

Civic Memorial High School

Home of the Eagles!

October 2020

- October 23 - End of Quarter I
- October 23 - Remote Planning Day
- October 23 - Senior Sunset
- October 24 - ACT at CMHS
- October 26 - Jostens taking Class Ring & Graduation Supply Orders 1:00 - 2:30
- October 27 - P/T Conferences at CMHS
- October 27 - Virtual FAFSA Completion Night
- October 27 - B Day SAT Testing at CMHS
- October 29 - Jostens taking Class Ring & Graduation Supply Orders 1:00 - 2:00 & 3:00 - 4:30
- October 29 - P/T Conferences at CMHS
- October 29 - Virtual FAFSA Completion Night
- October 30 - Rotary Trunk or Treat at CMHS
- October 30 - No School

November 2020

- November 2 - First Day of Modified Hybrid Block
- November 3 - Election Day - No School
- November 5 - Picture Retake Day
- November 7 - ILMEA Band and Choir Festival
- November 10 - Red, White, and Blue Day
- November 11 - Veterans Day - No School
- November 20 - Midterms
- November 25-27 - No School -Thanksgiving Break

December 2020

- December 12 - ACT at CMHS
- December 14 - CMHS Band and Choir Concert
- December 16, 17, and 18 - Final Submission Days
- December 19 - January 3 - Holiday Break

January 2021

- January 4 - First Day of Second Semester

Principal's Note

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for all your support during the 1st quarter. We have faced many challenges and obstacles but are very proud of our students, parents, and faculty working together to make the impossible, possible. Please know that we are committed to continual improvement as we navigate this new and uncharted territory. Eagles are stronger together!

Sincerely, Mr. Justin Newell, Principal

Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher conferences are approaching on Tuesday, October 27, and Thursday, October 29 from 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM each night. These conferences are an opportunity to connect with your student's teachers. By meeting and discussing your student's strengths and challenges we ensure that we continue to work as a team in order to help your student reach his/her greatest potential. This year, we will be using PTC Fast to sign up for conferences. PTC Fast allows you to quickly arrange meetings with multiple teachers. Once you have completed the registration, each of your student's teachers will email you a link for a Google Meets so that you can connect virtually.

[For More Conference Sign Up Information "Click Here"](#)

C.M.H.S. Athletics

The Winter season for athletics is getting ready to begin for the 2020-21 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:

[Athletic Handbook "Click Here"](#) [Athletic Paperwork "Click Here"](#)

Tryout Dates:

Boys Basketball -	Monday, November 16th
Girls Basketball -	Monday, November 16th
Boys Bowling -	Monday, November 16th
Girls Bowling -	Monday, November 16th
Wrestling -	Monday, November 16th
Cheer/Dance -	Monday, November 16th

Semester Exam Information

With the increase in absences due to precautionary COVID-19 measures, we must reserve the last days of the semester for students to complete end-of-the-semester work. As a result, all students will receive a **Fall exemption from semester exams**. Instead of exams, we will reserve December 16-18 as a time when students can complete final submissions before the end of the semester, including outstanding assignments, projects, or tests as determined by the classroom teacher. Students with no outstanding assignments for the semester who are passing all of their classes will have the option of NOT attending on those days.

School Play - Christmas Shorts

The CMHS Drama Club is excited to bring "Christmas Shorts" to the virtual stage this year as our 2020 Winter Production! Set in the North Pole, you will journey through several Scenes of holiday shenanigans. You'll see Thespians young and old, as we have been very creative in allowing students this opportunity while also keeping with current restrictions. Our production will stream on the CMHS Facebook page and be uploaded to YouTube, on Friday, December 11th, and will remain available through New Year's Day. Make sure you watch for some guest appearances! We hope "Christmas Shorts" brings some much-needed humor during this holiday season! As always, thank you to those who continue to support our program!

CLASS OF 2021 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY: MAY 22, 2021 AT 7:00 PM

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. College exploration should really begin in the junior year, with students taking virtual tours of campuses. If COVID-19 restrictions lift in the spring, juniors should consider attending weekend preview days designed for juniors. Consideration should also be given to scheduling campus visits during spring break and on other days when the high school is not in session. Summer is also an ideal time to visit campuses. This should help students narrow down their college lists, which will in turn save time, money and frustration during the senior year 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. 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!

College Entrance Exams

COVID-19 has turned the business of college entrance exams upside down. Due to the pandemic, SAT and ACT testing, once a non-negotiable component of college admissions, has taken a backseat to a more holistic approach. As a result, most colleges and universities are taking a "test-optional" stance for the class of 2021. This does not mean that the testing decision has become any easier; in some ways, this has added to student confusion. The general rule of thumb is, if your current test score is within the typical acceptable range for last year's college cohort for your specific college, you should send your score. If your current score is below what was accepted last year, do not. Here is a short article defending this stance: <https://www.statesman.com/opinion/20200907/when--and-when-not--to-submit-test-scores-in-applying-to-college>

FAFSA Information

The completion of FAFSA is now a diploma requirement in the State of Illinois. Each senior must either complete his/her FAFSA or complete an "opt out sheet". Completing the FAFSA is the only way to be considered for state and federal grants, college work study, and federally subsidized loans. If you begin your FAFSA and have questions, we are hosting two virtual events in order to help you get those questions answered in real time. To schedule a virtual appointment with our ISAC rep on either October 27th or 29th, please use this link: https://calendly.com/zelasko_h-o/fafsa-completion-night Seniors were sent a detailed email about the FAFSA on October 8th.

2nd Semester - Senior Drop Process

Beginning Tuesday, December 1st, Seniors can drop unwanted classes from their 2nd-semester schedule. Those students wanting to drop a class will need to pick up the School Counseling Office's drop paperwork. A parent signature is required to drop courses. The handout will detail information on what classes a student can drop. All paperwork must be returned to the School Counseling Office by the **end of the workday (2:40 PM) on Tuesday, December 15th**. Students will be unable to drop classes after the deadline has passed. For more information relating to the drop process, students will need to speak to their school counselor.

Civic Memorial High School Bell Schedule Monday-Friday CMHS Return to Learn Block Schedule

Overview: Beginning November 2, 2020, students will follow a modified hybrid block schedule. The first period will occur Monday-Friday with the remaining classes alternating every other day.

Purple Day Classes: First, Second, Fourth, and Sixth Periods

Gold Day Classes: First, Third, Fifth, and Seventh Periods

Class Period (Mon-Thurs)	Class Times (Mon-Thurs)	Minutes (Mon-Thurs)	Class Period (Friday)	Class Times (Friday)	Minutes (Friday)
Arrival Time	7:10 AM - 7:30 AM	20 Minutes	Arrival Time	7:10 AM - 7:30 AM	20 Minutes
Morning Advisory	7:30 AM - 7:37 AM	7 Minutes	Morning Advisory	7:30 AM - 7:37 AM	7 Minutes
First / First	7:37 AM - 8:22 AM	45 Minutes	First / First	7:37 AM - 8:07 AM	30 Minutes
Second / Third	8:26 AM - 9:38 AM	72 Minutes	Second / Third	8:11 AM - 9:08 AM	57 Minutes
Fourth / Fifth	9:42 AM - 10:54 AM	72 Minutes	Fourth / Fifth	9:12 AM - 10:09 AM	57 Minutes
Sixth / Seventh	10:58 AM - 12:10 PM	72 Minutes	Sixth / Seventh	10:13 AM - 11:10 AM	57 Minutes
Student Tutoring	12:10 PM - 1:00 PM	50 Minutes	Grab and Go Lunch	11:10 AM - 11:40 AM	30 Minutes
Grab and Go Lunch	12:10 PM - 1:00 PM	50 Minutes	Every Friday will be an 11:10 AM early dismissal for students. Grab and Go Lunches (Cold Lunch) will be available for students on the early dismissal day. Students who need extra support should eat lunch in the HS Commons and attend tutoring with the classroom assistants from 11:50 AM-2:30 PM.		

Student dismissal is at 12:10 PM. Those students needing to stay for tutoring may meet with the appropriate teacher for tutoring. A 1:00 PM late bus will be available for students who need to remain at school for tutoring

Example Weeks:

- Nov. 2 (Purple Day) - Nov. 3 (No School - Election Day) - Nov. 4 (Gold Day) - Nov. 5 (Purple Day) - Nov. 6 (Gold Day)
- Nov. 9 (Purple Day) - Nov. 10 (Gold Day) - Nov. 11 (No School - Veterans Day) - Nov.12 (Purple Day) - Nov. 13 (Gold Day)
- School days continue to alter between purple and gold days.