

# Civic Memorial High School

*Home of the Eagles!*

## Important Dates

### October 2018

- Oct. 17 School Picture Retakes
- Oct. 18 Spanish Club Chili Supper – 4:00–7:30 Commons
- Oct. 19 Jostens meets w/ Sophomores about class rings
- Oct. 19 Jostens meets w/ Seniors about grad. supplies
- Oct. 19 School Improvement Day – Early Dismissal
- Oct. 19 End of 1st Quarter
- Oct. 19 ASVAB Test (11:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.)
- Oct. 22 C.M. & Trimpe Choir Concert 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 23 Parent/Teacher Conferences from 4:00 – 8:00
- Oct. 23 FAFSA Completion (5:30–6:30 and 6:30–7:30)
- Oct. 25 Jostens taking Sophomore class ring orders & Senior graduation supply orders during lunch & 3:30 – 6:00
- Oct. 25 Parent/Teacher Conferences from 4:00 – 8:00
- Oct. 25 FAFSA Completion (5:30–6:30 and 6:30–7:30)
- Oct. 27 ACT at C.M. at 8:00 a.m. (doors open at 7:45)

### November 2018

- Nov. 2 Registration Deadline for 12/1/18 SAT
- Nov. 2 Registration Deadline for 12/8/18 ACT
- Nov. 3 SAT (not at C.M.)
- Nov. 3 All-District Jazz Band at Belleville East
- Nov. 3 & 4 Junior Class Deck the Halls Vendor Fair
- Nov. 5 Fall Sports Awards at 6:00 p.m.
- Nov. 9 King of Charm at 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 12 No School – Veteran’s Day Observed
- Nov. 13 Red, White & Blue Day
- Nov. 16 Midterms
- Nov. 16 Sophomore Class Hypnotist Fundraiser
- Nov. 17 Sylvan SAT Test Prep Boot Camp 9:00 – 3:00
- Nov. 17 All-District Band and Choir at Belleville West
- Nov. 20 Cornucopia of Talent Assembly
- Nov. 21–23 No School - Thanksgiving Vacation
- Nov. 24 Sylvan Practice SAT 9:00 – 1:00
- Nov. 30 Drama Club Trivia Night at 7:00 p.m.

### December 2018

- Dec. 1 Sylvan SAT Test Results & Consult 9:00–1:00
- Dec. 1 SAT (not at C.M.)
- Dec. 7 Play “Peter Pan and Wendy” at 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 8 Play “Peter Pan and Wendy” at 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 8 ACT at C.M. at 8:00 (doors open 7:45)
- Dec. 18 C.M. Band & Choir Christmas Program–7:00
- Dec. 18, 19&20 First Semester Final Exams
- Dec. 20 End of First Semester
- Dec. 21–Jan. 2 Christmas Vacation

## Principal’s Note

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are off to a great 2018-2019 school year! Furthermore, we have a great group of students who come to school each and everyday ready to learn. On behalf of our faculty and staff, we want to thank you for making sure that your student is here each day prepared for success. By working together, we will be able to help your student find success and ultimately accomplish their goals.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Justin Newell, Principal

## Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences are coming up soon and everyone is invited to attend. Conferences at C.M.H.S. have been scheduled for **Tuesday, October 23, 2018 and Thursday, October 25, 2018 from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm.** This year, we are asking that you sign up online for parent/teacher conferences so that our staff can be prepared for a meaningful conversation regarding your student’s performance. Maps will be provided to help you find your way around the building. We hope to see you at parent-teacher conferences so that we are able to provide the tools necessary for you to build a strong home and school connection. If you have any questions about conferences, please call the main office. You can register by visiting the Civic Memorial High School website or by clicking the link: <https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/GOEAGLES>

## C.M.H.S. Athletics

The Winter season for athletics is getting ready to begin for the 2018-19 school year and we look forward to another successful year! Students wishing to participate must be sure they have a **current physical and waiver** on file. You can visit the Civic Memorial High School website to download the forms by clicking on “CM Sports.” All students are welcome to try out. The dates are listed below:

<http://cmsports.bethalto.org>

### Tryout Dates:

- Boys Basketball - November 5th and 6th
- Girls Basketball - October 29 (beginning day for practice)
- Boys Bowling - October 22
- Girls Bowling - November 12
- Wrestling - November 5th

## Attendance - Did You Know?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other potentially serious difficulty.
- By 9th grade, regular and high attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Students can be chronically absent even if they only miss a day or two every few weeks.
- Attendance is an important life skill that will help your child graduate from college and keep a job. (Attendance Works)



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### School Play - Peter Pan

Spend an evening out with the CMHS Cast and Crew of "Peter Pan and Wendy"! When the carefree and careless Peter Pan flies into the nursery of the Darling home, Wendy follows her instincts for maternity and adventure, bringing her little brothers along to the magical Neverland to take care of the motherless Lost Boys. Soon the Darling children are swept into Peter's deadly battle with Captain Hook and his mostly-fearsome pirate crew. With so much excitement, why ever go home again...? The show will run on Friday, December 7th and Saturday, December 8th at 7:00 pm

### FAFSA Completion Nights - Financial Aid

On Tuesday, October 23 and Thursday, October 25, CM, along with Ms. Grace Rathjen from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC), will host Financial Aid Completion sessions. This is a great opportunity for our seniors to work with their parents in our computer lab to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)! FAFSA opens up both federal and state grant and loan opportunities for our students interested in attending college. Prior to attending, both the student and one parent should apply for their FSA ID's. This will allow for an electronic signature to complete the process. For more information, and for a list of items necessary for completion, visit the School Counseling Department webpage <http://cmhs-guidance.weebly.com/financial-aid.html>.

### College Entrance Exams

At this time of year, there is always some confusion about the necessary exams required to be accepted into college. For most every college in the nation, both the ACT and the SAT will suffice! Because the format of the exams are quite different, some students like to try their hand at both. While this is not always necessary, some students do this in order to achieve their personal best score for both college admission and scholarship purposes.

Because the state of Illinois has contracted with SAT to provide our state assessment, all juniors are given a free SAT in April during the school day. This year, that SAT will be given on April 9, 2019. Because this exam is a state requirement to receive a diploma in IL, we take care of registering our juniors for this school day exam. We also provide some practice exams during school time but students are always encouraged to complete more preparation on their own time as well.

As mentioned earlier, some students will choose to take the ACT as well. While this is optional, some students feel that they perform better on this particular test. Some students, as a retake option, will choose to stick with what they are familiar with and take an additional SAT on their own. In both cases, this is to obtain the highest score possible for both college admissions and scholarship purposes. These additional exams are held on "national exam dates" on various Saturdays throughout the year. Students wishing to take extra entrance exams must apply online to do so. Unless the student receives free/reduced lunch, the cost of these "extra" exams is at the student's expense. For more information and prep materials for both the SAT and ACT, please visit the School Counseling webpage at one of the following links. <http://cmhs-guidance.weebly.com/act.html> or <http://cmhs-guidance.weebly.com/sat.html>

### CMHS SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOALS

Listed below are our 3 school wide goals for 18-19 school year. Your help would greatly appreciated in helping to meet goals 1 and 2.

**Goal 1.** 87% of our students are at school at least 90% of the time for the 2018-19 school year.

**Goal 2.** Achieve a 1000 school wide average on the SAT assessment for the 2018-19 school year.

**Goal 3.** We would like to have a common curriculum map that is stored in Google Drive using a consistent format. By the end of the 2018-19 school year, we would like 50% of our courses mapped out for the 2019-2020 school year.

### Semester Exam Information

This year's semester exams are scheduled for December 18, 19, and 20, 2018. Semester exams are worth 20% of a student's semester grade with 40% of the grade coming from Quarter 1 and the other 40% coming from Quarter 2.

#### Tuesday, December 18, 2018

Students Report to 1st Hour

8:00 - 8:30 Study Hall

8:30 - 9:30 1st Hour

9:30 - 9:35 Passing Period

9:35 - 10:35 2nd Hour

#### Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Students Report to 3rd Hour

8:00 - 8:30 Study Hall

8:30 - 9:30 3rd Hour

9:30 - 9:35 Passing Period

9:35 - 10:35 4th Hour

10:35 - 10:40 Passing Period

10:40 - 11:40 5th Hour

#### Thursday, December 20, 2018

Students Report to 6th Hour

8:00 - 8:30 Study Hall

8:30 - 9:30 6th Hour

9:30 - 9:35 Passing Period

9:35 - 10:35 7th Hour (busses will not pick up until 11:00 am on 12/20)

**\*\*\*Students who miss final exams will need a doctor's note.\*\*\***

### Steps For Applying To College

The beginning of the senior year is the time to apply to 4-year colleges and universities. Even though many universities have application deadlines later than this, most still recommend applying prior to November in order to get connected for campus opportunities and university scholarship programs. With college application fees on the rise, we recommend the college search process start much earlier than senior year. Campus visits should really begin in the junior year, with students attending weekend "preview days," scheduling campus visits during spring break and on other days when the high school is not in session and during the summer. This should help students narrow down their college lists, which will in turn save time, money and frustration during the application process.

Online access to college applications has simplified the application procedure. Students are encouraged to visit the websites of their intended universities to review university specific deadlines and policies. Students who receive free/reduced lunch are reminded not to pay application fees at the time of submitting their applications. These students should see their School Counselor for a fee waiver form. The high school transcript is a required component for most colleges (unless the university is using self-report). Upon submitting their college applications, students should request their transcripts be sent through Parchment or by emailing Mrs. Diveley at [tdiveley@bethalto.org](mailto:tdiveley@bethalto.org). For online access to Parchment visit the transcript page on the School Counseling Department's webpage <http://cmhs-guidance.weebly.com/transcripts.html> Applying to college does not have to be stressful...advanced planning can really make a difference!

**YOUR ATTITUDE  
DETERMINES YOUR  
DIRECTION**

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