

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

**College Board and Khan Academy:**

On December 4, 2017, all students Grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> will have access to their college board accounts. Students will receive PSAT score reports, personalize or PSAT/SAT test prep, and 20 hours of personal designed test prep on Khan Academy through College Board. Which can yield a 115 point increase.

**M-Step Monday:**

Beginning Monday, December 4, 2017, CMA will launch M-Step Monday. This is a cross content and grade level strategy to strengthen common core connection and M-Step mastery.

**Chronic Absenteeism Notification:**

Students that are absent 1-1.7 days are considered at risk, students who have a chronic absenteeism concern. CMA will be sending 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 prior to Christmas Break.

**11<sup>th</sup> Grader SAT Data Session:**

Principal Odom will be conducting data sessions with Mr. Stokes and his 11<sup>th</sup> Graders. Students will experience a detailed data dive on their PSAT 10, PSAT 11, and SAT practice scores.

**Senior Dues:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Installment of senior dues is Thursday, December 14, 2017. Payments will be taken during students lunch hour on Thursdays only.

**Staff Email Address:**

Communication with teachers and support staff. All staff email addresses are their first name. last name@detroitk12.org. Parents please copy Principal Odom on all emails, [donya.odom@detroitk12.org](mailto:donya.odom@detroitk12.org).

**Classroom Observations by Parents:**

Parents seeking classroom/teacher observations must submit a request to teacher and principal via email or phone call. Observation will be set up prior to visit. We need a one-day advance notice. Thank you.

**PTA Parent Meeting:**

Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. parents, guardians, and community stakeholders are invited to attend this month's meeting.

**Relaxed Dress Two Day Pass**

Thursday, December 21, 2017 and Friday, December 22, 2017. Relaxed Dress two day pass for \$3.00. Students will be able to participate in the Christmas Jubilee with this ticket. Each day is \$2.00 if purchased separately.

**Christmas Jubilee Activities:**

On Friday, December 22, 2017, students can participate in CMA's Annual Christmas Jubilee. The festive activities will include: Holiday Sing Along, Don't Forget the Lyrics, Christmas Ugliest Sweater/Tee-shirt contest and Christmas Rap Battle. Christmas Jubilee winners will receive prizes. The cost of each ticket is \$2.00, this includes relaxed dress and refreshments.

**Fire Drill Dismissal:**

Wednesday, December 20, 2017. Students will have an early fire drill dismissal. Students will be released from school at 1:45 p.m.

**Christmas Holiday Break:**

School closed on December 25, 2017 through January 5, 2018. School reopens on Monday, January 8, 2018  
(Over)

**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.

**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.

**Academic Progress REVISED:**

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.

**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.

**District's Mission & Vision Blueprint 2020:**

District's Mission & Vision located on the District's website @ [www.detroitk12.org](http://www.detroitk12.org).

**CMA Christmas Shirt Extravaganza**

**It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!**

**Do you have any Christmas shirts that you would like to style? Well here is your chance to show us your Christmas spirit shirt!**

**Beginning this Friday and every Friday for the month of December CMA students can wear their Christmas shirts with the possible chance of winning a small prize! Below are themes set for each Friday if you are interested in entering the contest. Seniors will vote on winners and those individuals will be announced. Remember in order to enter the contest you must be in the theme for that particular Friday. The BIG PRIZE WINNER will be announced at the Christmas Jubilee, on Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Themes**

**Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>-Ugly Sweater**

**Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>-Most Festive Shirt**

**ALL STUDENTS MUST BE IN UNIFORM PANTS**

**Cost is \$2.00 per Friday.**

**Counselors's Section:**

**December 5, 2017 – FAFSA Workshop for parents and students at 5:30 p.m. for 12<sup>th</sup> grade students only in the Computer Lab rm. 207.**