# **Delmar School District**

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## **Important Dates:**

06/06 - 06/09: Final Exams (Students dismissed at 11:45am)

06/09: 8th Grade Graduation (8:45am)

06/09: Student's Last Day

06/09: Commencement Exercise (7:00pm)

06/20: Report Card Mailed Home

08/29: 5th Grade Back-to-School Night (6:00pm)

08/30: High School Back-to-School Night (6:00pm)

08/31: Grades 6-8 Back-to-School Night (6:00pm)

09/01: Labor Day: Schools and Offices Closed

09/04: Labor Day: Schools and Offices Closed

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### **Superintendent's Corner**

Twitter: @DelmarSuper

Thank you, Delmar families, for your support of our students and staff as we close out the 2016-2017 school year. Before you delve into all of our announcements for summer 2017 and "Back to School" planning for August/September, I'd like to reflect on the wonderful spring 2017 highlights that we have had in Wildcat Country.

First, **congratulations to the Class of 2017** as we look forward to their graduation at the Wicomico County Civic Center on Friday, June 9, 2017.



A special thank you to the Class of 2017 for donating a Digital Podium to the Delmar School District.

Class President Trevor Harrington and Class Secretary Jocelyn Smith assembled the podium and modeled how to use the e-interface.

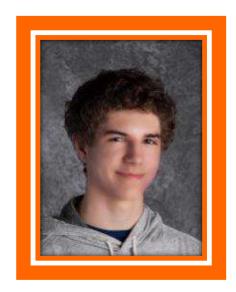
#### Class of 2017 Valedictorian & Salutatorian

Delmar's 2017 Valedictorian, Summer Black, is honored by Delaware Secretary of Education Susan Bunting and Delaware's Governor John Carney at the 2017 Annual Secretary of Education Scholars' Awards Ceremony.











#### **Delaware Secretary of Education 2017 Scholar**

Rehan Choudhry was honored by Delaware Secretary of Education Susan Bunting and Delaware's Governor John Carney at the 2017 Annual Secretary of Education Scholars' Awards Ceremony.



#### **Teacher of the Year**

Congratulations to Delmar High School's 2018 Teacher of the Year, Carol Kline, who teaches Senior English as well as Wilmington University Dual Enrollment English; and Delmar Middle School's 2018 Teacher of the Year, Terry Rodenbaugh who teaches 7<sup>th</sup> Grade English Language Arts and serves as the Middle School English Department Chair. The Delmar School District Teacher of the Year will be announced on Monday, June 12.







#### Delmar's JDG (Jobs for Delaware Graduates) Earns State of Delaware Honors

Delmar High School's Jobs for Delaware Graduates' program earns 1<sup>st</sup> Place as the **Delaware's Chapter of the Year for 2017.** Congratulations to all of the JDG students and Mrs. Pat Selby, Delmar's JDG Specialist.



#### State of Delaware Governor's Outstanding Volunteerism 2017 Awardee:

#### **Delmar's Wildcat Wellness Pantry**

On May 24, 2017, Delaware's Governor Carney recognized Delmar's Wildcat Wellness Pantry for "Delaware's 2017 Outstanding Volunteerism Award" in honor of the contributions of the Delmar Jobs for Delaware Graduates (JDG) Program and the Culinary Club's on-going support throughout the school year. The Wildcat Wellness Pantry is managed under the direction of Teresa Addlesberger, Food Services Director; Patricia Selby, JDG Classroom Specialist; and members of JDG and the Culinary Club.



#### Wishing our Retiring Wildcats the Best:

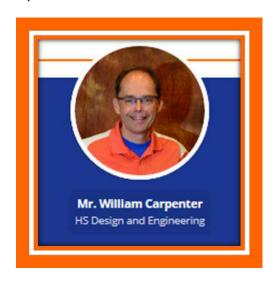
Mrs. Jane Robinson, Delmar Middle School
English Language Arts Teacher
9 years of service in the State of Delaware



Mr. Bill Carpenter, Delmar High School

Manufacturing & Engineering Teacher

9 years of service in the State of Delaware



Carolyn Campbell, Food Services
40 years of service to the State of Delaware



Judy Hearn, Delmar High School Art Teacher
20 years of service to the State of Delaware



#### Delmar's Athletic Field House - Locker Room

Delmar's new Field House Locker Room is under construction in preparation for the Fall 2017 Athletic Season. Thank you, everyone, for your patience, as we navigate through the construction process and modified parking and travel patterns.







### **Main Facility Renovations**

As the Delmar Middle/High School roof nears completion, painters are underway improving the face of Wildcat Country.









#### **Giving Back to our Delmar Wildcat Community**

#### **National Honor Society**

A special thank you to the Delmar National Honor Society, under the direction of Caitlin Caudill, Delmar High School English Teacher, & Kathie Noonan, Delmar High School Math Chair, for their community service in helping with Delmar Elementary School's 2017 Field Day.



#### **Delmar Girls' Basketball**

The Delmar Girls' Basketball Team, under the direction of Coach Billie Fox, Delmar High School Math Teacher, donated \$500 to Women Supporting Women this spring.



#### **Delmar Police Department**



On behalf of the Delmar School District, we thank Delmar Police Chief Ivan Barkley and our School Resource Officer Jeff Novak for their support and efforts in keeping our community safe.



The Delmar Police Department is hosting a National Night Out event, scheduled for Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, celebrating the caring support of our law enforcement in the Delmar community.

"National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. Together, we are making that happen. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community and provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances."

- -Free Food
- -Games for the kids
- -Inflatable Jousting arena
- -Moon bounce
- -Water balloon fights
- -Demonstrations
- -Live Music

#### **Delmar's School Bus Transportation**

Delmar's Transportation Director joined Davis Bus, Inc. this spring for Propane Safety Training and is considering a new propane school bus for the upcoming school year.



#### Welcome New 5th Grade Wildcat Families

Thank you to everyone who helped with 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Registration Night this spring. We welcome our incoming 5<sup>th</sup> Graders for the 2017-2018 school year, with 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Back-to-School Night on Tuesday, August 29 and their First Day as Orientation Day on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.



Any parents still in need of registering an incoming  $5^{th}$  grader for 2017-2018, our summer hours for registration are from 8:00am-3:00pm:

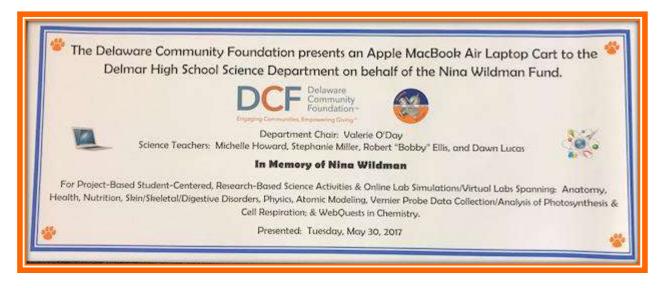
June 27/29 July 11/13 July 18/20 August 1/3 August 8/10 August 15/17

#### **Nina Wildman Family Donation**

Thank you to the Nina Wildman family for your donation of a MacBook Air Laptop Cart to the Delmar High School Science Department. On May 30<sup>th</sup>, Bill Allen from the Delaware Community Foundation presented the cart to Delmar HS Science PLC Department Chair Valerie O'Day and her colleagues: Bobby Ellis, Michelle Howard, Stephanie Miller, and Dawn Lucas; joined by HS Assistant Principal Michael Bleile, Principal Andy O'Neal, and Superintendent Charity Phillips.







Delmar Wildcat Community Members packed the Delmar Fire Department for Governor Carney's Budget Reset Town Hall Meeting this spring.

Thank you to all of the members of the Delmar community who attended Delaware Governor John Carney's Town Hall meeting to share their opinion about the Governor's Proposed Budget Cuts for the upcoming year. The Delaware Legislature will be approving a balanced budget on June 30, 2017.



#### **Spring 2017 Sports Awards Ceremony**

Congratulations to Avery Wheatley and Jimmy Adkins who were voted Outstanding Senior Athletes of the Year.

Avery Wheatley was honored as the 2017 Delaware – State Softball Player of the Year.







#### **Delmar 2017 Softball Team**

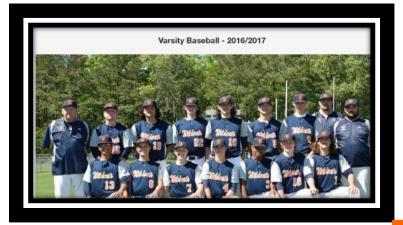
Delmar's 2017 Softball Team made it to the DIAA State Championship Final Game, under the direction of Head Coach Michelle Niblett and Head Coach Wayne Massey; Assistant Coach David Webster; and Assistant Coach Lauren Massey. Their Varsity Record stands at 14-4 for the 2017 Spring Wildcat Season. The Delmar Softball Team celebrated three DIAA State Tournament victory rounds, winning against Sussex Central HS, Caravel Academy, and DE Military Academy. Congratulations Lady Wildcats!



#### **Delmar's 2017 Golf Team**

Delmar's 2017 Golf Team, under the direction of Head Coach Dennis Winters and Assistant Coach Beverly Wilson, made it to the DIAA State Tournament and ended their spring season with a 13-3 varsity record. Shelby Tapman (164) placed 24<sup>th</sup> in the state, Jacob Lemon (168) placed 31<sup>st</sup> in the state, and Helen Wilson (178) placed 45<sup>th</sup> in the state out of the 87 top golfers in the state of Delaware. Awesome job, Wildcats!





#### **Delmar's 2017 Varsity Baseball Team**

Delmar's Varsity Baseball Team, under the direction of Head Coach David Hearn with Assistant Coaches Jordan Johnson, Shawn Phillips, Mel Householder, Bobby Nichols, and Odell Jones, played in the first round of the DIAA State Tournament and ended their spring 2017 season with a varsity record of 13-5. Way to Go, Wildcats!

#### **Delmar's 2017 Varsity Girls Soccer**

Delmar's Varsity Girls Soccer Team, under the direction of Head Coach Ryan Walls, won the frist round of the DIAA State Tournament – a 1<sup>st</sup> in Delmar school history; and ended the spring 2017 season with a 10-4 record. Congratulations Lady Wildcats!



# 2017 Spring Sports Awards Banquet Honors 2016 Delmar Field Hockey DIAA Delaware State Champions

At the spring 2017 Annual Sports Awards Celebration, our Delmar High School Field Hockey Team was recognized with their 2016 State Championship Banner which will be displayed in the Wildcats' Main Gym. Pictured below: **Delaware honored Peyton Kemp as the State Field Hockey Player of the Year and Coach Jodi Hollamon, State Field Hockey Coach of the Year:** 









#### **Twitter**



Entering our third year, our Administrative Team continues to venture 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. As we start the 2017-2018 school year in August, please follow us at:

Superintendent Charity Phillips: @DelmarSuper

Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment Supervisor Lisa Morris: @Delmar\_CIA

Delmar Middle & High School Principal Andy O'Neal: @PrincipalDMSHS

Delmar High School Secondary Assistant Principal Michael Bleile: @DelmarHSVP

Delmar Middle School Assistant Principal James Hesen: @DelmarWildcatAP

Delmar High/Middle School Dean of Students Christy Parsons: @DelmarDean16



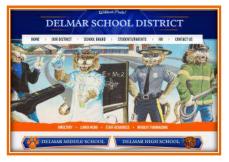
#### **Home Access Center:**

Re-opening in September, Home Access Center (HAC) will provide you with continuous access to your child's grades on all of their assignments. Remember to go to Home Access Center: <a href="https://hac.doe.k12.de.us">https://hac.doe.k12.de.us</a> If you have any questions about a username or password, please contact Terri Sensenig at <a href="terri.sensenig@delmar.k12.de.us">terri.sensenig@delmar.k12.de.us</a>

#### Facebook:

"The Delmar School District" Facebook page also features many announcements about accomplishments in academics, the arts, and athletics. Please also follow us through this social media venue. You can also learn about any schedule changes due to delays or closings.

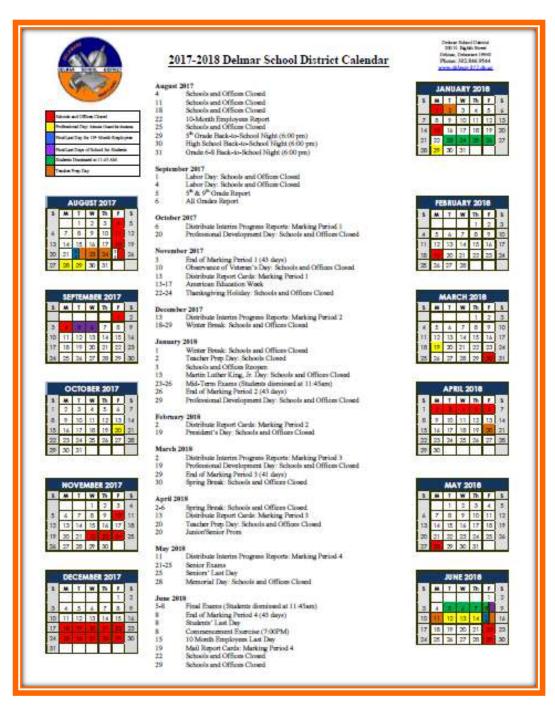




#### **District Website:**

Please visit our Delmar School District website which is accessible through the URL: <a href="www.delmar.k12.de.us">www.delmar.k12.de.us</a>. 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 teacher contact information and course expectations that will help your child succeed in their classes.

On behalf of the Delmar Board of Education, the entire Administrative Team, Instructional Staff, and Support Staff, thank you for a wonderful year in helping us challenge your children to do their best – in academics, in the arts, and in athletics. Our community and staff is so proud of our high standards of excellence that we have achieved throughout the 2016-2017 school year. As you venture into the summer, students, enjoying time relaxing with friends and family, please continue to explore your interests and enhance your experiences that will help you pursue your plans for the future. Our goal is to have each of our students college and career ready as each person becomes a member of our Wildcat Alumni Community.





#### Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment – Lisa R. Morris

Twitter: @Delmar\_CIA

# Testing THANK YOU for everyone's cooperation during the all of testing throughout the middle school and his

#### **Looking Ahead Dates for next year:**

September  $5^{\text{th}}$  – All  $5^{\text{th}}$  &  $9^{\text{th}}$  grade students will report to school

September 6<sup>th</sup> – All students report to school Sept 11<sup>th</sup> – Sept 18<sup>th</sup> – Tentative Fall MAP

Reading Testing

Sept 18<sup>th</sup> – Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> – Tentative Fall MAP Math Testing

throughout the middle school and high school this Spring.



Scores for the April 5<sup>th</sup> School Day SAT are now available to students. Scores for the Make-up SAT should be accessible by the time this newsletter reaches you.

Students can access individual score reports at: <a href="https://studentscores.collegeboard.org/home">https://studentscores.collegeboard.org/home</a>.

Additional supports for students, including videos on how to interpret the new scoring system, are available on the College Board website:

https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/scores/understanding-scores/interpreting.



#### **PSAT** and **SAT** Resources

Below you will find links to various resources for students.

Khan Academy & SAT (www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat) Students can go on now, take a short diagnostic assessment and get a personalize plan tailored just for them to practice for the SAT. After taking the new PSAT (after Oct 2015) or new SAT (after March 2016) and the results are back, students can elect to have their PSAT/SAT 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/SAT. Best part is, it is the best practice out there AND it is FREE!!! Link your College Board Account to Khan Academy TODAY!!!

<u>College Board Site:</u> (<a href="https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/">https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/</a>) This site has everything you could possibly want to know about the SAT Suite of 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:

(<u>https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice/daily-practice-app</u>) Students can download this app from any cell device and get a daily practice question.

#### Parent PRIDE Nights will be back again next year:

We plan to have Parent PRIDE nights on the following topics to help support you and your child. Please look for dates to be in the Fall Newsletter.

- Title I PRIDE Night
- Perkins Night
- Assessment Information Night
- FASFA Information and Workshop Night
- AP and WU Night



#### **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 <a href="http://dssf.doe.k12.de.us/">http://dssf.doe.k12.de.us/</a> 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. Academic 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.



#### **ESSA – "Every Student Succeeds Act"**

In December 2015, Congress reauthorized the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, the main federal law governing public education. The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) replaces the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). As part of NCLB, Delaware is one of the 43 states operating under ESEA Flexibility. This new law gives states more flexibility and provides more state and local control over the

accountability process.

ESSA implementation will begin during the 2017-18 school year. The 2016-17 school year has been our opportunity to consult with stakeholders, develop our plan, and submit it to the U.S. Department of Education for their approval.

Although ESSA was signed into law last December, we are still waiting for detailed information that will be included in federal regulation and guidance.

In the meantime, DDOE staff have been learning the content of the new law and working to understand the changes in policy and requirements. These efforts helped us to see Delaware's strength and readiness for ESSA and to identify areas of opportunity and discussion.

Our early work has set the stage for us to plan for **effective**, **focused**, **and meaningful** stakeholder consultation, which we will use to draft our State Plan.

#### **Delaware's Final ESSA State Plan**

"We are proud of the strong gains Delaware's public schools have made in recent years as graduation rates and academic proficiency levels have increased and opportunity gaps have started to close. Our teachers, school and district leaders, students, families and community partners have led this change. The efforts and innovations reflected in our ESSA plan are the result of months of extensive consultation and meaningful engagement with our community.

The Delaware Department of Education has received more than 1,000 comments submitted through online surveys, a dedicated ESSA email address, a Governor's ESSA Advisory Committee, discussion groups and community conversations. The valuable input received was critical to Delaware's plan development process."

-Susan S. Bunting, Secretary of Education



Have a Great Relaxing Summer!! We will be putting together all of the testing dates for next year over the summer, please be sure to check out the Fall Newsletter for all of the important dates.





# **Keeping Cool with Khan**

Summer Plan: Be sure not to fizzle when the summer starts to sizzle. Use this plan to sharpen your skills and start the school year with an edge.



Week	To Do Checklist
Week 1	<ul> <li>□ Set up a free College Board account and a Free Khan Academy account for access to personalized practice.</li> <li>□ Watch the Khan Academy introductory video.</li> <li>□ Link College Board and Khan Academy accounts to send your PSAT scores to Khan Academy and begin personalized practice. If you did not take a PSAT, take 4 short diagnostic quizzes in math or in reading and writing and begin personalized practice.</li> <li>□ Identify your strengths and weaknesses, and choose one skill area for your first goal.</li> </ul>
Week 2	<ul> <li>□ Sign in at satpractice.org, and view your skill levels in the bottom right corner of your dashboard.</li> <li>□ Set up your practice schedule. (You can choose the days of the week and time of day that works for you!)</li> <li>□ Focusing on one area in math or reading and writing, begin practicing to achieve your first goal.</li> <li>□ Practice for at least 30 minutes, twice a week.</li> </ul>
Week 3	<ul> <li>□ 8th and 9th Graders: Get to know the PSAT 8/9: Look Inside the Test.</li> <li>□ 10th and 11th Graders: Get to know the PSAT/NMSQT: Look Inside the Test.</li> <li>□ Choose a new focus area in math or reading and writing, and continue skills practice.</li> <li>□ Practice for at least 30 minutes, twice a week.</li> </ul>
	□ Take a full-length practice test.
	Subjects ▼ Search Q
Week 4	Official SAT® Practice Dashboard Practice Tips and Strategies Full Tests Review In partnership w
	☐ Review the questions you missed, and set a goal for next week's practice in a new skill area.
Week 5	<ul> <li>□ Focusing on your goal from last week's full-length practice test, continue skills practice.</li> <li>□ Practice for at least 30 minutes, twice a week.</li> </ul>
Week 6	<ul> <li>□ Take another full-length practice test.</li> <li>□ Compare your results to previous tries to track improvement and check them against your goals.</li> <li>□ Review the test questions you missed.</li> <li>□ Identify new goals, and continue skills practice!</li> </ul>

#### Principal's Page - Mr. Andy O'Neal



Twitter: **@PrincipalDMSHS** 

Hello Delmar Families and Community,

It is hard to believe that we have completed another school year. As we move towards the end of the 2016-2017 school year, I want to commend all of our outstanding middle school and high school students for all of their hard work and success this year in the classroom, athletic fields, and in all of the extra-curricular activities. Their accomplishments are a tribute to what helps make Delmar Middle and Senior High School an outstanding place. We had the opportunity this past year to see our Field Hockey team capture their first ever DIAA State Championship, our middle school Science Olympiad team captured first place for Sussex County in Division B and our Fine Arts Department presented and performed *Beauty & the Beast* along with their winter and spring chorus and band concerts that were outstanding.

Students this past year were challenged to increase their Higher Order Thinking Skills, work collaboratively and use their Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing skills as we continued to implement the Common Core State Standards in both the middle and high school. Our students did an awesome job rising to the challenge and making this happen. This could be seen daily from classroom to classroom throughout our building.

Summer is a great time for rest, relaxation and time to spend with family and get recharged for the upcoming year. I encourage the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who are moving onto Delmar High School to continue to challenge yourselves daily in everything you do as you prepare yourself for high school and real world experiences. To our new incoming 5<sup>th</sup> grade students, we want to welcome you to Delmar Middle School and prepare you for college and career readiness as you begin your journey with us for the next four years. Lastly, I would like to congratulate the Class of 2017 and wish them good luck as they leave Delmar Senior High School and begin their journey in life whether it be at a college/ university, the military, or in a various trade. Your parents and the teachers at Delmar are extremely proud of your accomplishments during your time with us.

Below are some important upcoming dates to remember for the start of the 2017-2018 school year.

Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> (6:00 p.m.) – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Back to School Night Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> (6:00 p.m.) – High School Back to School Night Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup> (6:00 p.m.) – Grades 6-8 Back to School Night September 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> – Labor Day Holiday – Schools Closed for Students & Staff Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> – First Day of School for Grades 5 & 9 Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> – All Grades Report to School Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> – Professional Day for Staff (No School for Students) Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> - Distribute 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Interim Progress Reports Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> – Professional Development Day – Schools Closed for Students

As we enter the start of the 2017-2018 school year, our middle school students will be participating in MAP Math and Reading testing to measure academic growth over the course of the upcoming year. Our high school students will be offered the PSAT and SAT tests during the 2017-2018 school year. These dates will be announced to students over the course of the year. Students in both middle and high school will also participate in SBAC ELA/Math testing, along with Science and Social Studies DCAS tests. Students will continue to use higher order

thinking skills that are incorporated into highly rigorous lessons, not only in core subject areas, but in all classes at Delmar Middle & Senior High School.

Students will also have the chance to take part in various extra-curricular activities such as Multicultural Club, Science Club, and Culinary Club while at DMS. Middle school fall sports will begin for students on Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. Sports offered during the fall season include: field hockey, boys' soccer, football, cheerleading, and girls' volleyball. High School sports tryouts will begin on Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. High School fall sports offered are football, field hockey, boys' soccer, girls' volleyball, cross country and cheerleading. All sports schedules and information can be found on our website at http://wildcats-sports.com

I would like to conclude, and let our parents and family members know how much our administrative team, teachers and I appreciate your support over the course of this year. It has been both a pleasure and honor this past year to serve as the Principal for both Delmar Middle & Delmar High School. Our parents, families and community is what truly what makes Delmar an outstanding school for our students. I encourage everyone to rest up and enjoy your summer as we prepare for another exciting year at Delmar Middle & Senior High School.



#### Middle School Assistant Principal's Page - Mr. James Hesen

Twitter: @DelmarWildcatAP

The 2016-17 school year is coming to a close!!! It's been a great school year as I have learned a lot about your students and about how great Delmar truly is. I hope you all have a relaxing

summer planned and that all of you and your families are safe.

Attendance Summer School will convene on Monday, June 19th, 2017 with an assembly in the auditorium at

7:50am. The sessions will begin Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:50am and run through Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 at 3:45pm. Lunch will be available for all students needing to make-up more than one day at a cost of \$1.50 (reduced .40). A full day of Summer School will satisfy 2.5 days of time owed. Your child is expected to attend the first day and every consecutive day thereafter until the requirement has been satisfied. Any absence which is not medically or administratively documented will result in your child



being removed from the program without graduation or promotion. All students participating in Summer School are to follow all rules and participate in the program. **Dress Code will be enforced during Summer School.** Any student(s) who does not follow the Summer School program will be dismissed without graduation, promotion, or accumulation of credits.

If you have any questions, please contact the school (302-846-9544).

Please make sure that over the summer, while purchasing new uniforms, to ensure that you abide by the District's dress code policies. Please refer to the Student Handbook in regards to the proper dress code policies.



Over the summer, make sure you tune in to Mr. Hesen's **Twitter** feed for updates and events. You can follow Mr. Hesen @DelmarWildcatAP



# Literacy News Corner



By Mrs. Brittingham, Literacy Specialist

Summer 2017

### Prevent the Summer Slide



The #1 Way to help your child maintain their reading skills this summer is by having lots of books available to them! Find out what they are interested in, and pursue those interests through books, on-line reading, and discussion. Read aloud with them. Let them see you reading for pleasure. Sign up for the public library's Summer Reading Program.

# Websites to Help You Find the Right Book

Teens https://goo.gl/CHaEAy

Middle Schoolers https://goo.gl/0UpEc8

Best Read Alouds https://goo.gl/QZ4MqA

# Audio Books for Summer Road Trips

REASONS AUDIOBOOKS ARE GREAT FOR ROAD TRIPS WITH KIDS:

- You can enjoy it as a family together.
- Gives kids another medium to learn to love books
- Makes the time go by super fast!
- You can have meaningful discussions about things that happen in the book, either by pausing the audio while listening or when stopped for breaks. This is an amazing way to get into a great conversation with the kids!
- Great entertainment for kids that have a tendency to get car sick
- Practices skills on following a storyline and attention to detail
- Tons of options as far as length, genre, etc. You can easily match the amount of time you will be in the car and even find a book that coordinates with your destination.
- Available for free at the public library or try a 30-day free trial at Audible.com







## **Delmar Math Corner**

By Lori Smith

### Fun Math Links for your Summer!

Arcademic Skill Builders is a great resource to refresh all math operation areas. Play arcade games to review basic operations, fractions, decimals, and working with money! <a href="http://www.arcademics.com/">http://www.arcademics.com/</a>

Factors and Multiples Jeopardy: Remember the difference between factors and multiples with this fun on-line game! <a href="http://www.math-play.com/Factors-and-Multiples-Jeopardy/Factors-and-Multiples-Jeopardy.html">http://www.math-play.com/Factors-and-Multiples-Jeopardy.html</a>

In addition, check out this list of **Top Ten Websites for Math**. <a href="http://student-tutor.com/blog/top-10-math-websites/">http://student-tutor.com/blog/top-10-math-websites/</a>

# Board Games that incorporate Math

#### **Basic Operations:**

- Monopoly
- 2 Life
- 2 Payday
- 2 S'Math
- ☑ Tripoly

#### Patterns and

#### Geometry:

- Sequence
- Blokus
- Geoshapes
- Quirkle

#### **Logical Reasoning:**

- Clue
- ☑ Stratego
- ☑ SuDoKu

#### Probability:

Deal or No Deal?

#### Strategy Games:

- 2 Mancala
- 2 Othello
- ☑ Connect 4
- Chess and Checkers

#### SCHOOLOGY:

Keep informed at home this summer by logging into Schoology! You may find summer math packets right there.

This is a great place to look for club and organization updates as well.

#### Take a Vacation!

Before you take off on that family trip, help your parents and get in on the planning! Here are a few examples of where math can be used when taking that family trip:

 Use an atlas and figure out how many miles you'll be driving – the scale of miles is a great example of proportion and measurement used in real life!



- What's your car's fuel efficiency? Add to find out the total cost to fill up the tank throughout your trip; divide to calculate the miles driven per gallon of gas; multiply to determine the cost of a fill-up based on your expected travel distance... is it time to purchase a hybrid vehicle?
- How fast did you get there? Use the car's trip odometer to find out how many miles you've driven, and determine your average speed.

#### Gardens of Eating... and Math!

Besides providing a great source of delicious summer vegetables and fresh flowers, gardens grow great opportunities to show practical applications for math.

- How big is that garden? How much fencing is needed to keep out the deer? How much fertilizer
- do you need to keep the garden (or yard) growing?
- How much mulch do you need to order if you want to put it down 3" thick in your flower beds?
- What is the weight of that prize-winning tomato or pumpkin?
   How many peppers are on the pepper plant? If you need to keep your bean plants 3 inches apart, how many plants will grow on a
- 12 foot row? How many seeds should you plant?
- Go to the supermarket or farmer's market and find out the cost of fresh vegetables you can grow at home. How much money will you save if you grow it yourself?

#### Take me out to the ballgame!

Take in a summer baseball game — either at the ballpark or on TV. Baseball's a natural place to see math in action — from a pitcher's ERA to a hitter's on-base percentage. Record the events of the game using a scorecard. To find out all about how to keep score, go to Patrick McGovern's fantastic website: The Baseball Scorecard. Then, calculate some statistics about your favorite players! If you really like baseball, run your own team! Check out Fantasy Baseball and Math! (You can also play fantasy football and soccer, too!)

#### Take a trip to the grocery store!

- · Estimate the total bill based on prices of what you are purchasing.
- How much does that bunch of bananas weigh? How much will it cost?
- What is the unit price of your favorite box of cereal? What is the unit of measurement, and how much is the total cost of that box?







Important Dates to Remember for our upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Wildcats!

August 29<sup>th</sup> – Back to School Night 6 PM

September 5<sup>th</sup> - Fifth Grade Transition
Day

Be sure to register your child for school!

Being registered before the school year begins is really important for a smooth transition.

Lockers are usually one of the biggest worries for our new fifth grade students. If possible have your child practice with a combination lock over the summer. They will be using the ones attached to the lockers but knowing how to operate a lock will make learning how to open their locker much less stressful!



Study your Multiplication Facts over the summer!

Read! Read! Read!

Read for at least 20 minutes every day over the summer break!



# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade News and Events

#### **SUMMER MATH PRACTICE**

Students should come to 6<sup>th</sup> grade with multiplication facts memorized. They should also be able to add and subtract fractions by finding a common denominator. It is also important that incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grades can do long division. Students can practice these skills and many others by going to online math games. Some suggestions would be

www.khanacademy.org

www.coolmath.com

www.braingames.com

#### SUMMER READING

This summer make reading fun and enjoyable for your child. Suggest they take a book outside and read. Ask them questions about what they are reading so you can check their comprehension and show interest. Check out www.readworks.org

#### SCIENCE FUN IN THE SUMMER!

There are a lot of great ways to have fun with Science this summer. Doing experiments outside is fun and less messy! Look for ideas on <a href="https://www.lemonlimeadventures.com">www.lemonlimeadventures.com</a> <a href="https://www.fun-a-day.com">www.pbs.org</a>

#### **Social Studies Summer Suggestions**

Summer vacation is a great time to visit museums and historical places to learn more about the past.

There are a lot of great places close to home. Try visiting the Smithsonian, Delmarva Discovery Center, the Discovery Sea Museum, Fort McHenry,

Treasures of the Sea or Fort Delaware.



One of the best ways for children to learn is conversation. Talk to your children and share stories!

# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade SUPPLY LIST

## 2017-2018 DMSHS 6th Grade Materials List

To Our Incoming Sixth Graders,

We are looking forward to another great year at **Delmar Middle & Senior High School!** As you begin to prepare for school, we have put together a list of supplies that you will need to make your sixth grade year a success.

Your Team of teachers may have some other suggestions for you during your first few days of school, but this list will be most, if not all, of what you will need. Enjoy the rest of the summer and we look forward to seeing you in August.

-The Sixth Grade DMS Team

#### Materials Summary (Required):

- 6 One Inch Three-Ring Binders
   (3 blue, 1 red, 1 white, and 1 green)
- 4 Packets of Dividers
- 3 Packs of Loose Leaf Paper
- 1 Composition Notebook
- 1 Pkg. Plastic Sheet Protectors
- 300 Index Cards
- 1 Pocket Folder
- Two packs of Dry-Erase Markers
- 1 Flash Drive (at least 1 gb)
- 1 Pencil Pouch:
  - 12 Sharpened Pencils
  - o 3 Blue or Black Pens
  - o 5 Red Pens
  - o Colored Pencils
  - o Glue Sticks and Elmer's\*\* Glue
  - o Ruler
  - o Highlighter
  - Scissors and Tape

#### Please Do NOT Bring the Following to DMS:

Gel Pens Toys White-Out Wheeled Book Bags\* (\*They do not fit in lockers and make marks on the

#### Classroom Donations (Appreciated!)

- Boxes of Tissues
- Ziploc Bags
- Expo Dry Erase Markers
- Hand Sanitizer
- Lysol/Clorox Wipes
- Paper Towels

#### How will these materials be used?

#### Science: (Ms. Doe)

- 3 Blue 1" Binders
- 1 Pkg. of Dividers
- 100 Index Cards
- 1 Pkg. Plastic Sheet Protectors
- 1 Scotch Tape and Elmer's Glue

#### ELA (Mrs. Spear or Mrs. Pagano):

- 1 Red 1" Binder
- 1 Pkg. of Dividers
- 200 Index Cards

#### Social Studies (Mrs. McDowell):

- 1 Green 1" Binder
- 1 Pkg. of Dividers

#### Math (Mrs. Bergeron or Mr. Throm):

- 1 White Binder
- 1 Pkg. of Dividers

#### Technology (Mr. Layton, Mrs. Jones or Mrs. Bailey)

1 Pocket Folder

#### Students Need to Carry to ALL Classes:

- 1 Book for Independent Reading
- 1 Pencil Pouch with supplies

#### The School Will Provide Each Student with...

- 1 Homework Folder
- 1 Agenda

Students that will be taking ART need the following materials: Folder or Sketchbook, Pencils, Colored Pencils, Scissors, Markers, Glue Sticks, Tissue Box, Hand Soap and Aluminum Foil

\*Students may need additional supplies as their Specials classes are determined.

# 2017-2018 DMS 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Supply List

To Our Incoming Seventh Graders,



Welcome to the seventh grade! Organization will lead to your success during your experience as a seventh-grader. In an effort to begin this learning journey, you will need the following supplies for the upcoming school year. Great learning opportunities await you as we work together to add learning pieces to your educational career puzzle. Enjoy your summer!

#### Required Materials:

#### All Classes (ongoing supply)

- Paper (ongoing supply)
- Pencils
- FOLDER FOR HOMEWORK
- Sharpened Pencils (ongoing supply)
- 2 blue or black pens
- 5 red pens (ongoing supply)
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Highlighters
- Glue Sticks or tape (ongoing supply)
- Colored pencils (ongoing supply)
- Erasers (ongoing supply)
- Handheld pencil sharpener w/ cover
- Ear buds

#### Science:

- 2 composition books (minimum of 100, double-sided pages = 200 total pages) – no spiral
- Glue sticks or tape
- 2 small 3-ring binders (1-inch)
- 1 pack of dividers
- 1 pack of page protectors
- Calculator (if you have one)

#### Language Arts:

- 1-1 inch 3-ring binder with 5 dividers
- 1 composition book (minimum of 100, double-sided pages = 200 total pages) – no spiral
- Red pens (at least 5)
- Index cards (ongoing supply)

\*Visit Mrs. Rodenbaugh's website at www.includemewikispaces.com

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#### Math:

- 1" 3-ring binder
- Glue and/or tape
- Colored pencils/markers

#### **Social Studies:**

- 1 − 1-inch 3-ring binder
- 2 composition books (minimum of 100, double-sided pages = 200 total pages) – no spiral

#### ACCEL period (all students):

• 1" 3-ring binder or folder with brads

#### Classroom Donations (Appreciated!)

- Boxes of Tissues
- Ziploc Bags
- Loose Leaf Paper
- Pencils
- Erasers
- Black Pens
- Colored Pencils
- Expo Dry Erase Markers
- Baby/Lysol/Clorox Wipes
- Hand Sanitizer

# Please do NOT bring the following to DMS:

- · Gel Pens
- Gum/Candy
- White-out
- Mechanical Pencils
- Wheeled Book bags\*\*

\*\* They do not fit in the lockers and make marks on the floor.



# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade News for June 2017-September 2017



The 8th grade graduation ceremony was a great success and the team is very excited for summer vacation. Most importantly, we are excited to see what the new school year will bring.

Each content area will be studying the following units of study at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year:

<u>ELA</u> will be working through a "Boot Camp" unit all about grammar.

Math will be working on past year's concepts in "Operations in the Number System Unit; while Algebra students will be working Solving Equations.

Social Studies' year starts off with a unit all about early exploration in the 1500's and the study of explorers discovering English colonies in North America.

<u>Science</u> will begin the year with laboratory unit on safety.

#### 2017-2018 DMSHS Eighth-Grade Materials List

Welcome Eighth graders! As you begin to prepare for school, we have put together a list of supplies that you will need to make your school year successful.

Your team of teachers may have some other suggestions for you during your first few days of school, but this list will be most, if not all, of what you will need.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and we look forward to seeing you in August.

#### -The Eighth-Grade DMS Team

#### Materials Needed for Specials: <u>Art</u>

- Folder or Sketchbook
- Pencils
- · Colored Pencils
- Markers
- · Glue Sticks
- Scissors
- Tissues
- Hand Soap
- · Aluminum Foil
- Black Permanent Marker

#### **Exploring Business**

1 3-Ring Binder with 1-inch spine

#### Classroom Materials Needed <u>for all core subjects –</u> Thank you!

- Ear buds
- Colored Pencils
- Notebook paper
- Pencils
- Several Glue Sticks
- Highlighters

# Donations of the following would be appreciated!

- Tissues
- Disinfectant wipes
- Ziploc Bags
- Hand Sanitizer

#### Science:

- 1 3-Ring Binder with 2-inch spine
- 1 Composition Book

#### **English Language Arts**

- 1 3-Ring Binder with 2-inch spine
- 1 Composition Book
- · 1 Pkg. of 5 Dividers
- Index Cards (100 pack)
- Pens (blue or black ink only)
- 1 Red Pen
- Colored Pencils

#### Social Studies:

- · Blue and/or black Pen
- 1 3-Ring Binder with 1 ½ -inch spine
- 10 Dividers

#### Math:

- 3-Ring Binder with 5 dividers (1 ½ -inch spine)
- 1 Spiral/Composition Notebook
- · Several Pencils-#2 or Mechanical
- · Colored Pencils
- Ruler (Inches and Centimeters)
- · Graph Paper

#### **Optional-**Calculator

#### Accel

- 1 3-Prong Pocket Folder
- Composition Notebook

#### **National Junior Honor Society**









The DMSHS chapter of the **National Junior Honor Society** encourages current and prospective members to use time this summer earning community service hours. The NJHS By-laws require members to volunteer at least 5 hours with the club and an additional 5 hours individually each school year. Our organization is pleased to have provided countless hours of service to our school and community, as well as overseas. During the 2017-2018 school year, Delmar's NJHS has several in-club activities planned to volunteer and help others. As we did last year, these projects include:

- Toys for Tots
- Senior Santa
- Operation We Care
- Nursing Home Valentine Cards
- Teacher Appreciation Week

Please join us in reaching out to assist those in need!

#### **Middle School Specials -Summer Edition Information**







#### Middle School Business Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Jones & Mr. Layton

 $5^{th}$  and  $6^{th}$  grade keyboarders have now mastered the alphabetic keyboard and spent some time reviewing and learning the numbers and symbols. Over the summer we encourage all students to continue their proper typing technique and visit websites like www.freetypinggame.net or NitroType to continue building their typing skills!  $7^{th}$  grade business students are now proficient in Microsoft Word and PowerPoint. They have learned how to format documents correctly and create professional presentations. Next year they will continue their Microsoft Office journey and finish out with Excel.

8<sup>th</sup> grade business students have successfully finished their 8<sup>th</sup> grade student success plan (SSP) through career cruising and studied careers, colleges and other information that should help them select an appropriate high school pathway! We hope all 8<sup>th</sup> graders will take their business knowledge and skills they learned and begin applying them in their high school career! We encourage any student who has a strong interest in Business to join the High School BPA club next year!

#### Middle Level Business Professionals of America:

20 Middle Level BPA students competed in Dover against hundreds of other middle school students. The Delmar Middle BPA was proud to have three students win awards while at the State Leadership Conference! Congratulations to Danielle Webster (4<sup>th</sup> place in Computer Literacy Concepts), Krunal Patel (5<sup>th</sup> place in Business Math Concepts) and Will Adkins (3<sup>rd</sup> place in Computer Literacy Concepts & 4<sup>th</sup> place in Financial Literacy). We are so proud of all our BPA members and are





looking forward to resuming in the fall.

**BANK AT SCHOOL through M&T** ended on Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. It was another great year collaborating with M&T to help our students have an opportunity to start saving money now! The program will resume in the fall of 2017, when students can either open an account or begin reusing their account. Feel free to continue depositing into your student's account over the summer by visiting a local M&T branch!

Middle School Physical Education & Health with Coach Jones, Mrs. Keenan and Mrs. Rush

Hopefully all middle school students enjoyed their year in Physical Ed and Health and now can enjoy their summer break! Some tips as you leave school for the next few months:

- Stay Active-Be sure to get out and play, swim, or walk/jog
- Attend Camps-YMCA offers affordable and fun camps throughout the summer
- Stay Hydrated- drink 6-8 glasses of water a day and more if you know you will be physically active

As you get ready for the 2017-2018 school year, don't forget to purchase athletic shoes for class.





### High School Assistant Principal's Page - Mr. Michael Bleile

Twitter: @delmarHSVP

What a great finish to the school year! With so many positive interactions among our students, Delmar once again received a great rating on our school climate and culture! I am also happy to see so many students actively participating with academics, sports, and other extra-curricular activities. I am so proud of all of our students for finishing strong. Delmar High has had a positive school environment all year long and I cannot wait until next year! Make sure that we come back ready to be continually challenged as we move forward into the new 2017-2018 school year! Put forth your best effort and have a great summer!

# Here are a few reminders and updates. Please be aware of new policy changes in our student handbook moving forward.

- 1. Students are not allowed to bring in any outside food into school unless it is packed for lunch in the cafeteria. This includes snacks for breakfast after the bell time. Breakfast after the bell should be purchased from the school.
- 2. Students should not be bringing in sodas, coffee, or any other containers that are not clear plastic water bottles. This includes swell bottles and other water containers that are insulated.
- 3. Seniors will have a late arrival / early dismissal contract. Please review the guidelines and be aware that failure to abide by the contract will result in privileges revoked.

# Your support will greatly reduce any classroom disruptions that may arise regarding these new policies!

#### Discipline:

Our goal at Delmar High School is for every student to be in class and actively engaged. It is important that each student takes responsibility for their own actions during the school day. We do not want any student missing instructional time due to discipline infractions. Your challenge for the 2017-2018 school year as a student is to be on time and respect each other.

#### **Positive Behavior Referral:**

Delmar has adopted a Positive Behavior Referral Program. If your child is caught doing something positive they will receive a positive behavior referral! Teachers and staff can give out these positive referrals for students showing random acts of kindness, doing well in class, helping others, or any other positive interaction during the school day. I get to call home and inform the parent or guardian that their student received a positive referral. This way everyone can be proud and happy!

I love seeing all our students, parents, staff and community members take pride in the Delmar School District and community. As part of the administrative team, I thank you for your continued support. I want to make sure that Delmar High School continues to set high standards for our students. I am here to help in any way that I can. Please make sure to check our webpage and calendar for any upcoming sporting events or other extracurricular activities.



#### Dean of Student's Page - Mrs. Christy Parsons

Twitter: @DelmarDean16

#### **Hello Wildcat Families!**

Looks like we made it through another successful school year! This is a great time to reflect upon the many accomplishments of our DMSHS students. Some of my favorite 2016-2017 memories are the Middle School Mural Project, High School After Prom Party, FFA events, Winter and Spring Band and Chorus Concerts, many students celebrating reaching their MAP goals and Senior college signings.

#### Great job Wildcats!











My guess is that all students and families would love to start talking about summer plans, however for some students, summer school may interfere with those plans. The Delmar School District Attendance policy states "Any student who accumulates more than 10 but less than 20 personal day absences, not including medical/administrative, may make up those days in excess of ten during a <a href="mailto:summer make-up sessions">summer make-up sessions</a> (Attendance Summer School). Failure to make up those days at the assigned time/days will result in the student receiving no credit for the courses taken during the school year." It is important that all students fulfill their attendance requirements in order to have the opportunity to advance to the next grade level.

Letters were distributed to all students required to attend summer school the week of May 30th.





As we begin to prepare for next school year, please remember the following dress code requirements:

- All shirts must have a collar and be tucked in.
- Collared shirts, crewnecks, cardigans, sweaters, sweatshirts, vest or pullovers must be solid navy blue, white, orange or gray.
- ➤ Khaki style pants, shorts, skirts, skorts and jumpers may be navy blue or tan.
- Hoodies are not permitted.
- > Team and club attire must be administratively approved.
- ➤ Hats, head coverings, visors, scarves, bandanas, combs/picks and sunglasses are not to be worn in the building.



Looking ahead to a successful 2017-2018 school year, please be aware of our District Tardy Policy. The building opens in the morning at 7:30 am for students to eat breakfast in the cafeteria. At 7:45 am all students are permitted to enter the building and proceed to their classes. All students must be **IN** their first class prior to the bell ringing at 7:50 am. Students arriving between 7:50 am and 8:15 am will be required to report to the tardy office.

Tardy records are maintained per semester. Once students have been tardy to school on three occasions, an office detention will be scheduled. The 6<sup>th</sup> tardy will result in one day of In-School Suspension. I am sure we can all agree that we certainly do not want to see this happen for any student. Our goal is for all students to be in class at all times in order to benefit from instruction and ultimately be successful in all areas.



# **High School Department Academic Highlights & Activities**

### **News from the High School English Department:**

### 9th Grade English

The summer assignment for Honors English I is to read *The Book Thief*. Study guides have been provided to every student who is registered for the class. Students must be prepared for a test on the book when they return to school.

### 10th grade English

Students have finished the year by studying *Romeo and Juliet*. Students have done a lot of hard work interpreting Shakespeare's language in order to understand the play. Mrs. Caudill and Dr. West have been really impressed with the dramatic readings done by their classes.



Next year's Honors English 10 students should make sure to pick up their summer assignment and start reading *The Life of Pi*. We encourage all students to find something they like to read, and read it this summer. See you in the fall!

### 11th Grade English

Students just finished wrapping up their junior year with the study of Tim O/Brien's novel *The Things They Carried and the Vietnam War* with Mrs. Sonnier. Dr. West's classes finished up the year studying *The Great Gatsby*. Next year's Honors English III and Advance Placement students should begin their Summer Reading Assignments. If you didn't pick up your packet, check the webpage! Everyone else is encouraged to read, read this summer! ©

### Senior English-Mrs. Kline

All seniors are encouraged to read this summer; those taking Honors English IV and Wilmington University English 121 have mandatory summer reading and assignments to complete. Enjoy!

### **News for the High School Science Department:**

As the 2016-2017 school year comes to a close, we would like to take the opportunity to express our appreciation for the effort that our students put forth on the state Science assessment (DCAS). This attitude is what continues to keep Delmar's test scores ranked among the top districts on DCAS Science. As advisors for the Class of 2018 we would also like thank all of those who supported the fundraisers that were held for prom this year. The prom committee under the direction of Mrs. Terri Hurley organized a very special evening with the theme "Come Away With Me." The students had a wonderful time and received many compliments from the staff at the Civic Center. Extra funds will be used for the Class of 2018 graduation and senior send off. We hope everyone enjoys the summer break!



### **News from the High School Social Studies Department:**

Another great year has past and the Social Studies department is already gearing up for next year. We have a plethora of classes that are available to our students for next year. Seniors are able to take Psychology, World History, and AP World History. Juniors will have U.S. History from the causes of the Civil War to present while those taking AP U.S. History will be studying the founding of our country to present. Sophomores will be learning about our economy and the world's economies in Honors and regular Economics. For the freshmen, welcome to high school, they will be studying the roles of Government in our lives in Civics and how our world is connected in Geography. We look forward to



finishing this year and beginning the next year. We hope that everyone has a great summer and if you're taking an AP class, make sure you pick up your summer assignments.

### **News from the High School Math Department:**

The mathematics department would like to wish all our students and their families a safe and happy summer. In preparation for next school year, the high school mathematics department would like to remind honors students to work on their summer assignments. Pace yourself. It would also be beneficial to take time to prepare for PSAT and SAT by using Khan Academy. Summer is a good time to review your skills.

The chart below contains a list of suggested supplies necessary for mathematics classes during the 2017-2018 school year. Please remember that a TI-83 plus or TI-84 plus graphing calculator is necessary for many homework assignments in honors classes.

There are a few calculators available for rent. Please see your mathematics teacher for the rental agreement.

### Algebra 1:

- Pencils
- 1 ½-2 in binder with paper
- Dividers
- Composition book (w/ 200 pages)
- highlighters

### **Geometry:**

- Pencils
- 1 ½-2 in binder with paper
- Dividers
- Highlighter

### Algebra 2:

- Pencils
- 1 ½-2 in binder with paper
- Dividers
- Composition book (w/ 200 pages)
- highlighters

### Statistics:

- Pencils
- 1 ½-2 in binder with paper
- Dividers
- Spiral notebook with graph paper
- Colored pencils
- Graphing Calculator

### Advanced Algebra with Financial Applications:

- Pencils
- Folder or binder
- 1 subject spiral bound notebook
- Colored pencils

### Honors Algebra 1:

- Pencils
- 1 ½-2 in binder with paper
- Dividers
- Composition book (w/ 200 pages)
- highlighters

### **Honors Geometry**:

- Pencils
- 1 ½-2 in binder with paper
- Dividers
- Highlighter

### Honors Algebra 2:

- Pencils
- 1 ½-2 in binder with paper
- Dividers
- Composition book (w/ 200 pages)
- highlighters

### Honors Trig/Precalculus:

- Pencils
- 1 ½-2 in binder with paper
- Graphing Calculator

### AP Statistics & Wilmington University Calculus:

- Pencils
- Folder or binder with paper
- Quad Ruled composition book or Spiral notebook with graph paper (summer assignment must be completed in this notebook)
- Graphing Calculator

### **Physical Education Department**



As a service to our families here at Delmar, we are providing an online subscription to Student Health 101 for both your student and yourself.

Student Health 101 is a monthly health and wellness publication just for Delmar students and their families. Each issue contains valuable information that will help your student make better decisions and can help you gain a better understanding of the health and wellness challenges that face today's students.

Students can find new workouts, stress management content, enter to win free money, and much, much more each month by visiting <a href="http://delmarhs.getsh101.com/">http://delmarhs.getsh101.com/</a>.

Parents, faculty, and staff can read the latest issue of the Student Advocate online at <a href="http://delmarhs.getsh101.com/category/student-advocate">http://delmarhs.getsh101.com/category/student-advocate</a>.



Students in 9<sup>th</sup> grade health classes learned how to administer CPR. We hope no one ever has to utilize this training, but our students are ready if they do!





# World Language Department







Enjoy your summer! Don't forget to check with your teachers in regard to

summer assignments for any Spanish courses you may be enrolled in for next year.

Most of us know how important it is that students continue reading and writing over the summer. Research shows that kids who don't keep up with their literacy skills can fall as much as two years behind their classmates. And it doesn't take much to keep kids at the top of their game; studies have shown that reading just four books can help prevent the "summer slide."

Continued practice is just as important—if not more so—when students are learning a second language. Typically, foreign language students aren't exposed to any conversation or opportunities to speak the new language during the summer break. With that in mind, here are a few fun, hands-on ways students can engage with a second language during the summer months:

- 1. Pick up a copy of *HOY en Delaware*, the Spanish language newspaper about local events on Delmarva. They are available for free at Plaza Tapatia and around the area in several stores and restaurants.
- 2. Change your DVD to Spanish language or add subtitles.
- 3. Listen to podcasts or YouTube music videos in Spanish.
- 4. Talk to Siri in Spanish. You can change Siri to Spanish and see if she can understand your questions!
- 5. Challenge yourself to translate everything said during dinner with your family in Spanish.
- 6. Check out a book in Spanish at the library. Both MD and DE libraries offer books in Spanish. You can also request books from other libraries, if you have one in mind. It can be fun to read familiar books in Spanish (i.e. Dr. Seuss) because you already have an idea of what you will be reading. It is a great way to gain new vocabulary.
- 7. Practice on quizlet. There are lots of flashcards, games and practice tests that you can use to brush up on your Spanish and gain new language skills.
- 8. Download the DuoLingo app. This app is free and a fun way to learn another language.





### **ELL Department**

There are currently thirty English Language Learner (ELL) students in our district. Other languages spoken at home by these students include Spanish, Portuguese, Gujarati, Urdu, and Haitian Creole. Delmar is becoming more diverse! ELL students receive weekly extra help in English listening, speaking, reading, and writing through a variety of activities and lessons. Beginner students regularly use an app called Duolingo, a free language learning app that you can use to study many different languages. Intermediate and advanced students have been reading novels, discussing text structure, and language functions. ELL students will take Delaware's annual language proficiency assessment, WIDA ACCESS for ELLs 2.0, during February and March.











Following many months of hard work, the band presented an outstanding concert on May 9. Highlights included outstanding jazz solos by Abby Hughes, Isabel Koval, Maria Morelli, Paul Noranbrock, Danielle Petit-Frere, Allison Russon, Richard Schell and a special guest performance by Jared Watson. The marching band closed the concert with an exciting tribute to the senior class by performing "We Go Together" from *Grease*.

Many band students were recognized at the fourth annual Fine Arts Awards Night. Congratulations to the following students:

Isabel Koval & Richard Schell – Outstanding Woodwinds
Maria Morelli – Outstanding Brass
Brendan Weldon – Outstanding Percussion
Sandy Pham – Outstanding Percussion
Paul Noranbrock – Outstanding Jazz Performance
Noah Hale & Audrey Kordek – Most Improved
Grant Hardin & Summer Black – Director's Choice Award
Rebekah Noonan & Cody Scott – Outstanding Band Members
Rebekah Noonan – John Philip Sousa Award & Marine Corp Semper Fidelis Award



Congratulations to the Delmar High School Band Class of 2017. Your dedication, loyalty and talent have made a lasting impact on the band and you will be missed next year!



Congratulations to the 2017/18
Delmar Band Officers:
Richard Schell – President
Maria Morelli – Vice President
Erika Hearn – Secretary
Gabbi Morelli – Treasurer
Katie Woroniecki – Librarian
Maddison LaPearl - Historian



Prior to Spring Break, the A Cappella chorus traveled to and performed in Walt Disney World. Congratulations to all members on a great performance!

The Concert Choir, Women's Choir and A Capella Choirs presented a fantastic concert on May 2. Special thanks to Mrs. Joy Slavens for providing fantastic piano accompaniment.

Many chorus students were recognized at this year's Fine Arts Awards. Congratulations to:

Caroline Layfield & Zachery Adams – Outstanding Freshmen Vocalists

McKenzie Lucas & Natalie Smith – Outstanding Sophomore Vocalists:

Jenna Wood & Jared Watson – Outstanding Junior Vocalists

Caitlin Byers & Brian Morris – Outstanding Senior Vocalists

Nathan Moore – Most Improved Vocalists

Cayla Cooper – Director's Choice Award

Carly Patrick – Outstanding Chorus Members

The following students were recognized as four year chorus participants. Thank you for your dedication to the chorus and best of luck next year!

Jaylen Blake	Bradley Moore	Taylor Riley	
Caitlin Byers	Caitlin Byers Brian Morris		
Hannah Craven	Katherine O'Leary	Morgan Shockley	
Manasya Jones	Sandy Pham		



Spring has been very exciting in the art department.
Students have enjoyed many "lasts" with Mrs. Hearn at the helm. She has packed the year



with lots of fun trips and activities sure to make her last year very memorable. Highlights included trips to the National Gallery of Art in Washington DC and the Philly Art Museum.

The Memory Project is a nonprofit organization founded in 2004 that invites art teachers and their students to create portraits for youth around the world who have faced substantial challenges, such as neglect, abuse, loss of parents, and extreme poverty. Over 200 pieces have been contributed by Delmar students in the past. This year, twelve students produced portraits for children in the Ukraine as well as helping raise almost \$6000 to start an art therapy program for the children. Congratulations to this year's participants: Richard Chen, Bryanna Cornelius, Lyla Cornman, Bethany Davidson, Virginia Dubbs, Breck Ellis, Jillian Fetterman, Kayla Hovatter, Shawn Johnson, Elijah Kelley, Kate Latshaw, Samantha Nibblett, Abby Robertson, Bri Scarbrough, Michelle Schuyler, Abby Smith and Lindsey Walter.

The History of Cinema class finished each year by writing and producing their own film. This year, three 'Oscars' were awarded to the students for their hard work on this project:

Best Picture – "Her Name Was Breezy" Best Performance – Katie Woroniecki in "Puzzle Pieces"

Three Delmar students have received substantial scholarships to study art next year in college. Congratulations to:



Richard Chen received \$40,000 to study Automotive Design at Detroit's College for Creative Studies.





Kate Latshaw received \$56,000 to study Illustration at Moore College of Art and Design in Philadelphia.

Shawn Johnson received \$68,000 to study Art Therapy and Art History at University of the Arts.

### **Career and Technical Education Department**

### **FFA**







On March 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> Delmar had 20 students travel to FFA State Convention, held in Dover, Delaware. During the convention students competed in a many different career development events, community service, and leadership workshops.

### **Results**

CDE	Placing	Name(s)
Ag Communications	3	Danielle Morelli, Maria Morelli, Megan Duncan, Joy Baker
Floriculture	6	Gabbi Morelli, Shelby Tapman, Destinee Addlesberger
Milk Quality	5	Hunter Townsend, Dylan Culley, Hannah Craven, Laine Dickerson
Junior Extemporaneous Speaking	3	Megan Smith
Employment Skills	8	Ty Birckett
Creed Speaking	4	Ashlyn Shoemaker

### **Business Professionals of America**



On February 22<sup>nd</sup> Delmar BPA traveled to Dover for BPA State Convention. Delmar BPA represented Delmar well, having many students place in different contests. Many students were even able to qualify for BPA National Convention in Florida.



### Results

Contest	Placing(s)	Name(s)
Advanced Office Systems & Procedures	1-3	Rebekah Noonan, Alex Kovaley, Christian Layton
Basic Office Systems and Procedures	4-5	Reenal Patel, Janvi, Patel
Business Meeting Concepts	1-3	Reenal Patel, Trevor Harringon, Seth Walker
Digital Media Production	1	Sandy Pham
Economic Research Team	2	Helen Wilson, Ridddhi Patel, Sara Rogers, Parth Patel
Legal Office Procedures	1-2	Trevor Harrington, Aryan Patel
Medical Office Procedures	2	Reenal Patel
Parliamentary Procedures	2	Rebekah Noonan
Presentation Management	3	Vasmi Patel

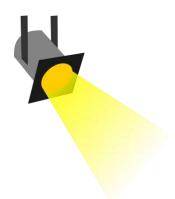




**Technology Student Association**In April, fifteen TSA students represented Delmar at the TSA Convention in Harrington. Students competed in a wide variety of competitions, and had a great learning experience.









# JDG SPOTLIGHT

# "...to enable students to achieve academic, career, personal, and social success"

Specialist: Patricia A. Selby

Jobs for Delaware Graduates (JDG) is a youth program that is also strongly linked to the Delaware Career Association (DCA). Over the course of the last year, the students have dedicated immense amounts of their time to furthering this program for both the benefit of themselves as well as the future classes.

In JDG, students have spent their class time learning essential skills that will catalyze their transition into the work environment as they prepare themselves for the quickly approaching departure from high school. Students completed activities that encompassed a variety of topics such as job applications, resume skills, job interview skills, and entrepreneurship.

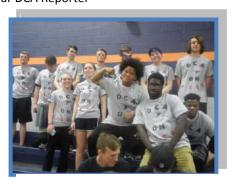
The relationship between JDG and DCA has given students an opportunity to expand upon the leadership skills that they discuss in class when learning definitions such as "synergism" and researching leaders whom they admire. Ten of the sixty students fulfill officer or representative positions, but the expansive leadership opportunities are anything but limited to these individuals. Through work with the Wildcat Wellness Food Pantry (which is operated by JDG students) or the act of organizing the organization's fall fundraiser, the students have all been offered the opportunity to flourish. This blossoming was displayed in April when the students competed in the DCA State Competitions, taking home awards for Career Spell Down, community service, the chapter scrapbook, the chapter exhibit, the chapter poster, and the chapter multimedia scrapbook, all while earning Delmar DCA the title of Chapter of the Year for a second consecutive year.



Submitted by: Morgan Wright
Delmar DCA Reporter

The Delmar DCA Members pose for photos at the conclusion of their student-organized Initiation and Installation Ceremony.

Delmar DCA Members pose with their awards from the school year (Career Spell Down, Community Service, Chapter Exhibit, Chapter Scrapbook, Chapter Multimedia Scrapbook, Chapter Poster, and 2016-2017 Chapter of the Year)



The DCA team at Delmar High School's Annual Astrosmash Tournament showcasing teamwork and sportsmanship.



### From the Office of the School Nurses



With the close of another school year, we wish all the students a safe and healthy summer.

Although we will not see our students for visits in the nurse's office, we know that many of them will be visiting their primary care doctor for well visits and sports physicals.

We would like to ask that whenever your student receives a physical or any immunization that you obtain a copy for the school nurse to keep their school record up to date.

Throughout the school year, the nurses will review your student's health record and ask for updates if needed. Below are the required health requirements for attending a Delaware School.

### Middle School Health Requirements:

- 5 doses of Dtap, or TD vaccine (unless the 4<sup>th</sup> dose was given after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday)
- 4 doses of polio vaccine (unless the 4<sup>th</sup> dose was given after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday)
- 2 doses of Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) vaccine (first dose after age of 12 months, second dose after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday)
- 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine. Titers are NOT acceptable in lieu of completing the series.
- 2 doses of Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine, or titer or proof of disease from a physician with date.
- Physical A current health exam, completed and dated within the last 2 calendar years
- Tuberculosis A Mantoux tuberculin (PPD) skin test with result dated within the last 12 months.
  If your child has had a positive reactions to a TB test, it should not be repeated but verification
  will be needed from your child's health care provider of the positive result. Your child's health
  care provider or the school nurse may also waive the skin test, in which case, written
  documentation is required.

### **High School Health Requirements:**

For all 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students

### All of the above immunizations as well as:

- 1 adult dose of Tdap
- 1 dose of meningococcal
- A current health exam upon entry into 9<sup>th</sup> grade on an approved form. The forms
- include a Delaware School Health Examination Form, DIAA Pre-Participation Physical
- Evaluation form (must be used if playing sports), and any health form from your doctor
- that includes at a minimum: health history, results of medical testing, screenings,
- medical diagnoses, prescribed medications and treatments, and healthcare plans.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school nurses at 302-846-9544.







## **Wellness Center Updates**

The Wellness Center wants to remind all fall athletes **now** is the time to schedule your sports physicals!!!! Summer hours are limited so don't wait until the last minute!



The Wellness Center offers sports physicals (as well as a full menu of services parents can select from), to students in grades 6-12. There is no cost to students (insurances or Medicaid may be billed but **no copays or deductibles** are ever charged to students or parents for any Wellness Center services).

Students moving up from 5<sup>th</sup> grade to 6<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible to become members of the Wellness Center as of July 1 and could have their physicals done in the Wellness Center any time after that.

If your student is not a member and you would like more information about the Wellness Center you can find that on the school's web page. 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 that they would like their student to have access to when they complete the registration form. As noted above, the Wellness Center will have 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**

As this school year comes to a close we have already started preparing for the next. We hope the following information will answer some questions you may have. If you still have questions please feel free to email me at <a href="mailto:teresa.addlesberger@delmar.k12.de.us">teresa.addlesberger@delmar.k12.de.us</a> or leave us a message at 302-846-9544 x148. Our hours are limited in the summer but we promise to get back to you.

FREE or REDUCED MEALS: It is important to note that you must apply for these benefits every year your child is enrolled at DMSHS. We will begin processing them in August and will mail you a letter letting you know the status. We do NOT share information with Delmar Elementary. Any letters you receive from Delmar Elementary DO NOT cover your students at DMSHS; you must fill out a separate application for each school. If you return your application this summer, you should receive a letter from us by mid-September. If you do not receive a letter, we did not receive your application. All applications for returning students must be processed by October 18, 2017. Applications for new students should be completed during enrollment. Failure to submit the application will result in a loss of benefits and you will be responsible for any charges incurred.

STUDENT ACCOUNTS: The balance left on your students account rolls over to the next school year. This includes negative balances as well. To better keep track of your student's balance consider signing up at <a href="https://www.myschoolbucks.com">www.myschoolbucks.com</a>. You can view your student's balance and purchase activity for free. You may also add money to your student's account, using this service, for a small fee. If you choose to send money in with your student please consider sending it by check as we cannot track cash payments.

MENUS: You can find our monthly menus on the Delmar School District's Facebook page. We also have a Twitter account @DelmarLunch. We tweet the daily menu every morning around 7 a.m. Please do not message us on Twitter as we do not have the app open all day.

BREAKFAST AFTER THE BELL: Our Breakfast After the Bell program was a great success and will continue in the high school and in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade hallway. For those of you who don't know, the Breakfast After the Bell program gives students a second chance to get breakfast if they did not eat at home or make it to the cafeteria at 7:30. The charge for breakfast is \$ .95 for full price and \$ .30 reduced price.

### **Guidance Department News**

### **Summer Hours**

The Guidance Office will be open this summer from 7:30AM to 3:30PM Monday – Thursday and closed on Fridays.

Please remember when registering a student to bring the following documentation:

- Health Records Immunization Record and Physical (within 2 years)
- Completed Enrollment Form (found of the school web site)
- Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card
- Proof of Residency (Lease/Mortgage/Signed Rental Agreement/Electric Bill/Water Bill/Heating Bill)
- Parent Verification with Date of Birth (Driver License, Picture ID)
- Current Custody
- Student Individual Education Plan (if applicable)
- Student 504 (if applicable)





New registrations will be processed on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 8:00am – 3:00pm this summer:

June 27/29 July 11/13 July 18/20 August 1/3 August 8/10 August 15/17

### **SSP Plans**

Students have been completing their SSP Plans. Talk with your child about their SSP and peruse the web site with your child. Many opportunities can be obtained and helpful when selecting colleges or careers. If you need your parent password call the Guidance Office and we can provide that information.

Students have completed their course requests for next year. Please talk to your child and sign the yellow form and return to the Guidance Office.

Wilmington University classes will be offered again for the 2017/2018 school year. Information about cost and Accuplacer Testing will be provided to the students.

### Senior Guidance Corner: Lauren Sharkey

The 2016-2017 school year has flown by so quickly. It has been so rewarding to see our seniors make plans for their future. Below you will find some important reminders for the class of 2017 and rising seniors and juniors. Enjoy your summer!

### For the Class of 2018:

### Summer College "To Do" List

- Explore college majors. Many applications will require that you choose a major or specific area you will study. Think about your interests and pick your top three college majors. In Career Cruising, use the Career Matchmaker, My Skills, and Learning Styles inventories to explore your interests and discover possible majors and careers.
- ✓ Create a list of colleges where you would like to apply. Consider school size, location, cost, academic majors, or special programs. To gather information about a variety of colleges and start your search, visit: bigfuture.collegeboard.org collegescorecard.ed.gov
- ✓ Visit colleges over the summer. Visit or take virtual tours to get a feel for what it's like to be on campus. Check online to see when tours and information sessions are offered and plan to participate in both when you visit.
- ✓ Prepare to fill out applications. Create a calendar of deadlines so that you know when the applications are due. Review the application steps for the colleges you are applying to and work on your application materials. Compile a list of all of the documents you will need. Visit delawaregoestocollege.org/seniors.
- ✓ Work on your application essays. Draft the essays you need for your college applications.

- Identify individuals who can proofread your essays.
- Estimate your financial aid. Use the FAFSA4caster to compare the cost of specific colleges and estimate your financial aid eligibility.
- Explore scholarship opportunities. Use these links for help: scholarships.delawaregoestocollege.org, fastweb.com, bigfuture.collegeboard.org, myscholly.com
- ✓ Register for college admission exams. Check with the colleges you are interested in to see if they require the ACT, or SAT subject tests. Plan to take them in the fall. You can retake the SAT to improve your scores.
- ✓ Ask your counselor about fee waivers. Use fee waivers for the SAT, SAT subject test, ACT, and college applications. Many Delaware colleges waive the application fee during College Application Month.
- ✓ Identify the teachers, coaches, and mentors who will write recommendation letters. Ask them early so they have enough time. Make sure they know you well and can speak about your strengths. Provide your resume to help them with specifics



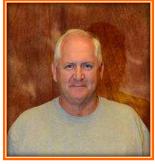
### For the Class of 2017:

### **Summer College "To Do" List**

- Visit your college's custom portal (such as my.collegename.edu) where you can create/reset your PIN, set up your email account, find forms, and check your financial aid status and important deadlines. Your username and password are usually sent with your acceptance packet or in a separate letter or email. If you can't find them, contact your college's admissions office.
- ✓ Check the status of your financial aid. Check your most recent award letter and your college's custom portal to see if there are additional steps you need to take regarding your financial aid.
- ✓ Register for and attend your college's new student orientation during the summer. Many colleges hold mandatory summer orientations for all new students. Check the date for your orientation as some are held early in the summer. Register as soon as possible and check what documents you will need to bring with you to orientation.
- Check when tuition and student fees are due. Talk with your college's financial aid office about how to pay any balance that is left after your financial aid award.
- Check your college's policy on health insurance. Each college has policies about student health insurance requirements. Know your health insurance information.

- Submit other required paperwork and documentation. Complete and return any medical/immunization forms. Confirm with your high school counselor that your final transcript was sent to the college. If you have taken college courses, request that those transcripts are sent as well.
- ✓ Confirm move-in dates and your plan to get to campus.
- ✓ **Submit your high school transcript.** If you have been awarded a Delaware Scholarship Incentive Program grant, check your email for scholarship updates from the Delaware Higher Education Office.
- ✓ Take any required placement exams.

  Check with your college to determine what placement tests you need. Some tests must be taken during the summer; others take place when you arrive in the fall.
- Complete any housing forms, if your college offers housing. Most require you to pay a deposit and complete a form to be eligible for on-campus housing. Some housing is limited, so do this as soon as possible.



# **Newsletter from the Athletic Director:**

# **David Hearn**

Thank you to all of the parents and community organizations who made this year another successful one for our entire athletic program. A well- attended sports' awards evening celebrated the accomplishments of all of our teams in the classroom and on the field.



<u>Sports Physicals:</u> The Wellness Center is now taking appointments for the 2017-2018 school year. Athletes must have a physical on file dated after April 1, 2017 to participate in the 2017-2018 athletic season for all sports.

<u>Summer Weight room/Workout times</u>... Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs 4:00 to 6ish. Wednesday's will be sport specific days. Athletes must be Delmar students to attend. All sports are welcome. Summer hours will begin June 12th.

### 2017-2018 Fall Sports information:

8/11/17 at 6:00pm - High School Fall Sports parents night meeting at football stadium.

8/15/17 - 1st day of High School Fall Sports practices.

8/29/17 - 1st day of Middle School Fall Sports practices.

For more information about each specific fall sports teams, check out that team's sports page under the team information tab. Our athletic website is: **www.Wildcats-sports.com**. Please check this after the July 4th holiday.

### **ELIGIBLITY INFORMATION TO PLAY FALL SPORTS**

\*You must have a DIAA sports physical on file here at school in order to tryout/begin practice!!! These are available through Wellness Center by appointment.

\*You must be Academically Eligible:

V & JV Athletes must have PASSED at least 5 subjects (2 majors) for the Final Grade MS Athletes must have PASSED at least 4 subjects (2 majors) for Final Grade



# **Athletic Training News Spring 2017**

Craig D. Yingling, MA, ATC/L



# **The Athletic Training Files**



Practices start in August. Don't be the only left behind and unprepared.

- 1. Prepare for the heat. Exercise outside, hydrate, acclimate.
- 2. Run get yourself in the best shape possible.
- 3. Get your physical done.
  - a. If completed any time after April 1, it is good for entire next school year.
  - b. Must be on the DIAA form.
    - i. Find at <a href="http://www.doe.k12.de.us/Page/3300">http://www.doe.k12.de.us/Page/3300</a>
    - ii. School office
    - iii. http://www.wildcats-sports.com/
  - c. Please turn it in early so I can get it logged into our computer system.

## **Technology Corner**

From the Desk of Eve Motichka and Terri Sensenig

# **Location Services – TMI?**



You are so proud of your graduate so you check-in on Facebook to share the excitement of the upcoming ceremony with your family and friends. You are on vacation in a tropical paradise and just can't wait to get home to share the view so you snap a picture and geotag it on Instagram. Maybe you are just out for your daily jog and want fellow runners to know you are getting it done, so you start the RunKeeper to track your distance.

Whatever the event, social media makes it easier than ever for you to share the experience right down to the exact location on the map, but is this feature, called location services, providing "tmi" - too much information?



Do you want people to know your location? Remember that the majority of services will have tools to manage whether or not you wish to share your location, these can often be accessed via the privacy or account settings. Some services may have geolocation activated as a default, so you will need to actively turn this setting off if you don't want to reveal your location when posting and sharing content. On mobile devices you can usually turn off location services for all apps within the 'general settings' menu. On some devices you are also able to manage geotagging of your photos within your camera settings. It's also worth noting that some services let users show their location and the location of their friends. Check your settings to see if friends can reveal where you are, again this can usually be managed within your account or privacy settings.

**Think about where you are checking in!** It is so easy to find things out about people online, but you need to ask yourself do you really want to broadcast this information to everyone? For example, logging in at home not only tells people when you are at home but also tells people where your home is. The same rules apply for your friend's houses and school, if you wouldn't

want to put yourself at risk by broadcasting your personal address then why would you do it to your friends?

**Are your updates linked to other accounts?** If location updates on one service or social network are linked to a public account on another, you may be publishing to a larger audience than you think. Make sure all linked accounts are visible only to friends.

**Avoid building up a picture of your average week:** Checking in regularly from the same locations can develop patterns and lead to people build an accurate picture of your movements – when you will be home and more importantly, when you will not, can lead to safety concerns.

