

**COMMUNICATION & MEDIA ARTS HIGH SCHOOL**  
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**PARENT NEWSLETTER**

**Final Exams Update:**

Thursday, January 25, 2018, hrs. 1-3 and Friday, January 26, 2018, hrs. 4-6. School will be dismissed at 11:00 a.m. (both days).

**Relaxed Dress Final Exam Days:**

Thursday, January 25, 2018 and Friday, January 26, 2018, students can purchase a 2-Day Pass for \$3.00 or a daily pass for \$2.00. Students may begin purchasing during lunch on Tuesday, January 23, 2018. Students remember this is Relaxed Dress (no crop tops). Students must wear hard bottom shoes that are completely closed in.

**Semester One Marking Period:**

All grades at CMA are cumulative. This means your grades as of January 26, 2018 will cover the marking period from September through January. CMA has a common grading scale as well. Ask your teachers to remind you of the common grading scale.

**Semester One Closing Notes:**

Temporarily brown out of Parent/Student Portals. The following data points are accessible to parents and student.

- Class Assignment.
- Attendance
- Behavior

Parent/Student Portal will be fully accessible after 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Count Day, until then teachers will update Data Walls for grades.

**Textbook/Class Materials/Sprint Phones Checks:**

During the next two weeks' teachers will verify your textbooks, class materials, JROTC Uniforms, and Sprint Phones (9<sup>th</sup> Graders), etc. Any student that cannot verify these items will have a hold placed on their records.

**Chronic Absenteeism Semester One:**

Currently CMA's daily attendance rate is 92.77 for the date range December 16, 2017 through January 22, 2018. Semester One total number of students that are identified as chronically absent is 93 that requires Tier 3 Intervention. This is a decrease from our Quarter 1 chronic absence which totals 115. Any student that missed more than 2 days a month and not exceed ten days total a school year.

**CMA's Daily Attendance Goals:**

Our daily attendance goal is 94%. 90% attendance is considered chronic absenteeism. We are 1.23% off target.

**Parents We Need Your Help:**

Your attendance at the Parent meetings is greatly appreciated. We meet monthly to discuss policy changes, academic updates, Parent Workshops, parent involvement, budget, scholarship opportunities and more. Please plan to attend February's meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

**Academic Progress:**

Parents please keep abreast of your students' academic progress using the MiStar Parent Connect system. Any parent that does not have a user name or pin can see Ms. Green in the Main Office to obtain one. Students' academic records will be evaluated by CMA's administration and counseling staff to determine student's current academic status, students will fit into 3 status categories: Honors, On Track, and Probation. Parents you should receive your letter this week.

**Winter Dress Code/CMA Building Temperature:**

Parents with the cold weather upon us it is very important that students are in attendance every day and dressed appropriately for the building temperature, which averages 71 degrees. Please encourage your student to wear uniform approved layers and long sleeve shirt. Bomber jackets are strictly prohibited.

