

Chagrin Falls Middle School

CHAGRIN FALLS EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

Laila Discenza, Principal

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Dear CFMS Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

The end of the second quarter is approaching! This means for students currently enrolled in high school credit courses there will be a midterm exam, which counts as 20% of the term grade (quarter 1 40% and Quarter 2 40%). This will be indicated on your child's report card. Students also earn .5 high school credit each semester. This will be indicated on your child's high school transcript. Your child's report card will be available for viewing through the Infinite Campus portal on January 15, 2026.

Teachers will have flexibility in the assessment they give for their midterm grade. Whether test, project, presentation or writing, it will be taken during the scheduled midterm. If your family has a planned absence, please make sure that your child makes arrangements beforehand. Teachers of the following subjects will share with students the specific details about their midterms.

Algebra 7	Mr. Brown	Chinese 8	Mrs. Guo
Algebra 8	Ms. Martorello	French 8	Mr. Lardell
Geometry	Mr. Brown	Spanish 8	Mrs. Aranvage

Other middle school grade level courses have semester assignments due at this time, as well. This can be a project, writing assignment, or test. Due to all students having a large number of assignments to complete and with the increasing number of middle school students taking multiple midterms, we will align with the high school for a consistent 7-12 schedule with early dismissal. This allows for students to have the time to prepare, study and thoroughly complete all assignments before the end of quarter and winter break.

7-12 Midterms Schedule for CFMS: December 16th, 17th, 18th

Time	Tuesday, December 16th	Wednesday, December 17th	Thursday, December 18th
7:40-9:15	1st period	2nd period	3rd period
9:20-10:55	4th period	5th period	6th period
11-12:35	7th period	8th period	11:00-11:25 7th Lunch/ 8th Recess 11:25-11:50 8th Lunch/7th Recess
12:40-1:05 1:05-1:25	7th Lunch/ 8th Recess 8th Lunch/7th Recess	7th Lunch/8th Recess 8th Lunch/7th Recess	11:55-1:25 ADVISORY - Teaming activity
1:25-1:30	Lockers		
1:30-1:35	dismissal for students leaving or afternoon check in for students staying		
1:35-2:50	study time for students staying (by request or choice)		

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December 18th, 7th graders will participate in the Toy Convention. Parents and Community are invited to attend the event. Students will be expected to clean up their booth and go back to their classrooms after the event to debrief as part of their academic grade. Students will not be released for dismissal until 1:30.

Protocols:

- Morning bus transportation to school will run as normal.
- Middle School students **do not** have an open campus. They will have the option for early dismissal at 1:30pm or regular dismissal at 2:50pm. Either option requires the Parent/Guardian MID TERM PERMISSION FORM. Choices include no transportation, practice, bus 1:30 or bus 2:50.
- Afternoon bus transportation will be **provided by request only for 1:30 pm & 2:50 pm** dismissal options. No afternoon bus request= no afternoon bus service.
- Teachers may ask a student (and communicate with the family in advance) to stay until 2:50 if there are missing assignments/tests. This information will be communicated December 3rd.
- Students who opt to stay by choice or teacher request until 2:50 pm can stay in the cafe, Innovation Center or with a classroom teacher in order to study or make up/complete missed assignments or exams.
- In season student athletes may stay, if they choose, for their athletic practices & games. Dec 16th girls basketball practice 3-5, Dec 16th and Dec 18th wrestling practice 3-4:30.
- Any student staying until 2:50 should report to the cafe at 1:30 for a sign in and then go to the scheduled location for the afternoon.
- **All Parents/Guardians must complete this permission form by DECEMBER 5th**

This may be a stressful time for some students, especially for those new to taking midterms. Here are some tips to support your child.

1. Get organized - what exams do you have? What end of the quarter assignments do you have? Look at your calendar. When should you start working and studying? What is the order of your work based on the test date or level of content assistance needed? Gather all resources and materials.
2. Have a defined place for you to study with the least amount of distractions. It should not be too comfortable. You should also align times to take breaks during your study session. You can even study with a buddy as long as you stay focused!
3. Start early! - Students should prepare for exams and assignments a few weeks in advance.
4. Don't stress! Take a deep breath and have confidence - you can do it! There will also be no homework given during midterms to help you relax and focus!

When studying remember that reading, re-reading, highlighting, and note taking are great strategies but that you will best understand when you engage with the information.

1. Create or use a study guide or **concept maps** or diagrams that explain the material.
2. Formulate questions and problems and write complete answers. Create your own quiz.
3. Become a teacher. Say the information aloud in your own words as if you are the instructor and teaching the concepts to a class.
4. Derive examples that relate to your own experiences.
5. Figure out the big ideas so you can explain, contrast, and evaluate them.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can help in any way.

Proud to be a Tiger,



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