

Delmar School District

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Important Dates:

- 2/20: President's Day: Schools and Offices Closed
- 2/27: Professional Development Day: Schools Closed for Students
- 2/28: Distribute Interim Progress Reports: Marking Period 3
- 3/27: Professional Development Day: Schools Closed for Students
- 3/28: End of Marking Period 3 (46 days)
- 4/06: Distribute Report Cards: Marking Period 3
- 4/14 - 4/21: Spring Break: Schools and Offices Closed
- 5/10: Distribute Interim Progress Reports: Marking Period 4
- 5/12: Teacher Prep Day: Schools and Offices Closed
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Superintendent's Corner



On behalf of the Delmar School District, enclosed please find highlights for the remainder of the winter and spring season, spanning February 2017 through May 2017.

On behalf of the Delmar Board of Education and the Delmar Administrative Team, we would like to thank Delaware Representative Tim Dukes for inviting the Delaware 2016 State DIAA Field Hockey Champions, the Delmar Wildcat Field Hockey Team, to Legislative Hall on January 26th. It was such an honor to have Governor John Carney celebrate that Wildcat spirit with Principal O'Neal and Coach Hollamon/Niblett's team.



Governor Carney, former quarterback for the Delaware 1973 State Championship St. Mark's High School Football team and MVP honoree of Dartmouth College's football team, proudly wore our Delmar colors and told our young ladies a short story about the days he played football in the Blue Gold game with our Athletic Director and Football Coach, David Hearn.

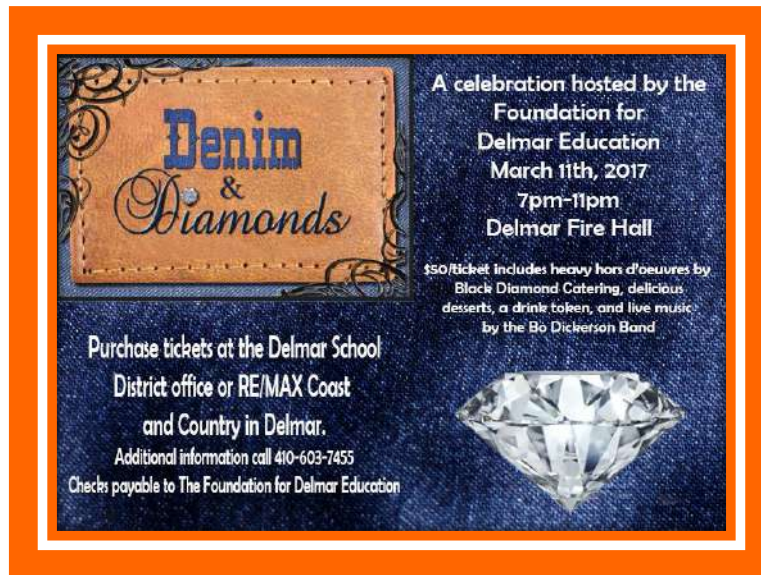




The Foundation for Delmar Education

“The Foundation for Delmar Education,” invites you to the
**2017 Denim & Diamonds Gala Celebration at the
Delmar Fire Hall on Saturday, March 11.**

The LIVE entertainment will feature the Bo Dickerson Band. The LIVE Auction will feature our own Principal Andy O’Neal. Heavy hors d’oeuvres will be provided by Black Diamond Catering. Tickets are \$50 per person and are available at the Delmar School District Office (Lisa Morris) or RE/MAX Coast and Country (Pam Price).



Please contact, **Amy Waters, Gala Coordinator** and Delmar parent, at ahwaters@salisbury.edu if you are interested in advertising your business. The Foundation is seeking SILENT AUCTION GIFT BASKET Items and SINGLE AUCTION ITEM DONATIONS.

Donations can be dropped off at the Delmar School District Office.



Gala Coordinator: Amy Waters
Email: ahwaters@salisbury.edu
Phone: 410-603-7455

The **LIVE Auction** will feature, Delmar Middle/High School Principal & Auctioneer, Andy O'Neal.



To provide a 100% tax deductible donation, please note there are 3 sponsorship levels. Checks are made payable to "The Foundation for Delmar Education."

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Wildcat Sponsor: \$1,000**
 - Business name advertised at the event
 - Entertainment underwriter includes two event tickets
 - Acknowledgement on website

- Bobcat Sponsor: \$500**
 - Business name advertised at the event
 - Includes one event ticket
 - Acknowledgement on website

- Friend Sponsor: \$250**
 - Business name advertised at the event



For sponsorship information, please contact Amy Waters, the Gala Coordinator, or a member of the Gala Planning Committee:

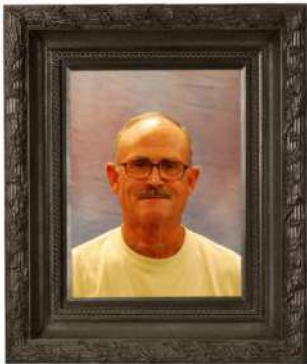
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The Foundation for Delmar Education

Foundation Treasurer, Kim Dashiell, explains the Foundation’s educational support initiatives. “Delmar Elementary, Middle, and High School teachers and staff apply for grants to sponsor class projects, explaining what they need, the educational purpose, and the cost. The Foundation Board reviews the proposals and votes to grant the teachers’ their request to support students’ classroom needs.” The Gala is currently their single fundraising event. Over the past 5 years, the Foundation has raised over \$157,000 to support Delmar students and teachers.



The Foundation Board would like to thank the Gala Planning Committee:

Mary Baker, Robin Cox, Kim Dashiell, Tracy Houlihan, Dawn Lucas, Lisa Morris, Jennifer Naugle, Crystal O’Neal, Stephanie Powell, Pam Price, Lori Smith, Kristin Throm, Amy Vandercapellen, Lisa Van der Vossen, Amy Waters, Patience Wells, and Theresa Wright

Delmar School District Teacher of the Year NOMINATIONS Now Open

It time for the 2018 Delmar School District

Teacher of the Year Nominations!



Do you know a classroom teacher who is dedicated, inspiring, and making a difference? If so, please take the time to recommend this person by completing and submitting this nomination form on/before Monday, February 13, 2017. Administrators, staff members, parents, students, and community members are encouraged to participate.

Each candidate will be scored based on the criteria below:

1. Have a superior ability to inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn.
2. Be an exceptionally skilled and dedicated educator in a public or charter school.
3. Have the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues; and
4. Demonstrate a strong ability to foster excellence in education as evidenced by ongoing contributions to the improvement of student learning and the learning environment.

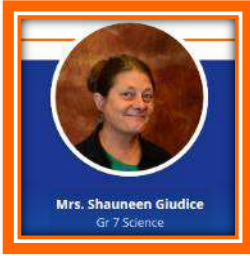
IMPORTANT Note:

According to state guidelines, nominees shall be skillful and dedicated teachers, pre-kindergarten through grade 12. The nominee must not have been the District Teacher of the Year in the past 3 years. Administrators, non-instructional librarians, and counselors are not eligible to participate.

All nominations will be complete online. Please use the link below to nominate a Delmar Teacher for the 2018 Delmar Teacher of the Year. (Open in Chrome or Firefox)

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfC2jXJOCi7RRbXmVHa_3mnpIBiPr8skYgE8RCmIK5pW_dB3A/viewform?usp=send_form

STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math)



The district would like to congratulate Mrs. Shauneen Giudice for her NSTA (National Science Teachers Association) selection to present her STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) project at the Global Conversations in Science Education Conference in Los Angeles, California this upcoming March. The conference theme is "Enhancing Global Workforce Skills through Literacy, STEM and Equity."

CONSTRUCTION & FACILITY Update

Phase I of our Construction Project on our current facility has begun with our Construction Management firm, Richard Y. Johnson, and the various contractors who will be in and around our building working on the roof, exterior EIFS/Stucco, and internal ADA compliance projects are:

- Corrado Construction – Site Work
- Enterprise Masonry – Concrete & Masonry Work
- Kent Construction – Carpentry
- CTA Roofing
- Salisbury Door & Hardware
- Tri-State Carpet – Floor Covering
- J. A. Argentakis - Caulking/Painting/EIFS Repair
- Modular Concepts – Casework
- Collins Mechanical
- Nickle Electric

We would like to thank the students and staff for their patience as they navigate around the facility.



The Arts in Delmar



Congratulations to Mrs. Judy Hearn who is retiring and celebrating 20 years of service to the State of Delaware. As Delmar High School's Art teacher, Mrs. Hearn leaves her students' artistic mark throughout the halls of our building and reminds everyone that

"ART IS EVERYWHERE."



"TWOgether as ONE"

Celebrating our tradition of Delmar Community Pride, the Delmar School District just released its "Delaware/Maryland" **"TWOgether as ONE" Long Sleeve T-Shirts which are available from Lisa Morris lisar.morris@delmar.k12.de.us** Orders will be taken through Tuesday, February 14th. Order forms are available at the Delmar Middle/Senior High School Front Office.



Long Sleeve - Dark Heather Gray
Delmar with Paw design on Front Chest Area and TWOgether as ONE design is on Back
\$25 each, Sizes - Small to 3XL

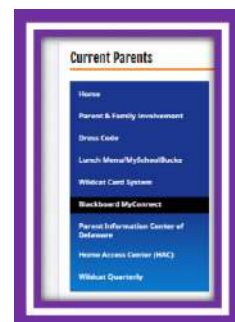
Celebrate Delmar Wildcat's Alumni Accomplishments!

We would like to invite you to send us a picture and short caption of our Delmar Wildcat Alumni Accomplishments. Please include the Graduation Year and full name of the person being recognized. We enjoy sharing the exciting news of our graduates' accomplishments! On behalf of the Delmar Board of Education, thank you for being one of the strongest communities in supporting our children in Wildcat Country.



Blackboard MyConnect Information

Delmar School District utilizes the Blackboard MyConnect site. 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 the messages that are important to you. 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, under "Current Parents,"** and access the Delmar "Blackboard MyConnect" site there.



Twitter



Entering our second 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 2016-2017 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

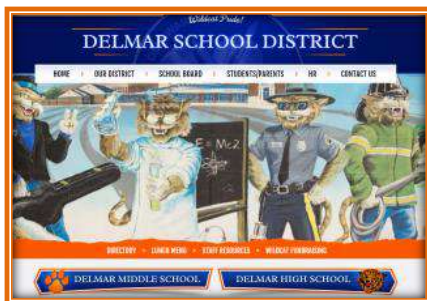


Home Access Center:

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: <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

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: 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 teacher contact information and course expectations that will help your child succeed in their classes.



A Special Note of Appreciation to the Delmar Board of Education for their service to the Delmar School District



President, Shawn Brittingham



Vice President, Farrah Morelli



Thomas Elliott



Raymond Vincent, Jr.



Jason Coco



Welcome to our newest Wildcats



On behalf of the Delmar School District, we welcome Dr. Ada Puzzo, Chief Operating Officer/Director of Finance. As a graduate of Wilmington University, she joins us after 11 years as the Director of Business and Finance from the Caesar Rodney School District.

The District also welcomed, Shawn Phillips, Secondary Instructional Para-Professional to Delmar. Shawn is a graduate of Delaware State University.



Returning to Delmar this year is Allison Venables, Secondary Instructional Para-Professional. Allison is a graduate of Duke University.

Finally, a warm Wildcat welcome to Andrea Yoder, Human Resources Secretary/Assistant. Andrea is a graduate of Delaware Technical & Community College.





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 (Beginning of March). All of our students are working hard to meet their individualized 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.

The Smarter Balanced Test in Reading and Math will be administered to all students in grades 5 – 8 starting March 29th. The Smarter Assessments measure students' mastery of the Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts/ Literacy and Mathematics for grades 3–8.

The assessments include:

- Writing at every grade.
- New question types that require students to think more deeply and solve more complex problems.
- Performance tasks such as reading several different documents and writing short essays based on them.
- Computer-adaptive technology that makes the assessments more accurate.

Parents can find more information by visiting <http://de.portal.airast.org>.

Upcoming Important Dates:

February 13th – Deadline for Teacher of the Year Nomination
 February 16th – Parent PRIDE Night
 FAFSA Workshop Night
 February 23rd – NAEP Testing – 8th grade
 February 23rd – Parent PRIDE Night
 SBAC/SAT Assessment Night
 March 6th – 17th – Spring MAP Testing
 March 23rd – Parent PRIDE Night
 AP/WU Information Night
 March 29th – April 13th – SBAC Testing
 (CAT Portion) for 5th – 8th Grade
 April 5th – PSAT for 10th Grade
 SAT for 11th Grade
 (Gr 9 & 12 Admin Excused)
 April 25th – Make Up SAT for 11th Grade
 May 1st – May 12th – SBAC Testing
 (PT Portion) for 5th – 8th Grade
 May 1st – AP Chem Test
 May 2nd – AP Art History Test
 May 3rd – AP Eng Lit. Test
 May 4th – AP US History Test
 May 11th – AP Stats/AP World History Test
 May 22nd – 26th – DCAS Science (gr 5, 8 & 10)
 May 23rd – 26th – Senior Exams
 June 6th – 9th – Final Exams



All 10th grade students should have been able to access their PSAT 8/9 scores from last school year 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 PSAT.

All of our 10th graders will take the PSAT on Wednesday, April 5th during the school day. The PSAT is a test that will help your child and their teachers figure out what your child needs to work on most so that they are ready for college when they graduate from high school.



All 11th grade students will take the SAT test on Wednesday, April 5th. We will also offer a make-up test day on Wednesday, April 25th. The SAT is a required test for all 11th grade students to take in April. The SAT has replaced the SBAC Reading and Math tests that were the previous requirements for all 11th grade students. Our guidance department has been working hard to set up all 11th grade students with Khan Academy accounts so they can receive individualized practice for the SAT based on their PSAT score from last year.

Parent PRIDE Nights:

Save the date **Financial aid workshop**

Mark your calendar for our next Parent PRIDE Night on February 16th. We will have a representative from Stand By Me to help parents and students complete their FAFSA Application. This is a great opportunity to get questions answered while you complete the FAFSA application. The FAFSA form is the “Free Application for Federal Student Aid”. This is the form is completely 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/>.



We will also be holding a Parent PRIDE Night on Thursday, February 23rd at 6pm. 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 for grades 5 - 8, and the PSAT/SAT for grades 10 and 11.



Our final PRIDE Night for the school year will be our Advanced Placement and Wilmington University Night which will be held on Thursday, March 23rd at 6pm. Parent and students in grades 10 – 12 are welcome to attend to learn more about our AP and Wilmington University courses that will be offered in the 2017-18 school year. We will discuss course options, prerequisites and requirements for courses, and cost of courses. This is the perfect time to get to ask questions about these courses prior to scheduling by our guidance department for next school year.



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. Once a student has their PSAT results, 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 cell device and get a daily practice question.



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. 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 is 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.

DDOE ESSA State Plan and Timeline of Activities:

Timeline of Activities	
- August – October	Stakeholder engagement
- October 31, 2016	First Draft of plan to be completed
- November – December	Second round stakeholder engagement and comments on draft plan
- December 31, 2016	Second draft of plan
- January – February	Additional comments on plan
- February 2017	State Board of Education meeting
- March 6, 2017	State plan submitted to USED

Stakeholder Consultation and Engagement - GET INVOLVED! Former State Secretary of Education Steven H. Godowsky is inviting stakeholders from across the state to share their input on the state's ESSA plan to help ensure that all students have equitable access to a high-quality education. An electronic feedback form to provide your input on the 2nd draft of the plan is located [here](#). To share your general questions and comments about the ESSA, please email: ESSAStatePlan@doe.k12.de.us

Links to draft plan are at <http://www.doe.k12.de.us/Page/3019>

Principal's Page – Mr. Andy O'Neal



Hello Delmar Families,



As the cold and snowy months of winter look to soon be behind us and we prepare for the warmer temperatures of spring I would like to take the time to acknowledge some of our middle and high school student accomplishments in the areas of academics, arts and athletics. As we pass the halfway point of another school year it is important to highlight some of the many great things that have occurred during the first half of the year at Delmar Middle & High School. Our students have once again done a great job this year academically in the classroom, performing in band and chorus concerts and on the athletic fields. Students have recently completed Winter MAP Reading and Math testing in the middle and high school and will soon begin taking Spring SBAC in Reading and Math along with Spring MAP testing and End of Course Assessments in the high school near the end of spring. A reminder as we get ready to begin spring SBAC and other testing, it is important for students to come to school rested, prepared, and focused each day in order to perform at their best.

Our students have worked collaboratively, been encouraged by their teachers to use higher order thinking skills and used various "Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing" Strategies to increase achievement as we continue to prepare all students for College and Career Readiness. Delmar Middle and High School students have done an amazing job this school year and are to be commended along with their parents and families, for their outstanding efforts and hard work they have put in.

We would like to congratulate the entire DHS field hockey team and coaching staff on their DIAA State Championship win over Tower Hill back in November and bringing home the first female state championship in Delmar history! What a great day in Delmar this was for everyone. I would also like to congratulate all of our fall and winter middle and high school sports teams on their success on the playing fields but more importantly commend them on the great sportsmanship they have shown throughout the year. And lastly, good luck to our spring sports teams as they get ready for another exciting year on the athletic fields and prepare to represent DELMAR!

Recently our middle and high school Fine Arts department put on fantastic performances at our winter middle and high school band/chorus concerts. *Beauty and the Beast* will be conducted by our high school Fine Arts Department during this spring. Showtimes for *Beauty and the Beast* are Thursday, March 9 and Friday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 11 at 2:00 p.m. This is sure to be a performance you will not want to miss by our Delmar students.



It is important to remember that although we always are in a rush to get to the finish line, we must remember our school year is a marathon and not a sprint. I encourage all students to continue to be consistent on a daily basis in everything they do and make good choices.

As I conclude, I would like to end with a famous quote for all of our Delmar students as we enter the last half of the 2016-2017 school year. The quote from Arsene Wenger states, "When you look at people who are successful, you will find that they aren't the people who are motivated, but have consistency in their motivation."



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

Hello to all our Delmar Middle School Wildcats!! It feels like only yesterday the first bells of the school year were ringing and now it's 2017! How time flies!

I want to take this opportunity to say **THANK YOU** to all of our students, faculty, staff, and substitutes for a great first semester in the 2016-2017 school year; Mr. O'Neal and I couldn't do it without your help!

There are several upcoming events and highlights I'd like to share with you:

- The Orange 8th grade math league team is first place in our region after 3 meets. Our final meet is on Tuesday, February 7th, at Georgetown to qualify for the state banquet on Monday, April 24th. Teresa Morelli is currently in second place based on her individual score.
- The middle school will be holding its Valentine's Day dance on Friday, February 3rd from 6-8pm in the small gym. Only students in grades 6-8 are allowed to attend this event;
- Our 7th and 8th graders will attend the Career Fair on Monday, February 13th during the school day;
- School will be closed on Monday, February 20th and on Monday, February 27th for Presidents' Day and Professional Development for teaching staff;
- Our 8th grade will participate in NAEP testing on Thursday, February 23rd.
- IPRs will be sent home on Tuesday, February 28th with all students.
- The end of the third marking term will be on Tuesday, March 28th.

The first week in February your student will bring home paper copies of the annual DOE Climate Survey. These surveys are imperative to understand the climate and the culture within our school district. The **Delaware School Climate Survey** was developed by the Delaware Positive Behavior Support Initiative (a partnership between the Delaware Department of Education and the Center for Disabilities Studies at the University of Delaware). There is no identifying information on the survey so no one will know how you individually answered any of the questions. Completed surveys will be sent to the University of Delaware where the information will be compiled into a report for our school. The completed survey must be returned to school by February 24th. We will send periodic reminders via BlackBoard.

It has been a great start to the 2016-2017 school year and I know that our middle schoolers are doing great things!



Literacy News Corner

By Mrs. Brittingham

Reading



Good sources for non-fiction:

www.tweentribune.com

www.newsela.com

Find a good book at:

<https://litpick.com>

Testing Tips



Smarter Balanced

www.smarterbalanced.org/practices

<http://www.smarterbalanced.org/assessments/practice-and-training-tests/>

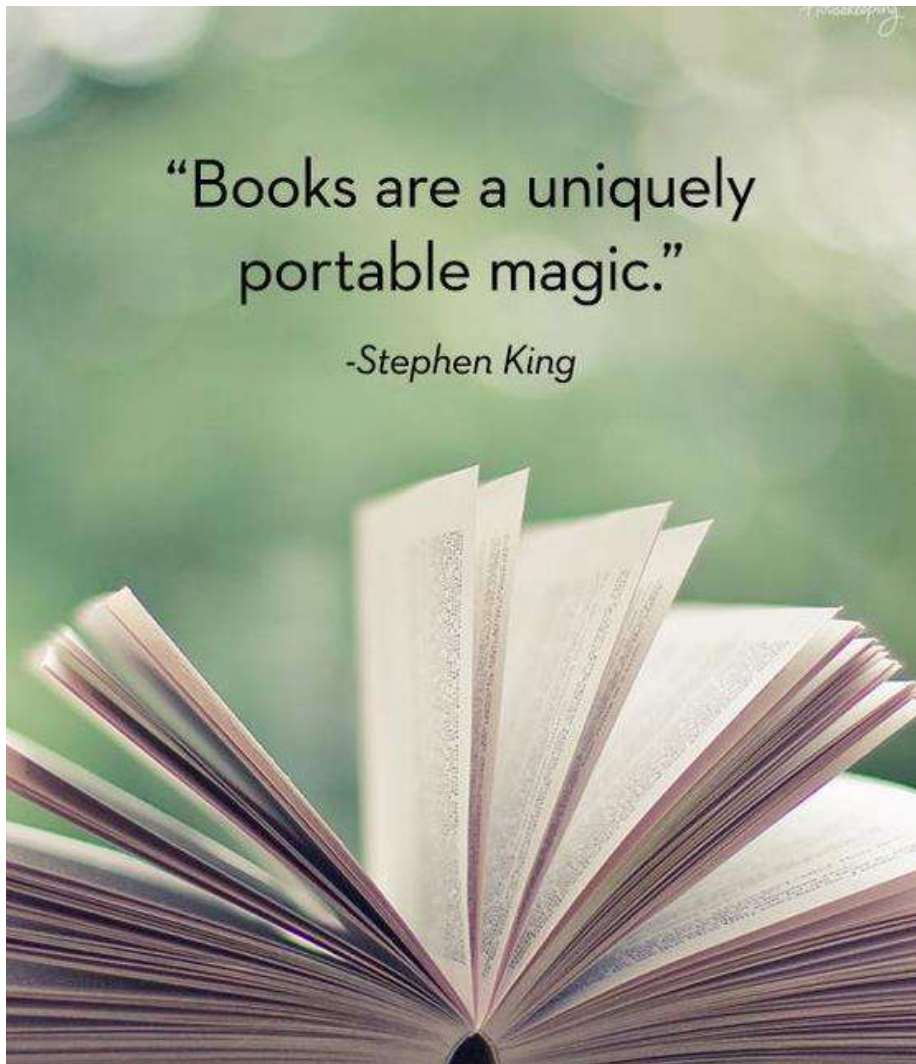
Writing



Be as helpful as you can when assisting your child with writing. Talk through their ideas with them which will help them come up with just the right words. You will be most effective when you are in a helping role rather than as a critic. Celebrate their effort, and delight in their creative ideas! Resist the temptation to be critical.

“Books are a uniquely portable magic.”

-Stephen King



Talking to Your Child About Tests

- Test scores are only one piece of what your child knows as a student, and tests give teachers information about where support may be needed.
- When a test or schoolwork seems difficult, encourage your child to keep trying and not give up.
- Teachers not only look at tests, but also at effort, classwork, and other areas to get a full picture of how your child is progressing.
- Ask your child to share with you what was difficult about a test, what seemed easy, and in what areas help is needed.

Delmar Math Corner

By Lori Smith



Math
for life!

Math Tech Corner – Math Apps



Math Quizzer is an interactive and fun way to, not only learn, but also to boost your skills in; Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, and Division. It offers an easy to understand chalkboard visual, which keeps track of your "score" as you progress.



Thinking Blocks Fractions teaches children how to model and solve word problems involving fractions and whole numbers. In this interactive tutorial, children are introduced to 6 problem solving models. The models help children organize information and visualize number relationships. It is ideal for children who are learning model drawing strategies found in math books from Singapore.



This app allows students to explore how changes in the formula or graph or table will impact the other two. Another nice feature of the graph is the ability to watch how a change in the scale will not change the formula or table but will change the graph appearance. The app allows you to enter a linear equation to be displayed on the graph, but you can also use the dots on the line to move it around yourself. You can also choose a different starting point for x in the table.

Linear Model supports equations in both slope intercept, $y = mx + b$, and standard form, $Ax + By = C$ formats.

Preparing Your Student for the MAP, SBAC, and SAT assessments

1. Review curriculum materials/ interactive notebook with your child as each assessment is aligned to the common core standards.
2. Search for Smarter Balanced Assessment items on the internet to see sample problems.
3. Sign up to receive SAT questions of the day.
4. Have your child "teach" you what they are doing in math class. This will help them to articulate the math concepts at home.
5. Remind your child to read each question carefully so that they answer the questions completely.



SCHOOLGY:

Schoology is a school website where teachers and students can access to increase education within schools through the use of technology. Teachers can use the site post discussion questions, homework, files, links, and other information. Find out more about it by asking your child to show you their account.

"The essence of mathematics is not to make simple things complicated, but to make complicated things simple."
— S. Gudder.



Fifth Grade News



- **HOME ACCESS CENTER**- You can use home access center to check your child's grades. If you do not know your login please contact the main office. 302-846-9544
- **AGENDA'S**- We have students write down homework in their agenda each day. We ask that you read the agenda, check to see that your child completed any homework, and then sign the agenda. You can also write us notes in the agenda and we will also use it to communicate with you.
- **EMAIL**- Teachers on the team send out mass emails to the classes they teach. If you have email but are not receiving these communications please contact the main office. Your email address may be entered incorrectly or they office may not have it on file. 302-846-9544
- **ABSENCES**- If your child is absent please make sure they complete all of their make-up work. The teachers all have a place in the classroom where students can get their missed work but sometimes students forget to take on this responsibility.
- **AFTER SCHOOL HELP**- The fifth grade teachers do offer after school help. Students will need to discuss with their teacher what they need help with and schedule a day/time to stay after.



This is a great time of year to restock school supplies.

-Paper

-Pencils

-Erasers

-Tissues

-Hand sanitizer



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



6th Grade FIELD TRIPS!

The 6th grade team visited St. Michaels in the fall. This spring we will attend the Delmarva Shorebirds "Field of Dreams" field trip. Look for more information to come in the near future.

KHAN ACADEMY

6th grade students have been using Khan Academy to review and preview math skills. Students are encouraged to use the program at home as well. Each student has been issued a username and password. Rewards are given for their efforts. Visit www.khanacademy.org for more information!

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**



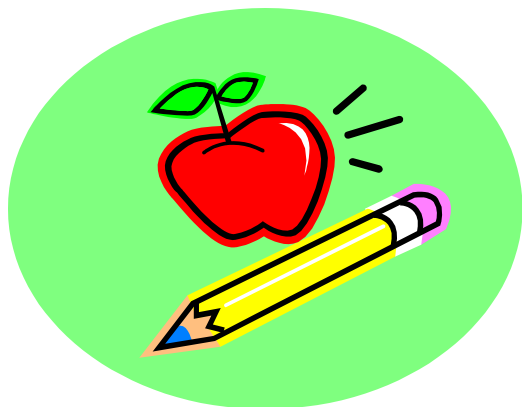
What's happening in 7th Grade?

Materials and Organization

Parents-

Please be diligent in ensuring that your child has necessary materials in their backpacks each day! Please replenish supplies of pencils, paper, colored pencils, pens, glue sticks, etc. Some students are beginning to run out of supplies!

Please check your child's agenda each night for homework assignments as well as Home Access Center for grade updates.



Clubs

- Science Club- every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 3:00-4:00 in room 701
- Multicultural Club- every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 3:00-4:00 in room 701

Field Trips

7th grade students will be going on two spring field trips. 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 regarding these trips to come home with your child.

Donations

7th grade teachers would *GREATLY* appreciate donations of tissues for our classrooms! Thank you in advance!

Testing

This spring, students will be taking the MAP and SBAC assessments in both math and reading. Please note that there will be no DCAS science or social studies this year for 7th grade students.

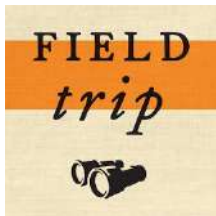
Please watch to information to come home with your child regarding testing. As always, please make sure that your child is well rested the night before all testing!



8th Grade News

The 8th grade team has enjoyed the first half of the 2016-2017 school year. We first would like to congratulate our Student of the Month winners so far this year:

- September- Malachi Jones
- October- Ashley Brumbley
- November- Peyton Naugle
- December- Jenna Carpenter



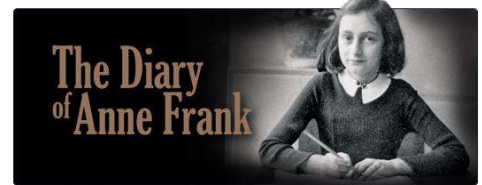
The next exciting event for 8th grade is a field trip, where we will be visiting the Holocaust Museum and Mt. Vernon on Friday, February 24th.

Each content area is studying the following units of study:

ELA is learning about the Holocaust and reading The Diary of Anne Frank.

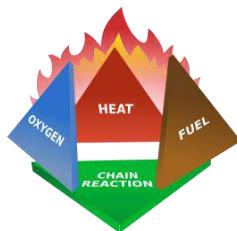


Math is focusing on Geometry as well as Linear Functions; while Algebra students will be working on Systems of Equations & Exponents.



Social Studies is discussing the Boston Massacre and more specifically taxation without representation, as well as the Revolts and Protests leading up to the Declaration Independence.

Science will be exploring Heat Energy and preparing for the Science DCAS in May.



Middle School Specials – Winter/ Spring Edition Information

Middle School Business

Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Jones & Mr. Layton

5th and 6th grade keyboarders are now really starting to pick up the speed and become better typers each class! As we move into the spring we will touch on Internet Safety. Remind your students to always use correct typing technique and posture when using the computer at home!

7th and 8th grade students are deep into Microsoft Office Word and Excel. They are learning skills they will use the rest of their lives! As we move to the spring we will focus more on the Student Success Plan (SSP) in 8th grade and PowerPoint in 7th Grade!



Middle Level Business Professionals of America: 20 Middle Level BPA students will be competing February 22nd in



Dover at the State Leadership Conference (SLC). BPA members will be competing in events such as: Spreadsheets, Financial Literacy, Keyboarding, Prepared Speech, Extemporaneous Speech, Video Production Team, Admin Support Team, Graphic Design Promotion and Entrepreneurship Exploration. We hope the members have a great learning and competitive experience at the 2017 SLC.

BANK AT SCHOOL through M&T is still going on each Wednesday morning. It is a great way to teach students the importance of independently saving money! If you have any questions about this program or need an extra application, please contact Mrs. Jones at Kristen.jones@delmar.k12.de.us.



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



Middle School P.E. is currently in their indoor unit, which includes Basketball, Volleyball, Floor Hockey and Indoor Soccer. As we finish up the indoor unit we will start going back outside so please dress appropriately for class! Post Fitness Tests for grades 7 and 8 will begin in May!



M.S. Band and Chorus with Mr. Smith

M.S. CHORUS



Spring concert preparations are under way for the 5-8 choruses. Our theme for this concert is, "What Are You Doing This Summer?" All the songs will have something to do with that! Some students will travel, some will go to the zoo, and some will stay home and work on the house and car with mom and dad. Please plan to see how that plays out. Thursday, May 18th at 7:00 PM is the big day (or night.) It is my hope to have each grade perform one song on their own, while still having the 5th & 6th perform some together as well as the 7th & 8th performing together. But for the big ending, I plan to try and have all 5-8 graders performing together. As last year, I've told the students there will be several

solo spots for this concert. They need to keep the theme in mind, but if it's good, you might be seeing your child under the lights in their own full song solo. Come and see the spectacle!!

M.S. BAND



The middle school bands have and will continue progressing through the band books, "Essential Elements." Believe it or not, several band students still DO NOT HAVE THEIR OWN BOOKS. Please talk to your child to ask if they have their own or are they continuing to borrow one of the schools. If they don't have their own, that means they don't have one to practice at home!



The bands have all begun working on their spring concert music. Their concert is, Thursday, May 11th, at 7:00 PM. Please make plans to attend and support them. You will hear a variety of music styles including rock, jazz, spooky, and even alien music!! Solo spots will be available for the student interesting in investing extra time to strut their stuff! Each group is working on songs to perform in their own grades but the 5th & 6th grade will get to perform together as well as all students in 5-8 grade will perform together for the last two songs. That will be over 100 students! Come see a great performance from your students on May 11th, 2017.

P.R.I.D.E. Events

February:

- 3rd : Casual Day #2
- 3rd : PRIDE Event #2: Dance Party
- 3rd : Valentine's Dance 6pm-8pm
sponsored by PRIDE & Student Mentoring

April:

- 13th : Casual Day #3
- 13th : PRIDE Event #3: Movie in the Classroom

June:

- 5th : End of the Year PRIDE Event #4
Carnival & Auction

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 next celebration is a Dance Party on Friday, February 3rd.

Reminder:

Students--continue to bring in your Box Tops for Education. All of the proceeds go towards the PRIDE



High School Assistant Principal's Page – Mr. Michael Bleile



Wow this school year is flying by! I hope everyone is enjoying their year thus far. There have been a lot of things to be excited about since school started; things such as after school athletics, dances, clubs, national honors society, and everyone's favorite, homework! Each and every student at Delmar High School has transitioned well into the school year and I cannot wait to see what 2017 will bring for the school, students, and community.

Here are a few discipline reminders and updates.

- You are accountable for your own actions. Take responsibility for yourself and no one else.
- No food or drink (except a clear plastic water bottle) is allowed in the school unless packed for school lunch in the cafeteria.
- Make sure you keep all of your electronic devices and headphones out of sight until 2:56.
- Have positive interactions with all students and staff members!

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. Our administrative team does not want any student missing instructional time due to discipline infractions. Your challenge as a student is to be on time and respect each other.



Positive Behavior Referral:

Positive Behavior Referrals are flowing in! If your child is caught doing a positive behavior they will receive a positive behavior referral! Teachers 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 inform the parents of what they did so you can be proud and share the moment with them!

No Bullying Day:

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Anti-Bullying day in October. It was great to see all the students in their orange to take a stand on bullying in schools and on social media!

Become Involved:

There are many different activities that you can become involved with here at Delmar High School. We hold quarterly meetings for the following activities for students to attend to gauge or peak their interest to join; Key Club, National Honor Society, Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica, SGA, JDG/DCA, Red Cross Club, Art Club, Armed Forces, Culinary Club, Book Club, BPA, TSA, and FFA. Becoming involved with one of these activities will promote school spirit and could also help you with developing a career pathway for college! Make sure you check the student calendar, school website, Twitter, or Facebook page for any upcoming events or meetings!



As we move into the second half of the year, I'd like to continue to see all students working hard in their classes and completing their course loads. Delmar High is the best school in the state for preparing you for college or the work force. Take advantage of what Delmar has to offer. I know I am looking forward to all the great things that Delmar has to offer!



Follow me on Twitter!
@delmarHSVP



Dean of Student's Page – Mrs. Christy Parsons

As the weather changes through the seasons please remember:

- 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.
- 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.



Our District Tardy Policy is on page 20 of the handbook. 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. We are now in the second semester which means that all students were granted a “clean slate” on January 23rd. Once students have been tardy to school on three occasions, an office detention will be scheduled. The 6th 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.



Congratulations to all students for making it through the first semester of the 2016-2017 school year!! As we move forward through the second semester, **high school students** please keep in mind final exam exemptions are based on attendance, as well as, grades and testing goals. Students absent more than 6.5 days will not be eligible for exam exemptions. The information below was shared with students at the beginning of the year. I wish you all the best in your efforts to reach the academic and attendance goals with the reward of possible exam exemptions 😊

THIS EXEMPTION OPPORTUNITY DOES NOT INCLUDE STATE REQUIRED EXAMS, Dual Enrollment, AP or similar exams.

In order to be eligible for exemption, students must meet the criteria below:

Department	Criteria to be Eligible for Exam Exemption
English	Meet growth requirement on the MAP test (given in class) Meet growth requirement on the posttest (given in class) Have a cumulative grade of 83% or higher in English class
Math	Meet growth requirement on the MAP test (given in class) Meet growth requirement on the posttest (given in class) Have a cumulative grade of 83% or higher in Math class
Science	Physical Science, Chemistry, Physics, and Anatomy & Physiology: Have a cumulative grade of 92% or higher Biology: Score a “3” on DCAS and earn a 93% exam grade Score a “4” on DCAS and earn a 100% exam grade
Social Studies	No Exemptions for Social Studies courses
Fine Arts	Have a cumulative grade of 90% or higher
CTE	Have a cumulative grade of 90% or higher and meet growth requirement on the posttest (given in class)
Health/PE	Have a cumulative grade of 90% or higher
World Languages	Earn 92% or higher each marking period Students earning posttest and interpersonal communication assessment scores of an “A” may use this as their final exam score (given in class)

Attendance Requirement

Students absent more than 6.5 days will not be eligible for exam exemptions.



My guess is that all students 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 summer make-up sessions (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.”

High School Department Academic Highlights & Activities

News from the High School English Department:



Currently in 9th grade English I, we are working towards creating more independent learners to prepare our students for 10th grade English. Some sections are exploring author's purpose and perspective and will complete a unit on 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.



10th grade English II is beginning a unit on Argument and Persuasion. Students will be learning about the rhetorical elements writers use to persuade their readers first exploring texts and then implementing the techniques in their own writing. From there, the Honors sections will be focusing on critical analysis working with visual texts. Other sections will be working through a short story unit. All 10th grade classes are finishing the year with an in depth study of *Romeo and Juliet*.

11th grade English III starts the second half of the year continuing the examination of argumentative writing and exploring the world of research. Students will have hands on experience gathering research, evaluating sources for credibility, and synthesizing information gathered in order to write research papers and present their ideas. Students will then begin to analyze the historical context and cultural characteristics of America during the 1920's while reading and analyzing *The Great Gatsby*.

12th grade English IV students will be working on Medieval and Renaissance literature for the 3rd marking period. For the 4th quarter, we will be focusing on research and analysis of argument. In the spring, we will also begin preparing for graduation.

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 4th at Delaware State University. The Science Department is also working with prom coordinator, Mrs. Terri Hurley, as well as the student prom committee to prepare for Delmar Junior/Senior Prom which is on Friday May 12th. We appreciate all of the fundraising support this year which included the Quarter Auction and Greene Turtle night.





News from the High School Social Studies Department:

Welcome to the second semester. We are busy preparing for the second half of the year and history day, if your child is interested please have the see Mrs. Higbee. Our 9th graders will be starting Geography for the rest of the school year. Our 10th graders will continue their journey in Economics. The 11th grade will be examining the World Wars and our AP class will continue to prepare for their test in May. The seniors will continue to explore the world of Psychology and the history of the world.



News from the High School Math Department:

The high school mathematics competition team has competed at two regional events. Currently, our ninth grade teams are tied for first place in Sussex County with our top scoring student, Ethan Scott. Our tenth through twelfth grade team is currently in first place in Sussex County with our top scoring students, Gabriella Morelli, Maria Morelli, and Bryanna Cornelius. 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 3-3:40pm. We look forward to a great second half of the year! Khan Academy is an excellent resource for students to find practice questions for each subject area, PSAT, and SAT. This free resource can help your student review material and/or learn new topics.



World Language Department

Spanish Honor Society



- *Will begin accepting applications at the start of the second semester.
- *Students currently enrolled in the second semester of Spanish 2 or higher with a cumulative B average are eligible to apply.



Culture Club



- *Learn about cultures around the world
- *Experience the music, movies, folktales, language and more of a variety of countries
- *Meets every Tuesday after school in room C204 with Señora Nina-Matos あけましておめでとうございます! Bonne année! 새해 복 많이 받으세요! Happy New Year!



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. Mrs. Hakeem, the coordinator and teacher of the program, returned from maternity leave in November, 2016.



DELMAR

Performing Arts



The Delmar High School In Line With Pride Marching Band ended their season with an unforgettable performance at the Delmar vs. Woodbridge Football game on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2016. Mrs. Riepen worked together with Mrs. Danielle Jones of Woodbridge to create a combined half time performance to honor America's Veterans!

Congratulations to the Delmar finishing your final high school group includes the band's Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, both Percussion Captains, Color Leader, Drum Major and first ever leadership and talent will be graduate this year!



Marching senior class on marching season! This President, Vice President, Woodwind Section Leader, guard Captain, Drill Section viola player! Their greatly missed when they



On December 15, the concert band, jazz band and marching band presented their winter concert to a fantastic audience!



Both bands are currently preparing music for their spring concert which will be held on May 9th at 7:00 PM. The concert band is also planning a trip to Hershey Park on Saturday May 20. Following a competition at a local school, the students will enjoy the day in the park before attending the awards ceremony!





On Thursday, December 8th, the chorus presented their Winter Concert. The concert featured the Concert, Women’s and A Capella Choirs. They are currently working on music for their spring concert on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 7:00 PM.



The A Capella chorus is making final preparations on their music for Disney World. In October, the A Capella chorus was accepted to perform at Walt Disney World with the Disney Youth Performance Program. The students are traveling to Florida from April 9-13th and will perform on April 11th.

It’s almost show time! This spring, Delmar High School is proud to present Disney’s Beauty and the Beast. Performances will run March 9 & 10 at 7:00 PM and March 11 at 2:00 PM



Congratulations to Delmar’s 2017 All-State Chorus Members!

Hannah Shortall (pictured left) is a member of the Women’s Choir and plays Belle in Delmar’s production of Beauty and the Beast. She successfully auditioned and was selected to be a member of the 2017 Delaware All State Women’s Choir.



Cayla Cooper (pictured right) is a member of the Women’s and A Capella Choirs and plays Cogsworth in Delmar’s production of Beauty and the Beast. She successfully auditioned and was selected to be a member of the 2017 Delaware All-State Mixed Choir.

Both ladies will participate in the Delaware All-State Choir festival in February. They will perform in concert on February 25, 2017 at 7:00 PM at Cab Calloway School of the Arts.

—visual arts DEPARTMENT

The Visual Arts Department held a book fair event at Barnes and Noble in mid-December. Proceeds are partially funding many field trips for AP Art History and Art Club.

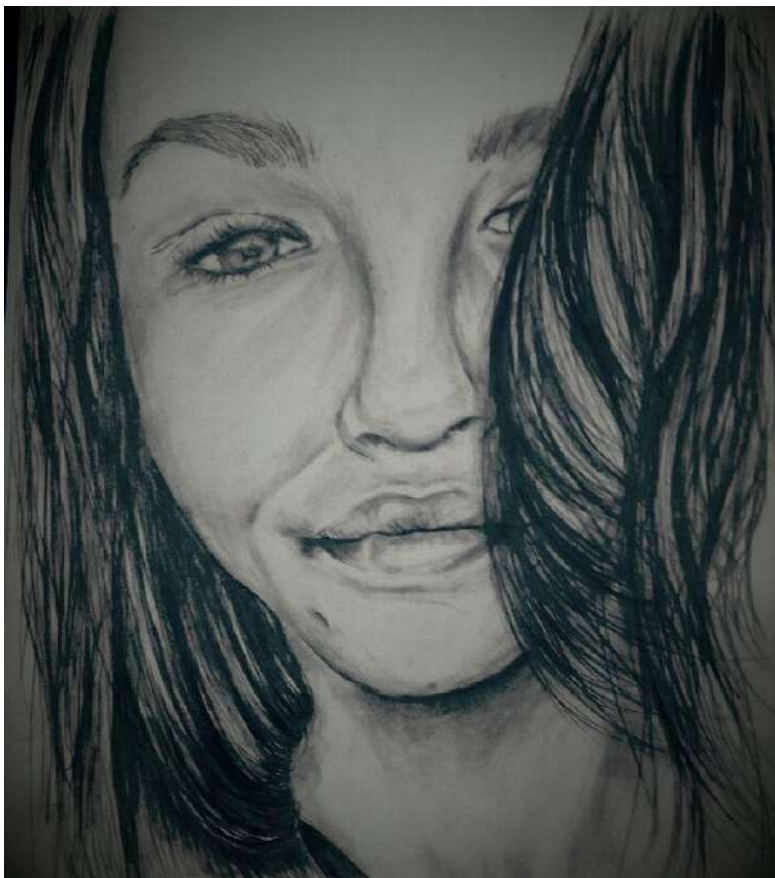
Destinations include Washington

National Cathedral, Medieval Times, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Philadelphia Museum of Art and The National Gallery of Art.



This year, Delmar Art Students are participating in the Memory Project again. The Memory Project is a charitable nonprofit organization 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, violence, and extreme poverty. Each art student is provided with a picture of a child which they use to create their portrait. The purpose of the portraits is to help children feel valued and important. The Memory Project creates a video of each delivery to share with all of the art students and teachers involved. Since 2004 they have created more than 90,000 portraits for children in 42 countries.

Students in Studio Art classes have been working hard on various projects. Below are some samples of their work.







Career and Technical Education Department



Plant and Horticulture Science

After a busy fall working outside in the greenhouse, students have recently been focusing on mastering important horticulture concepts inside the classroom. As the weather begins to warm all horticulture students will be involved in producing plants for our annual plant sale. The plant sale will take place May 10th and 11th after school from 3:00-5:00 at the school greenhouses. Students will also have the opportunity to take plants home that they have grown in the greenhouse.

FFA

FFA Members have enjoyed an exciting first half the school year with events such as a holiday party, ringing the bell for the Salvation Army, statewide ice skating, and the survival bag drive for HALO. Delmar FFA has also started practices for career development events at state convention. Delaware FFA State Convention will be held March 8th, 9th, and 10th at Delaware State University. There will be 17 students competing in various CDEs including: milk quality, agricultural communications, floriculture, extemporaneous speaking, creed speaking and employment skills. In addition to state convention, Delmar FFA has more events planned including: FFA Week February 20th-24th, nursing home Bingo in March, Easter Egg Hunt for April and banquet in May. If you would like to receive updates and information about upcoming events throughout the year please like Delmar FFA on Facebook.

Business Professionals of America



The BPA State Competition will be held on February 21st in Dover. Delmar BPA will be sending 29 students to compete in a variety of events. BPA members are also running the concession stand for winter sports at all home games.



Technology Student Association



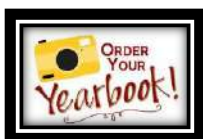
The Technology Student Association (TSA) is gearing up for the spring conference which will be held April 26th in Harrington. Students will be competing in events such as Structural Engineering, Technological Problem Solving, Photography, Desktop Publishing, Dragster Design, STEM Careers, Technology Bowl, and others. Students have the opportunity to move on to the national conference which will take place in June in Orlando, FL.



College and Career Fair

Please stop by and check out the CTE booths at the college and career fair on February 13th from 12:00-5:00. Current students who are involved in the CTE pathways and CTE student organizations will be there to share the exciting opportunities that Career and Technical Education has to offer.

Yearbooks



Yearbooks are still available, order at www.jostensyearbooks.com! Time is running out to order a personalized yearbook. If you want to get your student's name printed on the cover, you must order online by January 31st. You can order a yearbook after that date or hope that there are a few extras when they come in, but only a few overruns are printed. If you want to make sure you get one, order it soon!





From the Office of the School Nurses



Lice Lessons



Head lice are a common community problem. An estimated 6 to 12 million infestations occur each year in the US. Most infestations occur in children age 3 to 12 years old. Head lice are not dangerous and do not carry any diseases (unlike ticks). They are a nuisance bug that spread from head to head in the community setting.

Head lice are tiny, wiggling insects that must live close to a person's scalp to feed. An adult louse is the size of a sesame seed. Baby lice, or nymph's are smaller. Nits are the tear-shaped lice eggs that attach to the hair. Head lice crawl. They are mostly spread by head to head contact. For example, during a sleep over or at camp. Symptoms of head lice infestations are usually noticed after at least one month after infection. People will report itching, tickling feeling, or a crawling sensation on the scalp. Sometimes, redness can be seen on the scalp from lice either biting the person and scratch marks.

If you suspect your child has head lice, you should contact a health care professional. Your school nurse can be useful in identifying an infestation and can help guide your treatment plan. As part of the treatment plan, you will be guided to contact your child's medical provider for advice on medicated shampoo. Most head lice are now resistant to the available over the counter shampoos available for treatment and prescriptions are often necessary. Although shampoo's report that they will prevent the nits from hatching, this is unproven. The only way to be sure to break the cycle is to completely remove ALL nits from your child's hair.

Don't forget to treat your home! Carpets should be vacuumed. Bed linen, clothes, and towel should be washed and dried in hot temperatures daily while the infestation is active. Stuffed animals can be dried for at least 20 minutes in the drier or bagged for 2 weeks. Brushes, combs, hair clips, and hair bands should be thrown away or washed in hot soapy water.

Please remember if your child should be exposed to head lice... Don't worry or panic. They will not hurt your child. It just takes time to rid your child and home of the issue to stop the cycle. (NASN)

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Wellness Center Updates

(Nanticoke Memorial Hospital)

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 that 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 the 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

JANUARY 2017

Hearty and Healthy

As the cold days of winter continue, our nutrition staff is here—serving up school meals that are warm and welcoming! Each morning, our team is hard at work preparing for your child's meal times. This month's menu is full of familiar favorites that we're sure they'll love. This winter, consider letting us do the cooking...

we promise to serve their meal with a smile that's just as warm!



Your Resolution Solution

This time of year, most people resolve to “get healthy”—but did you know that resolving to save money is almost as popular? And we have good news if either or both of those resolutions are on your family's list... the meals we serve are comprised of at least 51% whole grains and reduced fat dairy to support a healthy body weight; plus we offer up to 5 cups of fruit **and** 5 cups of vegetables each week. So not only are school meals health-conscious, they're also cost-conscious—saving families an average of \$.25 per day!

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Cups of Vegetables

Schools must offer 3-3/4 to 5 cups of vegetables per week for lunch, including vegetables that are dark orange/red, dark green and beans/legumes.

Snack on This!

The time between school and dinner tends to be the busiest, right? And of course, it's a time most students want a snack! Here are some tips:

- Prep fruits and veggies on Sunday so they're ready to serve.
- Splurge a little on fresh but pre-packaged snacks like cheese sticks and individual serving sizes of hummus and peanut butter.
- Make “pantry mix” together... Collect leftover nuts, cereals, and maybe even a couple chocolate chips to create your very own trail mix!

Don't forget to check your child's account balance. Login to <https://www.myschoolbucks.com> for convenient and secure access to pay for meals, check balances, and view purchases!

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Guidance Department News



Ilah Preston



Lauren Sharkey



Martie Hudson

WELCOME Lauren Sharkey! We are excited to have Mrs. Sharkey join our counseling staff. She brings enthusiasm, experience and a breath of fresh air to our program. Juniors and seniors should visit often to discuss future plans.

On April 5, 2017 sophomores will be taking PSATs, and SATs will be administered to juniors. There is no charge for students. Freshmen and seniors will be administratively excused to provide an optimal examination environment for our testers.

Seniors have been very busy filling out college applications and finalizing future plans. During the week of October 24th-October 31st, all seniors participated in College Application Month, where many application fees were waived. In addition over the course of the winter and fall, a multitude of college admission representatives came to Delmar to speak about their available programs and answer questions.

The College and Career fair will take place from 12:00-5:00 pm on Monday, February 13th. Grades 8-12 will attend during the school day. After school parents and community members are invited to stop by as well.

A final FASFA completion night will be held February 16th at 5:30. Students and parents can fill out the FASFA form in one of our computer labs with the help of an experienced advisor.

As seniors are accepted to college, please bring in your acceptance letters so we can celebrate with you! Share your accomplishment with a gold star on the Guidance windows.

Delmar Middle School 8th graders will participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) on February 23, 2017. NAEP is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what students know and can do in various subjects. A brochure that explains what participation in NAEP means for you and your child is available at

<http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/pdf/parents/2012469.pdf>. If you do not want your child to

participate, please notify Mrs. Hudson **in writing** by February 15, 2017. If you have any questions contact Martie Hudson at (302)846-9544 x 112 or martie.hudson@delmar.k12.de.us .

Students in 9th through 12th grade continue to complete their Student Success Plans (SSP) and link College Board accounts to Khan Academy.

Counselors are keeping track of student attendance and reminding them that any unexcused absences over 10 days will require make-up summer school. Medical notes need to be provided to excuse any absence over ten days.



Sheila Harrington

Grade 5 Registration for 2017-2018

Registration update for incoming 5th grade for the 2017-18 school year: Kick-off is scheduled for March 30, 2017 in the evening at Delmar Elementary School. Additional open registration in the Guidance office will be April 4th from 12:00-3:00 pm and April 11th from 3:00-7:00 pm. Registration packets will be available on our website or in the Guidance office.

From the School Secretaries:

When items are dropped off in the office for students, unless it is a book bag or glasses, we try not to interrupt instruction time. We will notify students during their lunch break or during afternoon announcements that they have something in the office. Names on items are always a good thing!!

Please remember to bring in your photo I.D. when you come to pick up your students!



Terri Hurley



Cathy Jacko



Dawn Webb



Bonding Moments of the Student Mentoring Program

November's Thanksgiving Dinner



December's Cookie Baking



Would you like your child to participate in the Student Mentoring Program?

Complete & return the "Parent Referral Form" found at:

http://www.delmar.k12.de.us/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=285099&type=d&termREC_ID=&pREC_ID=569691

Questions? Contact: Kelly.Tingle@delmar.k12.de.us



Newsletter from the Athletic Director: David Hearn

State Champions

Congratulations, to the Delmar Field Hockey team on winning the State Championship with a 3-0 win over Tower Hill at the University of Delaware. **THANK YOU** to the town and students for the outstanding support at the championship game and throughout the season!



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, 2017 - right after school
 - Varsity & JV Baseball, Softball, Girls Soccer, and Boys Lacrosse; plus Varsity Golf
- * Middle School tryouts/practices begin Monday - March 6, 2017 - 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.

David Hearn: david.hearn@delmar.k12.de.us (Athletic Director) Odell Jones: odell.jones@delmar.k12.de.us (Assistant)

www.wildcats-sports.com Official Sports Website for Delmar HS/MS. View Schedules, Results, Rosters, and Photos.

Athletic Training News Spring 2017

Craig D. Yingling, MA, ATC/L

Two dates to keep in mind as we approach the Spring Sports season and start to look forward to summer:

March 1: First day of Spring Sports. Make sure you have a DIAA Sports Physical turned in prior to trying out for any spring sport. If you have turned one in to try out for any sport previously this school year, you are good for the spring season and do not have to get another one completed. Call me at 302-846-9544 x173 if you have questions or want to confirm.



April 1: Starting on April 1, you can get a DIAA Sports Physical completed at the Wellness Center or at your Primary Physician and it will be good for the entire 2017-18 school year. Turn it in prior to leaving for the summer and you won't have to worry about it prior to the fall season.

Technology Corner

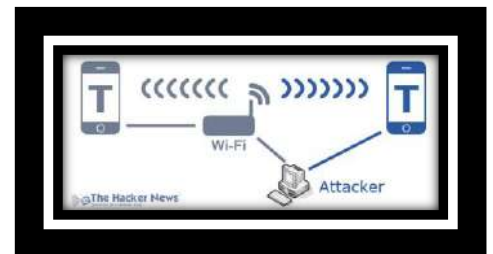
From the Desk of Eve Motichka and Terri Sensenig



Tempted to connect to that "Free Wi-Fi" hotspot? It's worth doing your homework before selecting any network that's open or not familiar to you. For example, if you're in a coffee shop or public library, make sure to verify the name of the network with staff.

Is Free Wi-Fi Really Free?

It's fairly easy for someone who wants to intercept your data in a man-in-the-middle attack to set up a network called "Free Wi-Fi" or any other variation that includes a nearby venue name, to make you think it's a legitimate source.



You should also take the time to learn about the security settings for your mobile devices. Use these settings to prevent your phone or tablet from automatically connecting to any Wi-Fi within range. Opt instead to manually connect only after viewing Wi-Fi options and approving.

Tis for Safer Wi-Fi

There is no way to guarantee absolute security while using public free Wi-Fi, but there are some steps you can take to lessen exposure of your personal information while on a public network.

- 📶 Never conduct banking, bill payment or direct online shopping on a free Wi-Fi network
- 📶 If you are connecting via Windows, make sure to turn off file sharing and mark the Wi-Fi connection as a public network. You can find this option in the **Control Panel > Network and Sharing Center > Change Advanced Sharing Settings**. Under the Public heading, turn off file sharing. You may also want to turn on the Windows Firewall when connecting to a public network if it's not already activated. These settings are also found in **Control Panel > Windows Firewall**.
- 📶 On Mac, open up System Preferences and navigate to the Sharing icon. Then, uncheck the box next to File Sharing. You can also turn on the firewall within OSX by heading to System Preferences, **Security & Privacy** and click the Firewall tab.

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