

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: *Growth means change and change involves risk, stepping from the known to the unknown.*
~George Shinn

Count Day:

On Wednesday, February 8, 2012, the State of Michigan will have their Second Semester Count for all students attending public schools. ***It is very important that all students are in attendance on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 to insure that CMA maintains all its staff also State and Federal Funding. Please make sure your student is in school on Count Day and everyday.***

Count Day Incentives:

Students that attend every class will receive a Valentine's Day Free Dress ticket and be included in various raffles throughout the day. The giveaways are:

- Tickets to Friday's Valentine Dance
- Tee-Shirt coupons
- Free Dress Ticket
- CMA Vocab Bucks

Valentine's Day Dance:

On Friday, February 10, 2012, CMA will be hosting our 1st Valentine's Day Dance in the decorated Gym with Special Guest D.J. Good Boi. Ticket cost is \$6.00, no door sales. No outside guests with the exception of former CMA students with valid I.D. The dance starts at 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. ***Parents please pick up your child on time.***

Bus Cards:

Second Semester Bus Cards will be distributed during lunch periods.

Lunch Surveys:

We are still collecting lunch surveys. It is very important that all students submit their lunch surveys to Mrs. Cox.

Report Cards:

Any student that did not receive their Report Card may pick them up after school in the Breezeway from Mr. Perkins.

Count Day:

On Wednesday, February 8, 2012 is Second Semester Count Day. We encourage all students to attend school on Count Day and everyday. A variety of incentives will be offered to students on Count Day.

Counselor Section:

Scholarships:

Rosa Parks Scholarship Foundation –\$2000.00 Requirements: Min. 2.5 GPA, financial need, documented community service, 3 letters of recommendation and attach a color photo of yourself to the application. **Applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2012.** Download applications from website: rosaparksscholarshipfoundation.org.

Buick Achievers Scholarships- 100 scholarships each up to \$25,000/yr and 1,000 scholarships each at \$2000. **Application deadline February 29, 2012.** Requirements – must plan to major in engineering, technology, design or business, with an interest in the automotive industry, must also enroll full time at a 4

year college or university in 2012-2013, demonstrate financial need and community service. Applications available at www.buickachievers.com.

Free Grant Money to pay college tuition if you meet the eligibility for the T.I.P. Grant

Call TIP hotline **1-888-447-2687** to check for your eligibility. Be prepared to provide student's social security number. The tuition Incentive Program (TIP) is an incentive program that encourages eligible students to complete high school by providing tuition assistance for the first two years of college and beyond. Eligible students must have (or have had) Medicaid coverage for 24 months within a 36-consecutive-month period as identified by the Michigan Department of Human Services.

Coleman A. Young Foundation Scholars Program (CAYF)- \$20,000 total award paid in increments of up to \$5000 annually. 90% of CAYF Scholarship recipients graduate from college. The CAYF Scholarship application is available online @ www.cayf.org. **Application deadline is Tuesday, March 13, 2012.**

Summer Job Grades 10th – 12th.

Wayne State University Math Corps Summer Camp and High School Bridge Program- six week Mathematics enrichment and mentoring program for DPS students who are current 6th – 11th graders. The program runs from July 9th – August 17th. High school participants grades 10th – 12th serve as paid Teaching Assistants for the younger students. Applications are due Friday, March 2, 2012. For more information contact 313-577-2609 Richard Pineau, Program Coordinator. Print out applications at www.mathcorps.org.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Scholarships – Min. GPA 2.5, applications must be typed. Application is available online at www.detroitdeltas.org. Applications must be postmarked by March 26, 2012. Amount varies from \$1000.00 - \$2000.00.

Robert Ficano Hope Foundation Scholarship – Application must be received no later than March 16, 2012. Questions call JoAnn Abdenour at 313-549-2651. Applications available online at www.robertficanohopefoundation.org or copies can be obtained in the counseling office. Scholarship amount \$500.00. Min GPA 3.0, leadership and community service must be documented.

Athletics:

Boys' Basketball – The Boys' Basketball Team is out of the PSL Playoffs by losing in the 1st round to Osborn 58-51. Don Wilkerson led the Pharaohs with 21 points. CMA will now schedule non league games until the MHSAA District Playoffs at Ferndale. All games, opponents and dates will be announced at a later date.

Girls' Basketball – After winning over Finney in the 1st round of the PSL Playoffs 66-43, the Lady Pharaohs lost to 2nd round opponent Mumford last Thursday. The Lady Pharaohs will also set up non league games until the MHSAA District Playoffs at Livonia Clarenceville. All games and dates will be announced at a later date.

Medical Releases – Written Medical Releases are a state and district requirement before readmittance to any athletic competition (games, practice, travel, etc.). Once an athlete is injured for whatever reason and medical attention is required, that athlete **must have a written medical release** to return to competition (practice or games). Failure to comply with this state and district mandate will result in your suspension from the team. Coaches also not in compliance with this policy will be disciplined accordingly. Athletes policy and procedures are written and followed for your health interest.

Spring Sports – All Spring Sports will start conditioning next week. To participate in a Spring Sport, you must have the following requirements completed **before** any form of athletic participation starts.

- A completed MHSAA Physical Form on file in the Athletic Office.
- Academic clearance from the eligibility chair.
- Transfer students must also clear the transfer waiting period of one semester by the eligibility chair.

Failure to comply with this rule will result in the suspension of the athlete.

Athletic Benefits – All athletes please understand that athletic participation does not give any athlete the right to reschedule detentions, remove suspensions, and/or adjust CMA academic or athletic policies because you participate in a sport. You are a student athlete, not just an athlete. If your core grades (Math,

English, Social Studies and Science) fall below a 2.0, you will not be able to participate. You have been allotted a study hall to seek academic assistance from any teacher.

Suspended students are not to report to athletic games or practices. Suspensions are effective at the end of the academic day at 2:00. There are no exceptions. Detentions are not rescheduled because of your athletic commitments. Academic requirements supersede athletic interests. Those athletes that have falsified information to staff for the purpose of rescheduling or to be excused from an assignment to gain eligibility status will be dealt with on an individual basis (ex: falsifying a parent's death, family emergency, etc.).

