



Catholic Memorial School The Class of 2024 Freshman Experience

June 2020

Dear Parents of the incoming Class of 2024,

Welcome to high school! Our Catholic Memorial School community is excitedly awaiting the arrival of our newest students this fall. Your son will begin his high school journey by joining us for The Freshmen Experience, a mandatory two-day orientation program that will take place on CM's campus Monday, August 31st and Tuesday, September 1st. Though incoming 9th grade students will receive a full academic orientation on Wednesday, September 2nd. The Freshman Experience is a program designed by Campus Ministry to foster a welcoming and open environment to warmly receive all of our incoming 9th grade students into the Catholic Memorial community and culture.

Faculty, staff, and student leaders will facilitate a variety of engaging activities that are each carefully designed to prepare incoming students for a smooth transition to CM. After the program, incoming students will have a firsthand experience of CM's vibrant Edmund Rice Christian Brothers culture, a greater sense of belonging and connectedness as CM Knights, and supportive relationships with their teachers, peer leaders, and their fellow incoming classmates.

Student check-in will begin in the CM lobby at 8:30AM on Monday, August 31st. After checking in your son, parents/guardians are invited to stay and attend the opening prayer service and welcome address. Students will be placed in a small group, and each group will be assigned a classroom that will serve as their home throughout the program. After an early lunch, we will bus to Hale Reservation in Westwood for an afternoon of teambuilding and comradery on their low and high ropes courses. Student pick-up will be at 8:00PM.

A component of our program will also include an excursion to the Great Blue Hill for a Class of 2024 hike on Tuesday morning. Student drop off will be in the CM lobby at 8:30AM. Parents and families will be invited to join us on the afternoon of Tuesday, September 1st at 3:30PM for the conclusion of the program, when we will celebrate our newest students with a closing commissioning ceremony and reception.

Please refer to the back of this letter for registration instructions and a packing list for your son. If you have any questions or if I can be of assistance to you and your family in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me.

God bless,

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, AUGUST 7th, 2020

Freshman Experience Registration Instructions

To register for the program, you must complete the following two steps:

1. Register online by visiting the Catholic Memorial website and clicking on “Current Students” under Just for You on the homepage. Then listed under “More Links” click on the **“FRESHMAN EXPERIENCE REGISTRATION”** link.
2. Submit the attached hardcopy *General Activity Waiver* and *Ropes Course Waiver* forms from Hale Reservation. The Hale Reservation waiver forms must be submitted to Catholic Memorial School by Friday, August 7th via Mail to:

- **Mail to:**

Attn: Freshman Experience
Catholic Memorial School
235 Baker Street
West Roxbury, MA 02132

Packing List

Please refer to the recommended packing list below:

Students should bring:

- Backpack
- Casual/comfortable clothing
- Athletic shoes for teambuilding activities/hike in Blue Hills
- Rain Jacket
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Water Bottle

Students should NOT bring:

- Cell phone/any electronic devices
- Food/snacks (all student meals will be provided during the program.)
- Money/valuables

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