

# Civic Memorial High School

*Home of the Eagles!*

## New Bell Schedule

Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, the start-time at CMHS will be 8:00am. Dismissal times will be 2:44pm, on traditional days, and 1:52pm on block days. For a detailed view of the new schedule, click here: [2017-2018 Bell Schedule](#)

### Important Dates

#### August 2017

- August 15 - Freshman Orientation - 6pm-8pm
  - Honors Meeting - 5:30pm
  - Parent Meeting - 6:15pm
- August 16 - First Day of School (2:44 dismissal)
- August 17 - Picture Day (2:44 dismissal)
- August 18 - Class Meetings (2:44 dismissal)
- August 26 - SAT (Not at CMHS)
- August 29 - Club Fair (during lunch hours)

#### September 2017

- September 4 - NO SCHOOL (Labor Day)
- September 8 - Deadline for 10/7 SAT
- September 9 - ACT at CMHS
- September 14 - CMHS Open House - 6pm -7pm
- September 18 - Sophomore Class Ring Meeting
- September 21 - Jostens - Class Ring Orders
- September 22 - Deadline for 10/28 ACT
  - EARLY DISMISSAL (SIP Day)
  - ASVAB Test
- September 29 - Health Careers Blood Drive

#### October 2017

- October 2-7 - Homecoming Week
- October 6 - NO SCHOOL (District Institute)
  - Homecoming Parade
- October 7 - SAT (Not at CMHS)
  - Coronation/Homecoming Dance
- October 9 - NO SCHOOL (Columbus Day)
- October 11 - PSAT Test
- October 20 - End of 1st Quarter
  - EARLY DISMISSAL (SIP Day)
- October 23 - Jostens: Graduation Supply Meeting
- October 24 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
  - FAFSA Completion Night
- October 26 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
  - FAFSA Completion Night
- October 27 - Jostens: Graduation Supply Orders
- October 28 - ACT at CMHS

### Principal's Note

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The faculty and staff at CMHS are excited to get the 2017-2018 school year started! We are aware that this time of year can be a source of stress and anxiety (especially for you parents of Freshmen and Seniors!), so please know that we are here to assist you in any way we can. We believe a strong relationship between school and family is important to a student's academic success; and appreciate your support in encouraging your student to excel in academics and extracurricular activities. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions and/or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mr. Aaron B. Kilpatrick, Principal  
[akilpatrick@bethalto.org](mailto:akilpatrick@bethalto.org)

### Stay Connected!

There are multiple ways for families to stay connected with CMHS for important dates and information. Parents can sign up for e-mail and text notifications, as well as follow CMHS on Facebook and Twitter. Links can be found on the CMHS webpage. Please notify the main office if you phone number changes, so that we can provide you with the most current information.

[CMHS Webpage](#)  
[Parent Express Email](#)  
[Remind - CM Parents](#)

[CMHS Facebook Page](#)  
[CMHS Twitter](#)

### CMHS Athletics

The Fall athletic season for the 2017-2018 school year will be starting soon. Students planning to participate must have a current physical and insurance waiver on file. These forms can be found on the [CM Athletics webpage](#). All students are welcome to tryout.

#### Upcoming Fall Sports:

Cross Country	Girls Tennis	Boys Soccer
Football	Volleyball	

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### **School Supplies**

During the first week of school, teachers will let your child know what supplies/materials are necessary for each class. A good starting point, however, is to have binders, paper, pencils, and pens. The school no longer provides personal agenda books, so we recommend that students purchase one to help keep track of homework, tests, and other important information.

### **Club Fair**

CMHS will host a Club Fair, during both lunch periods, on Tuesday, August 29. This is a great opportunity for students to learn about the various clubs, organizations, and activities offered at CMHS. We strongly encourage students to get involved!

### **Immunization Information**

All students entering the 12th grade will be required to show proof of recent meningococcal conjugate vaccination (MVC).

All 12th grade students must show proof of having received two doses, UNLESS the first dose was administered after age 16. In this case, only one dose, after age 16, is required.

If your child has never received the meningitis vaccine, he or she must get one before September, 18, 2017, or be excluded from school.

### **CMHS Open House**

CMHS Open House will take place on Thursday, September 14, from 6pm-7pm. During this event, families will have an opportunity to tour the building and meet our teachers. Student schedules **will not** be provided, so make sure to have a copy.

### **PowerSchool**

Please contact the main office if you need assistance with accessing your child's grades in PowerSchool.

### **Express Sign Out**

If your child needs to leave school early, please send them with a note, stating what time they need to leave. Students should take the note to the main office before school. A secretary will call the student out of class, so that they are waiting in the office when you arrive. Please remember that a valid driver's license is required when signing your child out of school early.

### **ASVAB**

The ASVAB is a multiple-aptitude battery test that measures developed abilities, and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military. Any student, interested in joining the military, should plan to take one of the two ASVAB tests that are given at CMHS. Taking the ASVAB does not obligate one for military service. We encourage all students to take the ASVAB!

### **Attendance Information**

If it is necessary for your child to miss all, or part, of a school day, please keep the following information in mind. For the purpose of determining daily attendance, which is the basis of a large part of school funding, the state guidelines are as follows:

- A student may be considered present for a full day if he/she misses 51, or, fewer minutes of the school day.
- If a student misses 52-149 minutes of the school day, he/she is considered to be absent for half of the day. Missing more than 149 minutes is considered a full day of absence.
- Personal illness, serious family illness, or other circumstances that make attendance or punctuality difficult, will be the only legitimate excuses for absence or tardiness. Oversleeping, car trouble, etc., are considered unexcused.
- If a parent calls on the day of the absence, it is not necessary for the student to bring a written excuse. If a parent does not call on the day of the absence, a note, from the parent, detailing the reason for the absence is required for the absence to be excused. This note should be presented when the student returns to school. An absences that has not been excused for five days, after a student returns, will remain classified as unexcused.
- If a student feels ill, during the school day, he/she should first see the nurse, who will then notify the parents. Students should not use their cell phones to contact parents about feeling ill. Any student, who leaves school during the school day, must sign out in the main office. Leaving without permission will constitute truancy, and likely result in disciplinary consequences.
- Once a student has missed five days of school, in a given semester, all future absences will require a written physician's note to be classified as excused.
- Missing more than 12 days, per semester, may result in credits being withheld. Any student who misses more than 12 days can reclaim a day of attendance by attending two sessions of Friday Night School.

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