

COMMUNICATION & MEDIA ARTS HIGH SCHOOL
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PARENT NEWSLETTER



Happy New Year!!

Welcome back students. I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Chronic Absenteeism Notification:

Will be sent to students considered at risk, absent 1-1.7 days and students who have a chronic absenteeism concern. CMA will send out Quarterly attendance reports to parents indicating their child's attendance status. Students who are chronically absent will receive Tier 3 Intervention and be assigned a school mentor. This attendance intervention plan will begin this month. Parents can expect notification throughout the semester. Total number of students that are chronically absent must receive Tier 3 Intervention at CMA. 115 students are over 30% of our total student population. Our current attendance goal is less than 10% of our student population. Our students will fall within any chronic absenteeism range.

Who Is Chronically Absent:

Any student that has missed 1-1.7 days a month for a total of 18 days out of 178.

CMA's Daily Attendance Goals:

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. Our daily attendance goal is 94%. 90% attendance is considered chronic absenteeism.

Winter Enrichment Packets:

Due to the low attendance on Friday, December 22, 2017, many teachers are allowing students to complete the Winter Enrichment work for extra credit. Please access through district's website <http://detroitk12.org/content/winter-enrichment-packets/>.

College Board and Khan Academy(Revised):

All students Grades 9th – 11th now have access to their college board accounts as of December 4, 2017. Students will receive PSAT score reports, personalized or PSAT/SAT test prep, and 20 hours of personal designed test prep on Khan Academy through College Board. Khan Academy can yield a 115-point increase. Students will receive grades based on Khan usage.

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.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday:

On Monday, January 15, 2018 school closed in Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Final Exams:

Thursday, January 25, 2018, hrs. 1-3 and Friday, January 26, 2018, hrs. 4-6. Dismissal time will be announced at a later date.

Grade Level GPA:

Currently our GPAs are not where we need them to be. We are encouraging teachers to explain the importance of GPAs. The average desired GPA for CMA is 2.6 or higher. Principal Club members grade level totals: 12th - 24, 11th - 12, 10th - 18, and 9th - 17.

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Credit Recovery Grades Update:

All students that successfully completed Extended Day School/Credit Recovery can expect your final grades to be included on your Semester 1 Report Card.

Fall/Winter Dress Code:

Parents and students please be mindful of your student's uniform with the change of the weather and temperature. All tops, *including* layers must be solid black, white, or purple this includes sweaters. All uniform bottoms must be solid black uniform bottoms. **REMINDER:** No outer jackets or hoodies allowed.

Technology Support:

Students that do not have computers are able to sign out a netbook. These netbooks will allow Word Processing features and access to parent paid internet services outside of school. Please see Mrs. Cox to get your netbook.

School Policies: REMINDER:

Food items: Students may not bring food into the building that is not commercially packed. This means food must be in its original package.

Reasonable serving size: Students cannot bring in food for groups, individual servings for example 4 slices of pizza is considered a reasonable individual serving.

Parent Meeting Schedule (Revised):

Beginning Tuesday, January 9, 2018, CMA monthly parent meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. only. The evening meeting for the winter has been cancelled. **TOPIC:** Correlation between attendance and grades.

Athletics:

Boys' Varsity Basketball: Tuesday, January 9, 2018 CMA vs. Cody at CMA at 4:00 p.m., and Friday, January 12, 2018 CMA vs. Mumford at Mumford at 4:00 p.m.

Girls' Varsity Basketball, Monday, January 8, 2018 CMA vs. DIA at DIA at 4:00 p.m. and Thursday, January 11, 2018 CMA vs. Westside at Westside at 4:00 p.m.