

Monday, September 4, 2023

Good Evening Myers Park High School Families and Happy Labor Day!

REVISED 2023 – 2024 CMS GRADING PLAN:

In the [2023 - 2024 CMS Grading Plan \(page 6\)](#), updates have been made regarding "Final Exam Exemption" for courses that do not have a state-required assessment or EOC assessment (High School only) and students with excessive absences:

- Students who meet the criteria below may be exempt from taking a final exam in a course that does not require participation in a state-required assessment (i.e. CTE) or End of Course Assessment:
 - Students with a grade of an 'A' (90%) or above and no more than 3 absences.
 - Students with a grade of a 'B' (80%) or above with no more than 1 absence.
- Students would have the option to take the final exam to improve their grade rather than the exemption. If a student chooses to take the exam, CMS grading practices are followed, and the exam counts for 20% of the student's final grade.
- For students that have an undue hardship with attendance due to not having transportation established as a new or MCV student or has a documented medical/health condition through an IEP or 504, the principal may exempt the student from participating in a non-EOC/state required final exam if the student has met the academic criteria.
- Students who participate and complete Advanced Placement exams may choose to take the teacher-made final to include in their final grade for the class.

Final Grade for Excessive Absences (High School Only)

- High school students absent from eleven class periods will receive a grade of F for that course. This rule applies to all absences, whether excused or unexcused.
- Schools will use the FF grade instead of F to designate students who fail due to attendance.
- Each school will create an Attendance Recovery plan.
- Students must complete additional practice on Edgenuity or Canvas (non-Edgenuity courses).
- Each school will create an Appeal Process.
- The principal has the final decision regarding Attendance Recovery Appeals.

BELL SCHEDULE & RESOURCES:

On **Tuesday, September 5**, we will begin following our [Regular Bell Schedule](#). During homeroom assemblies this week, grade level administrators shared important procedures with students that we will begin enforcing on **Tuesday, September 5**. We are requesting that families review these procedures prior to school Tuesday.

SCHOOL PROCEDURES:

- [Tardy](#)
- [Attendance](#)
- [Cellular Phones](#)
- [Food Delivery](#)
- [Dress Code](#)

STUDENT INFORMATION FORM:

On **Tuesday, August 15, 2023**, the North Carolina legislature passed the Parents' Bill of Rights. To better serve our families, CMS has created a dedicated [webpage](#) that includes information, forms, & resources that will help parents/guardians access information, request information, report concerns, or submit objections, opt in for- and receive notification about specific things as it relates to their child(ren) who attend our schools.

All parents/guardians are requested to complete the [2023-24 Student Information Form](#) by **Monday, September 11**. The form is for collecting information related to three policies and includes:

1. Name and pronouns for your student
2. Opt-in to reproductive health and safety education programs
3. Opt-in to protected student information surveys

When you click on the link to the form, scroll down and click on the blue arrow to begin to the form.

Please help our school reach 100% completion.

SAVE THE DATE:

The counseling department will host our annual senior assembly. They welcome all seniors and their parents! Seniors with last names A-L should attend on **Tuesday September 12**. Seniors with last names M-Z should attend on **Wednesday September 13**. If you are unable to attend on your designated night, please join us on the alternate day. Counselors will cover the college application process, common application, Naviance, testing, teacher recommendations, college essays, and future events geared towards post-secondary options. There will also be Q & A. The program will run from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM each night in the Auditorium.

Reminder: Updated transcripts/class rank for college applications will be available **after the 15th day of school**.

AP EXAMS:

Students taking an AP course will begin registering for exams on **Tuesday, September 5, 2023**. Students taking an AP exam are permitted ONE make-up session. Students who are taking multiple IB and/or AP exams are asked to please review [the schedule](#) carefully and make sure that they do NOT have multiple testing conflicts. Students with testing conflicts are permitted to take a make-up AP session on an assigned date and time. Only students with medical documentation and state competition conflicts will be permitted to request a 3rd AP exam session. In some cases, the student must pay a fee prior to requesting a make-up AP session (session 2 and 3). Questions regarding AP testing should be directed to [Allyson Davis](#), Assistant Principal of Instruction.

Please NOTE – Each student enrolled in an IB or AP course MUST take the IB or AP exam for the course during April/May 2024 testing. If the student does NOT take the exam, then the student MUST take a teacher-made exam that will count 20% of the final grade in the course.

If you have any questions, please email [Allyson Davis](#), Assistant Principal of Instruction.

Thank you and we hope that you have enjoyed a WONDERFUL LONG weekend!