

COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA ARTS HIGH SCHOOL

“Where Our Major Focus, Goal, Mission and Vision is: Increase Student Learning and Academic Achievement”

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PARENT NEWSLETTER



Quote: If everyone is moving forward together then success takes care of itself. ~Henry Ford

CMA's Accreditation:

CMA received their accreditation on Tuesday, December 6, 2011. CMA would like to extend a Special Thanks to parents Mr. & Mrs. Sanders, Ms. Dunson, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Hansford, Ms. James-Williams, Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton and all the staff and students.

Welcome New Security Officer:

CMA has a new member of our staff Officer Abbott.

Benchmark Assessment:

This week Tuesday and Wednesday, December 13 – 14, 2011 through the English and Math classes.

Star Reading/Star Math Diagnostic:

Monday, December 12, 2011 and Thursday, December 15, 2011 students will be taking Star Reading/Star Math in their English and Math class to gauge student's academic growth from the beginning of the school year.

Progress Reports:

Any students that did not receive their Progress Report during Parent Teacher Conference will receive their Progress Report during 6th hr. class on Tuesday, December 13, 2011.

Final Exams:

This year students will take their finals in two parts. This is to ensure that all students are given every opportunity to do well in all of their classes. Part I of the Final Exam will be given December 20, 2011 Hrs. 1-3 and Part II of Final Exam on December 21, 2011 Hrs. 4-6.

MME/ACT Prep:

Many 11th Graders are not attending MME/ACT Prep. Parents please remind your student that there is a grade and attendance attached to their participation.

Student Drop Off and Pick up on St. Marys:

Parents please be aware of student safety when dropping off and picking up your student on the St. Marys side of the building. In the a.m. students have reported parents driving over the side way around traffic to drop their student off at the door. This kind of behavior puts our students and yourselves at risk of being harmed. I have requested a traffic car to assist us with ticketing those parents that are reckless in their driving practices. Thank you for your support as we work together to keep students safe.

Cell Phones:

Students are violating the cell phone policy. Cell phones are not to be seen or heard in the building at anytime. Students are taking their phones out on their way out the door; this is a violation of the cell phone policy. Students must wait until they are completely out of the building before using phones.

Book Check Follow Up:

Any student that has not been cleared for this semester book check will not receive their report card in February for First Semester until Book/Flash Drive are present or fees paid.

Christmas Jubilee:

On Friday, December 16, 2011 there will be a ½ Day of School. School will be dismissed at 10:30 a.m. for A Christmas Jubilee Event. Students that would like to participate must purchase a ticket. The cost is \$3.00 which includes Christmas Free Dress Day. _

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Upcoming Important Date(s)

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| December 16, 2011 | - | Christmas Jubilee – ½ Day School Dismissed at 10:30 |
| December 20, 2011 | - | Part I Final Exams. Hrs. 1-3. |
| December 21, 2011 | - | Part II Final Exams. Hrs. 4-6. |
| December 23, 2011 | - | Last Day of School for Christmas Break. |
| January 9, 2011 | - | Schools Reopen. |

Counselor Section:

Every Tuesday and Thursday during after school tutoring, Ms. Harris will meet with Juniors in the MAC lab for College Readiness activities from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, December 13, 2011 @ 6:00 p.m. – Parent/Student Financial Aid Night at CMA in the lunchroom. This workshop will be conducted by experts from the University of Michigan financial aid office.

Wednesday, December 14, 2011 8:30 – 2:30 p.m. – The top 40 Seniors with a GPA of 2.8 and higher will take a free bus trip to Wayne State University to tour the campus and learn of scholarship opportunities.

New Scholarship Opportunities

Harvard University is offering free tuition to families of HONOR STUDENTS if their income is less than \$125,000 per year. Visit www.fao.fas.harvard.edu.

Black male teachers needed! Do you know any Black Males who are seniors in high school who want to go to college out of state for FREE? The MISTER program is offered by 4 historically black colleges in South Carolina: Benedict College, Chaflin University, Morris College and South Carolina State University – visit www.callmemister.clemson.edu/index.html or call 1-800-640-2657.

Syracuse Univ. School of Architecture is seeking young women and men of color interested in pursuing a 5yr professional degree in Architecture. www.soa.syr.edu/index.php.

Eastern Michigan University Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship – \$1250. To apply visit emich.edu/alumni – click “Scholarships”, a current resume and 500 word essay are required, must be either a child or grandchild of an EMU alumni. Deadline is Friday, March 2, 2012.

MORSE Code College Scholarship Contest – up to \$25, 000 in College Scholarships! Multi-media contest. Entries are available online at www.morsecodecontest.com. Entries must be submitted/postmarked by January 31, 2012. Winners will be announced on April 2, 2012.

2012 Southern Historically Black College Tour sponsored by Metro Youth YMCA. College Tour Cost is \$600. Payment plans are available, contact 313-223-2841 for more info. Sun, April 8 – Sat. April 14, 2012. Visit black colleges in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee. Sign up now to visit several HBCU’s & recognized universities.

