erskine for providing us with such a treat.

Academically, our students just passed the half way point during Mid-term exam week. The mid-terms closed out the second marking period of the school year. Now we're off to the spring semester with continued success as the expectation!

This quarter also saw some outstanding educators recognized as staff or teachers of the month. In December, Christy Parsons was selected as the Teacher of the Month. She was selected by our high school staff for her dedication to all aspects of the school in and out of the classroom. Tammy Elliot was selected as December's Staff of the Month. She also is devoted to DHS.

Looking forward, we know the spring semester will fly by. It always does. From Spring Break, to Prom, to Senior Send-off, to Graduation, these will be the fastest few months of the school year. Below are some important dates to watch as we move through the spring semester. We would love to see you at many of these events to help cheer on and celebrate the accomplishments of our Delmar Wildcats!

March 10 to 12 – "Shrek the Musical"

March 24 – The end of the 3rd Marking Period

March 25 to April 3 – Enjoy Spring Break

April 12 – 3rd Marking Period Report Cards Distributed

April 13 – Parent/Teacher Conferences

April 22 – Prom 2016

April 28 – Dual Enrollment & AP Course Information Night

May 3 – Chorus Spring Concert

May 10 – Band Spring Concert

May 23 – Senior Send-off Day

May 24 - Fine Arts Awards Night

May 25 – Sports Awards Night

May 26 – Senior Awards Night

June 3 – High School Awards

June 7 to 10 – Final Exams

June 10 - Graduation

There are many important events coming in the spring semester. Please be sure to join us at these events. I know our students would love to see you there. Also, be sure to visit our webpage for even more important events and updates. Thanks and Happy Spring!



High School Assistant Principal's Page – Mr. Nick Reece

Congratulations on a great first semester! I am proud of all our students so far this year and looking forward to a strong finish. I am seeing great examples of high level academic work in the classrooms, students being kind to one another in the hallways, and elite performances in athletics and the arts. The students will be challenged as spring comes to finish the year strong academically while focusing on mandatory testing as well. I encourage every student to put forth their best effort as the second half of this school year begins. I am proud of where we are and where we are going. Good luck!

SPORTS

I wanted to thank all of our winter sports coaches and athletes for a great season. I have seen stellar performances from our boys and girls basketball teams and our wrestling team. We wish the best for our senior athletes and cheerleaders who were recognized with their families during senior nights. Thanks to our cheerleaders for being there and raising the Delmar spirit at these sporting events.

DISCIPLINE

I want every student at Delmar High School in class and learning. It is important that each student makes a conscious effort to follow the rules so they are not missing any instruction from their teachers. Each class is full of engaging activities and peer interaction that helps accelerate the learning process. I challenge every high school student to be to school on time and in each class on time so they are able to be part of all the active instruction that is taking place.

TARDIES

It is a new semester and the tardies have reset back to zero. This is one area that I would like to see an improvement in. Students and parents please help make sure you are getting to school on time. Delmar School District implemented a new tardy policy this year that is in the student handbook.

DRESS CODE

The students at Delmar High School look great. Please remember to keep your shirt tucked in at all times. As the cold weather continues for a little longer, please refrain from wearing outerwear that is not one of the four approved colors or wearing hooded jackets in the classrooms and hallways.



CELL PHONES

Keep them put away and turned off during the school day. They are permitted on certain occasions when teachers give permission to use them as part of classroom instruction.



POSITIVE REFERRALS

In November, Mr. Rickard and I started a positive behavior referral system. We created a means for teachers to give out positive referrals instead of just negative ones. Teachers can give these out for students showing random acts of kindness, doing well in class, helping others, or any positive action during the day. This is a great way to focus on the positive behaviors at Delmar. As of February there have been 81 positive referrals written and phone calls made home about these

referrals. Thank you to our students and teachers for helping make sure we are recognizing positive behaviors throughout the day.

In closing, I love seeing all our students, parents, staff, and community members take pride in the Delmar community. I will do my best to help all stakeholders at Delmar High School set high standards to make Delmar even better. I have had many conversations with lots of students about not wasting the opportunities they have here at Delmar. This is the time in their lives that they can set themselves up for a successful future. I am here to help in any way I can.

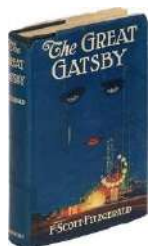


"We all have dreams. But in order to make dreams come into reality, it takes an awful lot of determination, dedication, self-discipline, and effort." – Jesse Owen

High School Department Academic Highlights & Activities

News from the High School English Department:

Seniors are currently studying medieval literature and learning all about Chaucer's characterization. Next, they will deepen their understanding of Shakespeare and the Renaissance by reading and analyzing *Macbeth*. They continue to master writing techniques and strategies and work on perfecting grammar and usage skills. Pictured are students brainstorming how to create a great character.



English III is currently reading the American classic, *The Great Gatsby*. Students are exploring the cultural and historical context of the novel, including listening and critiquing jazz and discussing prohibition. Students are also focusing heavily on literary analysis, examining the plot structure, narrator, and characterization. As students finish the novel, they will examine the themes and evaluate the modern relevance. Next up, students will conduct research and write an argumentative paper.

English II has started the second half of the year with a focus on short stories. Style will be the focus as students read an essay and short story from author Sandra Cisneros. Students will delve deeply into characterization using *Everyday Use* by Alice Walker. The unit will finish with a close look at satire and irony using *Harrison Bergeron* by Kurt Vonnegut. Next, students will move on to some informational text as they begin to analyze argumentative essays. Honors English II is currently working on critical analysis essays while also completing independent novel studies on books like, *Lord of the Flies*, *Of Mice and Men*, and *Night*.

Currently in English I, we are working towards creating more independent learners to prepare our students for 10th grade English. Some sections are working on a non-fiction unit which will lead them into narrative and argumentative writing. Other sections will be starting a unit on Socratic Seminars. These are student led activities and class discussions which will prep them for taking the reins in class as we work through a study of *The Outsiders* in English I and *To Kill a Mockingbird* in Honors English I. Honors will wrap up the year with a unit centering on the short stories of Edgar Allan Poe.



In ESOL/ELL class, students are working on paragraph development and finding text evidence to support their arguments. Students are also practicing correct punctuation. Our four iPad minis, which were purchased with grant money that Mrs. Hakeem recently received, are being integrated into lessons with apps such as Quizlet, Duolingo and Explain Everything. Her students and their parents are encouraged to join Remind to stay up to date with assignments and school information!



News from the High School Math Department:

The high school mathematics competition team has competed at four regional events. Currently, our ninth grade team is placed second in Sussex County with our top scoring students, Kaan Murat and Parth Patel, in second and third place respectively. Our tenth-twelfth grade students are currently ranked sixth with Bryana Cornelius in fifth place. The ninth grade team will be competing at the state level in April. Way to go mathletes!

We want to remind parents to check home access regularly. The mathematics teachers update student grades at least every other week. You should see your child coming home with homework. Please make sure they are completing and turning in their assignments. If students are having difficulty with assignments, then Khan Academy is an excellent resource for additional assistance. Tutoring is available on most Thursdays from 3:00 - 3:40 pm. We look forward to a great second half of the year!

PSATs and SATs are coming soon. On February 24th, ninth grade students will take the PSAT. The Eleventh grade will take the SAT on April 12th. Khan Academy is an excellent resource for students to find practice questions for these tests.



News for the High School Science Department:

The annual state science assessment called DCAS Science will take place at the end of May for all students with a 10th grade homeroom. The test covers the material from 9th grade Physical Science as well as 10th grade Biology. Scores are based on a 1-4 scale with a 3 meaning they have met the standards and a 4 meaning they have exceeded the standards. Those students earning a 3 or a 4 will be exempt from the final exam in Biology. Those scoring a 3 will be given a 93% as an exam grade. Those scoring a 4 will be given a 100% as an exam grade. Please encourage your child to do the best they can. The Science Olympiad Competition will take place on Saturday March 5th at Delaware State University and there will be a Buffalo Wild Wings fundraiser for the Class of 2018 on March 9th. We would appreciate any and all support.

News from the High School Social Studies Department:

The 9th grade class is switching from Civics to Geography. The 10th grade will be starting to learn about the Supply and Demand Curves in Economics. The 11th grade will be starting to learn about WWI and the APUSH is learning about the Gilded Age. The 12th graders are studying about the Ottoman Empire. SGA has the Blood drive coming up in March and the Kidney Walk in May. The Key Club will be sponsored the Astrosmash in March and a 5K charity run to support the Sussex Vet build. ASVAB Scores are in and students have received their scores. If any parent or student had any questions about the military or their child talking to a recruiter in any branch, be sure to utilize Mr. Nichols to help you navigate the enlistment process.



World Language Department Update!



Dear Parents & Guardians,

We are enjoying every minute of learning Spanish with your student! We strongly encourage you to ask your student about what they are learning in their classes.

Spanish 1 – We are learning about hobbies and places. Ask your student to tell you about how they like to spend their free time in Spanish!

Spanish 2 – We are learning medical expressions. Ask your student to discuss their aches and pains with you in Spanish!

Spanish 3 – We are learning how to discuss activities that happened in the past. Ask your student to describe a past event to you in Spanish!

Spanish 4 – We are learning about the Dirty War in Argentina. Ask your student to share with you their knowledge of this devastating event in Argentinian history.

Please check Home Access to keep up-to-date on your child's progress. Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns! Communication is very important!

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Caitlyn Short – caitlyn.short@delmar.k12.de.us



The Delmar High School Fine Arts Department has stayed busy over the last few months. Both the band and chorus put on fantastic winter concerts in December. A very big thank you to Ms. Fernsler and Mr. Erskine for taking such good care of the band while Mrs. Riepen was out on maternity leave!

The band has been working hard to prepare for their spring concert. The concert, to be held on May 10, will feature music from movies including *The Blues Brothers*, *Hairspray*, *The Incredibles*, *Lord of the Rings*, *Star Wars*, and *Tarzan*.

This spring, several Delmar students successfully auditioned for honors level ensembles. Following a difficult audition, Katherine Schell was selected for the Delaware All-State Mixed Choir. This will be her fourth year performing with the All-State Choir. Following a three day festival, their concert was held on Saturday, February 20 at 7 PM at Central Middle School in Dover, Delaware. Brady Knight (trombone), Rebekah Noonan (flute), Allison Russo (trumpet) and Gabriella Morelli (baritone) represented Delmar in the Sussex County Junior and Senior Honors Bands. Following a two day festival with their guest conductors, the bands performed a concert on February 25 at 7:00 PM in the Seaford High School Auditorium. Ms. Fernsler and Mrs. Riepen are very proud of these students and enjoyed their performances.

The vocal music department has been very busy over the last few months as well! The Concert Choir, Women's Choir and A Capella Choir have been preparing for their spring concert which will be held on May 3 at 7:00 PM. Many members of the chorus will travel to New York City on April 6th. Students will explore the city and attend a matinee performance of *Aladdin* on Broadway. Limited seats are still available for the trip. Anyone interested in attending should contact Ms. Fernsler for more information. In addition, select students will be traveling to Hershey Park on May 7. The chorus will sing in a competition and then spend the day in the park.



Preparations are well under way for Delmar High School’s production of Shrek the Musical. Shrek the Musical, based on the Oscar winning DreamWorks film that started it all, brings the hilarious story of everyone’s favorite ogre to dazzling new life on the stage. In a faraway kingdom turned upside down, things get ugly when an unsightly ogre “not prince charming,” shows up to rescue a feisty princess. Throw in a donkey who won’t shut up, a bad guy with a short temper, a cookie with an attitude and over a dozen other fairy tale misfits and you’ve got the kind of mess that calls for a real hero. Luckily, there’s one on hand...and his name is Shrek.

The cast has been rehearsing since mid-October and recently began rehearsing six days a week. The cast consists of approximately 25 high school students and 5 elementary and middle school students. Lead actors and actresses include:

Cory Rosen – Shrek
Katie Woroniecki – Fiona
Faith Tarrance – Donkey

Carly Patrick – Dragon
Lord Farquaod- Cayla Cooper

The show will run on Thursday March 10, Friday March 11, and Saturday March 12. Shows will be at 7:00 pm each night. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for Delmar students & staff, military, seniors and children under ten.



Studio art students are working on portraits of orphans from Bolivia and are also participating in a national design competition for the Vans shoe corporation. Selected students recently worked on the set for “The Addams Family” in Salisbury.

AP Art History students are traveling to The Washington National Cathedral, Medieval Times, The Metropolitan Museum in NYC, and the Philadelphia Museum of Art in preparation for the Spring AP Exam.

Art Club students are visiting the American Visionary Museum in Baltimore and look forward to competing in Key Club’s Astrosmash tournament.

Students in History of Cinema are currently planning and preparing for their films to be completed in the spring.

Career and Technical Education Department

Delmar FFA Chapter

February 20-26 was National FFA Week and the Delmar FFA Chapter celebrated by sharing an interesting FFA fact each day. Students were allowed to wear their FFA t-shirt over their uniform polo, we hosted a fun night and astro-smash team, and provided breakfast to the staff.

The chapter is in full on CDE mode with 20 students preparing for competitions at this year's Delaware FFA State Convention, in Dover, De on March 10-11. Teams and individuals will be competing in, extemporaneous speaking, floriculture, milk quality evaluation, Ag sales and marketing, agriculture communications, day of service projects and State Officer nominating committee.



After spring break, teams for June and July CDEs will begin practicing along with the return of the student goat projects.

New officer applications will be available in April and our annual awards program is scheduled for April 28, 2016.

It's not too late to become a VIP FFA member; students should see Mrs. Legg or Mrs. Nesbitt for an application.

Technology Student Association

This year 15 high school students will be participating in the State TSA Conference, held at the Delaware State Fairgrounds in Harrington, De, on April 13-14, 2016. Students will be participating in Architectural Renovation Essay and Prepared Presentations, Structural Design & Engineering Tech Bowl and Problem Solving, Dragsters Design, and Fashion Design. Winners from these competitions will travel to Nashville, Tennessee at the end of June to compete at the National TSA Conference.

Yearbooks

Yearbooks can still be ordered online at www.jostensyearbook.com. They are \$80. Time is running out to get your yearbook personalized. They must be ordered by February 26th.

There will not be a lot of extra yearbooks ordered; so please order one now if you would like to purchase one.

If anyone has candid photographs from field trips or other school activities, please email them to Samuel.ellis@delmar.k12.de.us along with the names of anyone in the photo and a brief description of what was taking place.

Wilmington University Photography

Don't forget about the Wilmington University Photography class that is being offered next year for 10th - 12th grade students. See Mr. Ellis for more information.



High School Physical Education

Fitness Gram

The fitness gram test is given as a pre and post-test in your child's 9th or 10th grade physical education class. The test includes the following components:



1. **PACER Test** – a running test to determine cardiovascular endurance
2. **Curl-up Test** – similar to sit ups used to test muscular endurance
3. **Push-up Test** – test muscular strength
4. **Trunk Lift** – test used to determine flexibility
5. **Sit & Reach** – a test used to determine flexibility

Your child's height and weight is also taken. This is to help determine a student's BMI (Body Mass Index). This test is given as a pretest at the beginning of the course and then again at the end of the course. Our hope is that each student improves from the pre to post test. Throughout the semester of physical education, our department will complete a variety of activities that will help your child improve their components of fitness.

Scope and Sequence

Spring 2016:

- Fitness Testing
- Floor Hockey
- Volleyball
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Flag Football
- Softball

Fitness 2016:

- Cross Fit
- Circuit Training
- Weight Room
- Aerobics

Daily Participation Grade

Each day students are assessed a participation grade based on a 5 point scale on Straight 8 days and a 10 point scale on block days, for a total of 25 points for a full week of physical education. Some of the things we look for when assessing are: on time, fully dressed in a change of clothes, tennis shoes, fully cooperative, positive sportsmanship, and actively engaged. Grades are updated in home access center bi-weekly.

Physical Education Teachers

- **Michael Bleile** Michael.bleile@delmar.k12.de.us
- **Jodi Hollamon** Jodi.hollamon@delmar.k12.de.us



From the Office of the School Nurses



Attention 8th Grade Parents! Please be advised that there are new Delaware regulations that will affect your students entering 9th grade in August 2016.

1) Student Immunization Requirement Update

Beginning school year 2016-2017, students entering 9th grade shall show proof of the following immunizations:

- A booster dose of Tdap approved vaccine administered at age 11-12 or prior to entry to the 9th grade.
- One dose of meningitis approved vaccine

2) Student Health Examination Requirement Update

A requirement for a health examination prior to entry into 9th Grade was adopted in December, 2011 by the Delaware Department of Education. All students entering **9th Grade** must have a health examination done within two years of entry into the grade. To assure compliance, we are urging our students to schedule appointments as soon as possible. The following forms will be accepted:

- Delaware School Health Examination Form (2012 form see link); or
- Delaware School Health Examination Form (prior to 2012); or
- DIAA Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation form (grade 9) **IF YOU PARTICIPATE IN A SCHOOL SPORT YOU MUST USE THIS FORM.**
- Health Examination or evaluation document on a form which includes, at a minimum: healthy history, immunizations, results of medical testing's and screenings, medical diagnose, prescribed medications and treatments, and healthcare plans.

As with other regulatory requirements, students who do not meet these requirements can be excluded from school. The Regulation can be accessed at:

<http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/800/815.shtml#TopOfPage>.

Also, if you have any children that will be entering 5th grade in August 2016, please begin gathering the following medical information which will be needed in order to register you child at Delmar Middle School for the 5th grade.

1) Physical exam must be done within the last 2 years.

2) Immunization records to include the following:

5 DTAP

4 Polio

3 Hepatitis B

2 MMR

2 Varicella (chicken pox)

PPD or waiver (tuberculosis)

Listed below is a health form for children (grades K-6).

Any form will be accepted for grade 5 entry, but feel free to use this form if your health care provider requests a form.

- [DE Student Health Form – Adolescent FINAL2012](#)
- [Spanish DE Student Health Form – Adolescent FINAL2012 SPA](#)
- [DE Student Health Form – Children FINAL2012](#)
- [Spanish DE Student Health Form – Children FINAL2012 SPA](#)



As always, feel free to contact the school nurses if you have any questions or concerns about your student's health.

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Kelly B. Dryden RN kelly.dryden@delmar.k12.de.us



Wellness Center Updates

The Wellness Center wants to remind fall athletes now is the time to start thinking about getting those sports physicals done for next year so you won't have to worry about it over the summer!

Wellness Center summer hours are limited.

Sports physicals can be done for any students planning on participating in 2016-2017 sports April 1st or later. If your student is currently in grade 6 or above and a member of the Wellness Center, you can find the DIAA Sports Physical form on the school website www.delmar.k12.de.us under the "Students/Parents" tab – Current Parent. Just complete the form; have your student bring it into the Wellness Center; and they can have their physical done right here at school.

If your student is not a member and you would like more information about the Wellness Center, you can find us on the school website as well. Just go to the "Our District" tab, then "Offices", "School Health Services" and "Wellness Center". You will find a registration form at the bottom of the page. In addition to sports, school and employment physicals, the Wellness Center provides a variety of medical, nutritional, educational and mental health services. Parents can select from a menu of services they would like their student to have access to when they complete the registration form. Students currently in 5th grade moving to 6th are eligible to become members of the Wellness Center as of July 1, 2016 and could have their physicals done any time after that. As noted above, The Wellness Center will be open limited hours during the summer months.

If you would like any additional information, please give us a call at 302-846-0303.



Foodservice News You Can Use



While we agree that a good breakfast is essential, we also believe it is important for students to have access to nourishment regularly throughout the day. We have found on this campus that students in grades 9-12 often skip traditional breakfast leaving them with no access to nourishment until their lunch time of either 12:15 or 12:48 p.m. Many issues in the classroom such as poor attitude, shortened attention span, and poor test scores can be directly linked to hunger. In an effort to support the wellbeing of our students, we created “Breakfast after the Bell”. Every day at approximately 9:15 a.m. high school students have access to a “grab and go” breakfast, from carts in the high school hallways which they can consume in the classroom. The cost for this meal for students participating in the FARM program is either free or \$. 30, the cost for “paid students” is \$.95. We firmly believe that reducing the time between meals supports your students’ overall success. Talk with your students about the program and encourage them to participate!!

Lunch in the Wildcat Café

We research menus from around the country, attend trade shows, and read many industry publications to try and find menu items that, while meeting regulations, appeal to our students. In addition to selecting one of the 5 daily meal options students may also add milk, fruit, and a vegetable to make a complete meal that costs only \$1.50 for paid students and \$.40 for reduced.

We strive to offer a great assortment of local produce and fruit. By participating in the Delaware “Farm to School” program, we partner with vendors such as:

- Baywater Greens, a hydroponic farm in Delmar that supplies us with spring lettuce mix used in our fresh salads.
- Fifer Orchards of Dover that supplies us with a great variety of Delaware grown apples.
- Vincent Farms that supplies with wonderful watermelons at the start of every school year.
- H Wayne Givens and sons that we purchase strawberries from every year in May.



If you still have “packers” in your household, please have them check out our menu posted on the Delmar School District website and Facebook page. We believe everyone will find something to suit them and save you the time and aggravation of packing lunches every day!!

Wildcat Culinary Club

Made up of students in grades 9-12, the Wildcat Culinary club meets monthly to explore different cooking methods and cuisines. The students plan to put their culinary skills on display Thursday, March 10th as they host a “Restaurant Night” in the school cafeteria. The event is open to the public and just happens to be opening night for the DHS Drama Club’s presentation of “Shrek the Musical”. Dinner before the show will begin at 4:30 p.m. For just \$8.00 you can choose from Lasagna, Pot Roast, or Zesty Herb chicken. All meals include vegetable selections and a beverage. There will be a children’s menu for just \$4.00. Everything will be freshly prepared and seasoned to perfection for your enjoyment. We hope you’ll join us.

Guidance Department News

As we enter into the end of the school year, the Guidance Office has exciting upcoming dates. Please continue to check our website for updated information. Also, scholarships are added for our seniors daily; so keep an eye out for those opportunities.

We hosted our Career Fair with over 50 vendors on February 22, 2016. This was a great success, and the students enjoyed talking and learning about the different careers as well as colleges and universities. Mr. Marc Dickerson, our Counselor for grades 11 and 12, organized the event and did a wonderful job.



Our students in grade 9 and any student who signed up in grade 8 took the PSAT on February 24, 2016. Our 11th graders will take the SAT in April. These opportunities are valuable for our students as they are introduced to the College Board process and become familiar with the testing process.

Students in grades 8 – 12 will continue to complete their Student Success Plans, also known as Career Cruising. The students were given a user name and password. Parent passwords were mailed home in October. This program provides information about careers, colleges, scholarships, and much more.

Scheduling will begin in full swing beginning the middle of March. Mr. Dickerson, Mrs. Hudson and Mrs. Preston will be meeting with the students to work on schedules for next year. Please visit our schools' website for class offerings and to access the schools course description hand book.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to work with your child. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact one of the School Counselors.

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Martie Hudson: martie.hudson@delmar.k12.de.us



2016-2017 Fifth Grade Registration

Current Delmar Elementary School fourth (4th) grade students will be offered the opportunity to visit Delmar Middle and Senior High School on April 22, 2016. During this visit, students will get a tour of the school, participate in an assessment, and select an elective they would like to take as a 5th grader.

Parents will need to come participate in one of the following registration dates to complete enrollment:

- April 22nd from 8:00 a.m. -2:30 p.m. Delmar Middle and Senior High School
- April 27th from 5:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m. Delmar Elementary School
- May 11th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Delmar Middle and Senior High School



Registration forms will be available on our school website or in the guidance office. Make sure you have all the necessary documents to make the enrollment complete.

Please direct any registration questions or concerns to:

Martie Hudson: martie.hudson@delmar.k12.de.us

or

Sheila Harrington: sheila.harrington@delmar.k12.de.us

Wildcat News

Senior Year is Finally Here!

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Dates to Remember

- April 12—SAT's Grade 11
- May 24—May 27 Senior Exams
- May 26—Senior Awards
- May 27—Seniors Last Day
- June 10—Graduation

Senior year of high school can be a very stressful, but exciting time for you and your parents. Here are a few things you need to focus on to be successful.

1. Your grades. Do the very best that you can, colleges that you apply to will want to see your first semester grades. At the end of the year you will need to send in a final transcript.

2. Apply to colleges. Explore college websites and plan campus visits. Find out how to apply and pay attention to DEADLINES!

3. Scholarships. Check in the guidance office for local scholarships. Get a copy of the Compendium when it is available. See what types of scholarships are offered at each school you apply to.

4. Financial Aid. Search FAFSA online. Work with your parents to apply for financial aid. You will be able to enter your information starting January 1st. Finish this process as soon as possible!

It is important to apply to at least 4 schools, a safety school, two probable schools, and at least 1 reach school. Students who apply to four or more colleges have the best chance of going and remaining in school.

Letters of Recommendations

When applying to most colleges they will require a letter of recommendation. Now is the time to start asking teachers, employers, counselors and clergy to write you a letter of recommendation. Be prepared to hand the person writing your recommendation a resume so they can give an accurate account of your achievements. Include your accomplishments both in and out of school. List any clubs and activities you have participated in. Listing volunteer service is always a bonus. Most colleges look for students who are well rounded.

5 Things You Need to Know About College Admission

1. College admission isn't as competitive as you might think. Fewer than 100 colleges in the U.S. are highly selective, which means they accept less than 25 percent of applicants. Close to 500 four-year colleges accept more than 75 percent of applicants. And open-admission colleges accept all or most high school graduates.
2. Colleges care most about the work you've done in high school. They look for students who have earned strong grades in challenging courses. They also try to learn about your character by looking at what you do outside the classroom. Take advantage of opportunities like the application essay and college interview to show a more complete picture of who you are.
3. This is your big future—you're in the driver's seat. Stay focused on what's important to you and what you want to get out of the college experience. College planning can feel overwhelming at times, but if you take charge and stay focused on your goals, you can make it work for you.
4. You should base your choice on how well a college fits your needs. Don't worry about how it's ranked on a list or how famous it is. The effort you put in and the opportunities you take advantage of once you get there matter more than the college you go to. Once you graduate from college, your achievements and skills will matter most.
5. Family, teachers and friends are a great resource. Discuss your plans to go to college with them and ask for help and advice. Make an appointment with a school counselor or your principal to talk about the application process, colleges that will suit you and options for financial aid.

Using Collegeboard.org

Collegeboard.org is a wealth of resources. As a senior, you want to take the SAT test at least three times. If you have only taken it once, sign into collegeboard.org and register for the next available test. If you forgot your username or password, click the forgot your username or password link. It will send it to your e-mail and you can reset your password. Take advantage of the free practice test and test questions to help with scores. The more you practice, the better chance you have of getting a better score.

The College Search tool is a very valuable resource when doing your college search. Use the

filters on the left hand side to narrow down your choices. Once you have narrowed down your choices, click on the college you want to explore and gather as much information possible about that college. You will want to click the link that goes directly to the official college website to find out more information.

Once you apply to colleges, you will need to send your SAT scores. Most colleges will want you to send your score directly from CollegeBoard. Log in and look for the Send Scores link. Follow the directions and your scores will be on the way.

Collegeboard.org



How to Complete the FAFSA

To apply for most financial aid — including federal and state student grants, work-study, and loans — you'll need to complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**. Although this financial aid form may seem complex, there are many free resources to help you. And completing the form is easier than it used to be, thanks to the new IRS Data Retrieval Tool.

FAFSA on the Web

You can complete, submit and track your application online. This is the easiest way to apply for federal aid. The online program even checks your data before it is transmitted to the processing center, so there's less chance of making an error.

Before You Apply

Complete your income tax return. You don't have to file your income tax return before you fill out the FAFSA, but it's a good idea to do so. A lot of the requested information is the same, and you may be able to use the time-saving IRS Data Retrieval Tool.

Completing the Application

The following tips make it easier to complete the FAFSA.

Reminders and Resources

January 1 is the first day you can file the FAFSA. You should try to file as

close to this date as possible. College, state and private aid deadlines may be much earlier than federal deadlines. You should pay attention to your colleges' priority financial aid deadlines.

For help, go to the free government website **Completing the FAFSA**. It has a detailed question-by-question guide to filling out the FAFSA.

More free help can be found at FAFSA Frequently Asked Questions and Student Aid on the Web.

The New IRS Data Retrieval Tool

You can save time and effort if you qualify to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool. It will transfer your income tax data directly from the IRS to your online FAFSA.

You and your parents may be eligible to use this tool if:

- Your family income tax returns were filed electronically at least two weeks before you complete the FAFSA.
- Your family income tax returns were mailed to the IRS at least eight weeks before you complete the FAFSA.

If you are eligible to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool and choose to do so, you'll be transferred from the online FAFSA to the IRS website, which will guide you through the transfer of your tax information. When you're done, you'll be sent back to your FAFSA.

You don't have to use this tool, but it's recommended that you do. If you have to complete the FAFSA using estimated income tax information, you can

always return to FAFSA on the Web to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool once you have filed your tax forms.

What Happens After You Apply

Once you submit the FAFSA, your family's financial information is analyzed using the federal need formula.

The Student Aid Report (SAR)

After the information you provided is analyzed, you will receive a SAR that contains the data you entered on the FAFSA. The U.S. Department of Education will send this form to you either by email or by postal mail.

Review the SAR carefully for errors (the form highlights items that may need attention) and follow directions for making and submitting corrections. Submit corrections promptly. Make sure to keep a copy of the SAR for your records.

Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

On the front page of the SAR, you'll find a figure called the expected family contribution (EFC). Your EFC is an indicator of your family's financial strength. It is sent to your state scholarship agency as well as to the colleges you listed on the FAFSA. They use this number to determine your financial aid award. Learn more about the EFC.

Other Financial Aid Forms

After you complete the FAFSA, make sure you submit any additional financial aid forms that your colleges require. For example, some colleges require you to submit the CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE® or their own forms.

Help with the FAFSA

If you have questions about the application, FAFSA on the Web or federal financial aid for students in general, call:

Where to Find the FAFSA?

The FAFSA is available online at FAFSA on the Web. If you need a paper copy, you can download a PDF at www.studentaid.ed.gov/PDFfafsa or call 800-4-FED-AID (433-3243).

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The Common Application

In the 2014-15 academic year, The Common Application is used for undergraduate admissions by over 500 colleges and universities. Only schools that evaluate applications holistically are allowed to use the common application; that is, the admissions staff must take into consideration things like letters of recommendation and the application essay. If a college bases admission solely on GPA and test scores, they cannot be members of the Common Application. Nearly all top colleges and top universities use the Common Application.

The Common Application covers several areas: personal data, educational data, standardized test information, family information, academic honors, extracurricular activities, work experience, a personal essay, and criminal history. Financial aid information needs to be handled on the FAFSA.

Starting in 2013 with CA4, the newest version of the Common Application, the paper version of the application is being phased out and all applications will be submitted electronically through the Common Application website. The online application allows you to create different versions of the application for different schools, and the website will also keep track of the different application requirements for the different schools to which you are applying.

Many schools will ask for a supplemental essay to complement the essay you write on one of the five personal essay options provided on the Common Application. Many colleges will also ask for a short answer essay on one of your extracurricular or work experiences. These supplements will be submitted through the Common Application website.

Our Mission

The Mission of the bi-state Delmar School District is to provide all students with the opportunity to build twenty-first century skills, develop a sense of social responsibility, embrace cultural diversity, and to foster intellectual growth through academic excellence, the arts, and athletics.





Our Vision

The Delmar School District endeavors to

- prepare students to become citizens of competence, conscience, and compassion to meet the challenges of the twenty-first century;
 - serve as a catalyst to promote twenty-first century readiness by developing and building collaborative partnerships among education, businesses, community, and government;
 - believe in educational opportunities for all students by providing rigorous coursework and career challenges in order to graduate students who are ready to enter a globally competitive workforce;
 - recognizes that a twenty-first century classroom will provide students with informational literacy skills, exposure to emerging technologies, and the development of technological skills necessary to meet the needs of a global society;
 - recognizes the individuality of each student and will strive to develop his/her maximum potential to assist them to become a whole person within a safe and supportive learning environment;
- recognizes that the home, school district, community, civic, and faith-based organizations, and related state and federal organizations must work together to provide students with a twenty-first century education.



DMSHS Student Mentoring Program

Goals & Activities...	...successes
<p>October's after school event— Pumpkin party <i>Students painted pumpkins to take home</i></p>	
<p>November's after school event— Thanksgiving dinner <i>Students prepared multiple side dishes and desserts, followed by a meal together</i></p>	
<p>December's after school event— Cookies & Cocoa <i>Students made over 30 dozen cookies to munch on & take home</i></p>	
<p>Upcoming lessons & corresponding events</p>	<p>~Restaurant etiquette at Delmar Pizza ~Budgeting at Food Lion ~Responsibility through planting flowers</p>
<p>Individual mentoring cases— Personal stories</p>	<p>~Student A: support provided for a student whose parent is terminally ill ~Student B: support provided for a student with self-esteem struggles; this student has made a new friend this school year! ~Student C: incentives provided for a student who attended attendance summer school each year of middle school; improved attendance as a 9th grader (not projected to attend summer school) ~Student D: academic support & tutoring provided for multiple students who failed courses last school year; these students are currently passing all courses! ~Student E: behavioral incentives provided for a student with a history of fighting; no fights or referrals have been given so far this school year!</p>
<p>Who can I contact if I have questions about this program?</p>	<p>Kelly Tingle Student Mentoring Coordinator</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  <div style="text-align: right;"> <p>Kelly.Tingle@delmar.k12.de.us 302-846-9544 Ext. 102</p> </div> </div>



Spring Sports Update

Spring Sports Information: Spring sports' teams will be gearing up March 1st. The following items are important, and have been shared in organizational meetings here at school. Please direct any questions about requirements and starting times/dates to the school office or Mr. David Hearn (Athletic Director - ext - 116).

High School tryouts/practices begin Tuesday - March 1, 2016 - right after school

- Varsity & JV Baseball, Softball, Girls Soccer, and Boys Lacrosse; plus Varsity Golf

Middle School tryouts/practices begin Monday - March 7, 2016 - after school

- Baseball, Softball, and Girls Soccer

In order to be Eligible to play Spring Sports:

*Must have a DIAA Sports Physical on file here at school in order to tryout/begin practice! These are available through the Wellness Center by appointment; plus forms are located in the school office; as well as the athletic website at www.wildcats-sports.com

*You must be academically eligible

- Varsity & JV athletes must have PASSED at least 5 subjects (2 majors) for the 2nd Quarter Grade
- MS athletes must have PASSED at least 4 subjects (2 majors) for the 2nd Quarter Grade
- Seniors must be PASSING all courses needed for graduation.

Contact David Hearn (Athletic Director) or Odell Jones (Asst. AD) with questions concerning any of the above or other concerns.

David Hearn: david.hearn@delmar.k12.de.us

Odell Jones: odell.jones@delmar.k12.de.us

www.wildcats-sports.com

Official Sports Website for Delmar HS/MS. View Schedules, Results, Rosters, and Photos.

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Baseball V

3/10	Thu	4:00	A	*Bennett
3/18	Fri	3:30	A	*Washington
3/22	Tue	4:15	A	Smyrna
3/24	Thu	4:15	A	Sussex Central
3/30	Wed	4:00	H	Wicomico
4/4	Mon	4:00	A	Mardela
4/5	Tue	4:15	H	Woodbridge
4/8	Fri	4:00	H	St.T More
4/12	Tue	4:15	H	Indian River
4/15	Fri	4:15	A	Cape Hen
4/19	Tue	4:15	H	Lake Forest
4/22	Fri	4:15	H	Laurel
4/26	Tue	4:15	H	Milford
4/28	Thu	4:15	A	Seaford
5/3	Tue	4:15	H	Sussex Tech
5/5	Thu	4:15	A	Caesar Rodney
5/6	Fri	7:00	A	Parkside
5/10	Tue	4:15	A	Dover
5/12	Thu	4:15	H	Polytech
5/17	Tue	4:00	H	Appo HS

Baseball JV

3/10	Thu	4:00	H	*Bennett
3/18	Fri	3:30	H	*Washington
3/22	Tue	4:15	H	Smyrna
3/24	Thu	4:15	H	Sussex Central
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4/5	Tue	4:15	A	Woodbridge
4/12	Tue	4:15	A	Indian River
4/15	Fri	4:15	H	Cape Hen
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4/22	Fri	4:15	A	Laurel
4/26	Tue	4:15	A	Milford
4/28	Thu	4:15	H	Seaford
5/3	Tue	4:15	A	Sussex Tech
5/5	Thu	4:15	H	Caesar Rodney
5/10	Tue	4:15	H	Dover
5/12	Thu	4:15	A	Polytech

Baseball MA

3/23	Wed	4:15	H	Beacon MS
4/6	Wed	4:15	A	Dover AFB
4/11	Mon	4:15	A	Fifer MS
4/13	Wed	4:15	H	Selbyville
4/18	Mon	4:15	H	Woodbridge
4/20	Wed	4:15	A	Milford MS
4/25	Mon	4:15	H	Chipman MS
4/27	Wed	4:15	A	Laurel MS
5/2	Mon	4:15	H	Seaford MS
5/4	Wed	4:15	H	DovCentral
5/6	Fri	4:15	A	Millsboro

Golf V

3/22	Tue	3:30	A	Dover
3/24	Thu	3:30	A	Indian River
4/5	Tue	3:30	H	Polytech
4/6	Wed	3:30	A	Cape Hen
4/12	Tue	3:30	A	Caesar Rodney
4/14	Thu	3:30	A	Woodbridge
4/19	Tue	3:30	A	Lake Forest
4/21	Thu	3:30	H	Laurel
4/26	Tue	3:30	H	Milford, Sussex Aca @ Golf - Green Hill Yacht CC
4/28	Thu	3:30	A	Seaford
5/3	Tue	3:30	A	Sussex Tech
5/5	Thu	3:30	A	Sussex Central
5/9	Mon	3:30	H	DCHS
5/10	Tue	3:30	A	Smyrna
5/16	Mon	3:30	H	RLCA, Tatnall @ Golf - Chesapeake Bay GC - Rising Sun

Lacrosse - Boys V

3/10	Thu	4:00	H	*Salisbury
3/12	Sat	9:00	A	*Play Day @ Middletown HS- Cavaliers Stadium
3/17	Thu	4:00	H	*Glasgow
3/23	Wed	5:30	H	Cambridge
3/24	Thu	4:00	A	St. Andrews
4/8	Fri	5:30	H	Lake Forest
4/11	Mon	4:00	A	Bennett
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Soccer - Girls V

3/22	Tue	7:00	A	Sussex Tech
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5/11	Wed	4:00	H	Selbyville

Softball V

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3/12	Sat	10:00	A	*Sussex Central
3/22	Tue	4:15	A	Smyrna
3/24	Thu	4:15	A	Sussex Central
4/2	Sat	11:45	A	Caravel
4/4	Mon	4:00	A	Mardela
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4/19	Tue	4:15	A	Lake Forest
4/22	Fri	4:15	A	Laurel
4/26	Tue	4:15	A	Milford
4/28	Thu	4:15	H	Seaford
5/3	Tue	4:15	A	Sussex Tech
5/5	Thu	4:15	H	Caesar Rodney
5/10	Tue	4:15	H	Dover
5/12	Thu	4:15	A	Polytech

Softball MA

3/23	Wed	4:15	H	Beacon MS
4/6	Wed	4:15	A	Dover AFB
4/11	Mon	4:15	A	Fifer MS
4/13	Wed	4:15	H	Selbyville
4/18	Mon	4:15	H	Woodbridge
4/20	Wed	4:15	A	Milford MS
4/25	Mon	4:15	H	Chipman MS
4/27	Wed	4:15	A	Laurel MS
5/2	Mon	4:15	H	Seaford MS
5/4	Wed	4:15	H	DovCentral
5/6	Fri	4:15	A	Millsboro

Athletic Training News



DIAA Physicals

Spring sports are right around the corner, starting March 1 for high school and March 7 for middle school. Please make sure you have a completed DIAA Sports Physical Packet on file. If you are unsure, please feel free to contact me to confirm. Remember, all pages must be filled out and all appropriate signatures obtained prior to beginning participation. We are not allowed to accept any alternative forms other than the DIAA Sports Physical Packet.

Electronic Medical Records – Athlete Portal

This fall, our Athletic Booster Club purchased a program from Athletic Trainer Systems that will allow our Athletic Training Department to go completely to Electronic Medical Records (EMR). Each athlete and parent will have access to the Athlete Portal where they can put in their own demographic information such as address, phone number, date of birth, emergency contact information and insurance. This information can be updated throughout the year as information changes. The Athletic Trainer will utilize this program as a means for recording daily treatments, injury reports, daily limitations, and equipment check out. The program will allow electronic communication with parents, so they can access injury information and see more of what is being done for the injured athlete. The Athletic Trainer can also grant access to a coach to their specific roster so they will have up to date information regarding limitations of players on their roster, emergency contact information, medical alerts, and allergies. New DIAA sports physicals can now be found within this program under eDocs/files and can be filled out and signed online, as well as submitted through the program resulting in less of a paper trail and chances of forms being misplaced. All paper physicals and doctor notes turned in will be scanned into the system and filed electronically.

To complete the Athlete Portal:

Enter delmar2.atsusers.com into your Internet address (Do Not enter www)

Initial Log in: new

Initial Password: new (These will be changed once you are in the system)

Fill out the highlighted information. It will ask for Athlete ID. You can use your school ID # or first letter of your first name and complete last name. It will ask for phone and email. Please use the parents' phone and email so the Athletic Trainer is contacting parent and not student. Once all information is entered, hit SAVE and more tabs will open. Now you can enter Emergency contact information and Insurance. Hit save again and you are done. We are looking for all athletes to be entered and have a completed DIAA physical turned in prior to the first day of tryouts each season. Thank you for helping us become 100% compliant. Any questions or problems, please contact **Craig Yingling, Athletic Trainer at 302-846-9544 x173.**

We need each athlete to be registered prior to the start of their season. If you have played another sport this school year, you are already entered into the Athlete Portal. If you don't know what your log in or password is, please email me at craig.yingling@delmar.k12.de.us and I will send this information to you.

Technology Corner:

From the Desk of Eve Mothicka and Terri Sensenig

10 Things Students Should Know About Their Digital Footprints



1. College admissions and employers read your online profiles and they do make decisions based on the information they find out about you online. In fact, colleges will make decisions based on many forms of questionable involvement. Consider this example:
A parent sent an email to a college suggesting they look at the Facebook page of a student who was applying to the same school as her daughter. The Facebook page showed the other student at a party with alcohol. The mother's goal was to get rid of some of the competition her daughter would have at this selective school.
The end result: both students were rejected; the first student in part because of the Facebook page and the second student because the college was concerned about dealing with such a manipulative mother for four years.
2. As you can see in the example above, educators, parents and potential employers see, read, and hear about your online escapades – often times by accident - even though you go to great lengths to hide them. These “accidental finds” can be damaging for you, especially if they include foul language, cyberbullying, or basic immaturity.
3. Digital citizenship begins at home, with your very first internet enabled device! Don't take that first step in your digital footprint without knowing at least the basics of Digital Citizenship. For more information, check out the link below: <http://www.microsoft.com/about/philanthropies/youthspark/youthsparkhub/programs/onlinesafety/>
4. Create a profile that says simple, non-specific details about yourself, but that is still identifiable you. Ultimately, we are all personally responsible for our digital reputation, but many of our students, as well as adults, don't know how to accomplish this important task. Here are a few tips:
 - Tell what you do
 - Show a side of your personality
 - Add something a little personal, but not something no one should know!
 - Never include politics, religion or sexuality
 - Have fun, but be informative and most of all be human!
5. Create separate accounts so you can consistently remain positive in public online spaces. If you have already developed a full identity online, you don't necessarily need to “scrub it clean”, but it would make sense to create a professional identity, and limit the amount of personal information you share publicly. Increase your privacy settings on all of your personal information, and publicly share all the wonderful things you are contributing to the world.
6. Learn from others. Find teenagers, professionals, or reputation resources that are doing things the right way and model your online presence in a similar manner. Read the surveys that have been conducted about online presence and make informative decisions on what personal material is appropriate to share publicly, and what is not.
7. Never tweet/post/email/text when you are mad or upset! Take 5 minutes to cool down so you don't send anything (pictures included) that may come back to haunt you later. Remember, once you send it you cannot get it back – it becomes the property of the recipient who may choose to use it in a publicly damaging way.
8. Keep private information private. Have you heard the saying the “Internet is forever?” Again, you may think you deleted it but it never truly goes away. Be aware and learn why the Internet is permanent.
9. Remember the Golden Rule: Treat (or Tweet) others the way you would like them to treat you. This rule has never applied more than to how you speak to others online. What are you really accomplishing by saying things from behind the computer screen that you would never say to someone in person? Simply put, if you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all.
10. You don't have to be afraid to make a mistake, but be aware that being careless, too open, too trusting, and spending too much time on the Internet has real consequences. Build your own positive image and brand yourself in a great way.

Delmar Wildcats are ready for Spring 2016!

