

Civic Memorial High School

Home of the Eagles!

Important Dates

January 2018

- January 3 - First day of 2nd Semester
- January 5 - Registration deadline for 2/10/18 ACT
- January 8 - Savannah College of Art & Design Visit
- January 11 - Parent Info Night: Course Registration
- January 15 - NO SCHOOL (MLK, Jr. Day)
- January 27 - King of Charm

February 2018

- February 2 - Health Careers Blood Drive
- February 8 - MVC Band & Choir Festival
- February 9 - Registration deadline for 3/10/18 SAT
- February 10 - ACT (Not at CMHS)
- February 15 - EARLY DISMISSAL
 - ASVAB Test
 - Parent Teacher Conferences 4pm-8pm
- February 16 - NO SCHOOL (Teacher Institute)
- February 19 - NO SCHOOL (President's Day)
- February 21 - Air National Guard Visit
- February 24 - TWIRP Dance

March 2018

- March 1 - CMHS Band Winter Showcase
- March 8 - BCUSD Community Night
- March 9 - End of 3rd Quarter
 - EARLY DISMISSAL (School Improvement)

Principal's Note

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe that half of the 2017-2018 school year is in the books! The CMHS faculty & staff are committed to providing your child with the best academic experience possible. We believe that all students have potential for growth, and learn best when they are invested in their futures. Educational success requires a partnership between school and home; and one key component of that partnership is communication. We value your input as we strive to provide your child with a quality education. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mr. Aaron B. Kilpatrick, Principal
akilpatrick@bethalto.org

Snow Schedule

Although I am hoping we won't need it, our snow schedule is listed below. In the event that we miss a day of school, due to weather, this schedule will tell you the schedule, and dismissal time, for the day we return.

If the snow day falls on a:

Monday - Tuesday will be a traditional day (2:44pm dismissal)

Tuesday - Wednesday will be a block 1 day (1:52pm dismissal)

Wednesday - Thursday will be a traditional day (2:44pm dismissal)

Thursday - Friday will be a block 2 day (1:52pm dismissal)

*****Our schedule will always be available on the CMHS webpage*****

Be sure that your *phone numbers are up-to-date in PowerSchool* in the event that we have to use SchoolReach to cancel school.

As cold weather approaches we encourage your student to bring a coat, a hat, and a pair of gloves each day to school. It is important that students are properly prepared in case we have to exit the building because of an emergency. Also, we recommend that students keep a sweatshirt or a light jacket in their locker in case they become cold at school.

Attendance

Our attendance goal, at CMHS, is **95% attendance as a school**. We understand as educators, and parents, that students can become ill, and missing school is sometimes necessary. Please encourage your student to attend morning tutoring Monday - Friday if they are absent from school, so they have an opportunity to turn in missing work and regain instructional time. When students are well, they should remain in school, and we graciously ask for your support in making appointments or managing personal business matters after the school day. We appreciate your support of our goal to maintain 95% attendance.

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Parent Info Night - Registration

On January 11, 2018, at 6:00pm, the CMHS school counselors will host an information night on the course registration process for the 2018-2019 school year. This meeting is intended for the parents/guardians of CMHS students who are currently in grades 9-11. Course selection is a very important, and sometimes daunting, task for students. It is our goal to present information, in this session, that will provide parents/guardians with the necessary tools to help their children navigate this vital task. We strive to place students in the courses that will best meet their interests and needs. Hope to see you there!

FAFSA Information

Seniors, who plan to attend college in the 2018-2019 school year, who have not completed their financial aid applications, are still encouraged to do so. Please visit the School Counseling Department webpage and look under the Financial Aid tab. This tab includes all of the information you will need to gather, as well as provides direct links to the FSA ID page and the FAFSA application. This is the only way to be considered for grants and loans during college!

[Direct Link to Financial Aid Tab](#)

2018-2019 Course Registration Information

Course registration will be conducted, by class, beginning with current juniors, and ending with current eighth grade students. The counseling department presents course registration information during English classes. These presentations will take place on Fridays, and the completed registration forms are due on the following block schedule days (forms are collected in English classes). Each presentation will also be available, on the School Counseling Department webpage, for parents to view. Parents are highly encouraged to view the presentation that is given to their child. Students will be instructed to copy the Course Description Guide to their laptop computers, and parents may access the guide on the counseling webpage.

Timeline (subject to change if there are snow days)

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| January 11 | Parent Info Night - 6:00pm |
| January 12 | Junior Presentations |
| January 17 & 18 | Junior Registration Forms Due |
| January 19 | Sophomore Presentations |
| January 24 & 25 | Sophomore Registration Forms Due |
| January 26 | Freshman Presentations |
| Jan. 30 & Feb. 1 | Freshman Registration Forms Due |
| February 1 | 8th Grade Parent Info Night - 6:30pm |
| February 2 | 8th Grade Student Presentation at TMS |
| February 7 & 8 | 8th Grade Registration Forms Due |

April 1: Deadline for student/parent initiated schedule changes. Schedule change forms are available in the Counseling Office or on the counseling webpage. All schedule change forms must be returned by April 1, 2018.

[Counseling Handbook Page](#)

Thanks, in advance, for guiding your child through this process. No one knows your child better than you!

Semester Exam Exemption Policy

Students may earn an exemption from Semester 2 final exams* by meeting the following criteria:

No more than 5 total absences (0 unexcused) for semester 2

- No more than 3 tardies to school for semester 2 (1st hour on M,T,W,F, 3rd hour on TR)
- 0 discipline referrals for semester 2
- C average, or better, for semester 2

* Exemption policy only applies to year-long classes. Exams for semester-long classes must be taken by all students.

Short Term Option Program (STOP)

Beginning in Semester 2, students who are issued multiple day out-of-school suspensions (OSS), will attend the STOP Program, located within the CEO building in Troy, IL, during their suspension. Students will first report to CMHS, then be transported to the STOP classroom by bus. Teachers will send work for students to complete for full credit. A reflection period allow students to think about making better choices in the future. For more information click here: [S.T.O.P](#)

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