

**SEMESTER FINALS** – Des Moines Christian School gives semester finals designed to review and reinforce learning from the entire semester. The modified schedule will be communicated through Principal newsletters as well as the [DMCS Tandem Calendar](#).

**MISSING SEMESTER FINALS** – Semester finals comprise 16% of the student's semester grade; therefore, attendance is mandatory. Families may request an alternate finals schedule for their student by completing the [REQUEST TO RESCHEDULE FORM](#), which must be submitted to the Principal for approval **30 days prior** to finals. Requests submitted after this deadline may be denied.

Wednesday, Jan 10		Thursday, Jan 11		Friday, Jan 12	
7:25-8:05	Early Bird	7:25-8:05	Early Bird	7:25-8:05	Early Bird
8:15-9:35	1 <sup>st</sup> period	8:15-9:35	4 <sup>th</sup> period	8:15-9:35	7 <sup>th</sup> period
9:43-11:03	2 <sup>nd</sup> period	9:43-11:03	5 <sup>th</sup> period	9:43-11:03	8 <sup>th</sup> period
11:11-12:31	3 <sup>rd</sup> period	11:11-12:31	6 <sup>th</sup> period	<b>End of Semester</b> Grades are posted & transcripts are ready one week after semester end.	

#### DAY-TO-DAY DETAILS

- Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each class period.
  - Absences (even if the student was granted a REQUEST TO RESCHEDULE) will count toward the 10 allowed per semester before the student loses credit for the course.
  
- Some classes such as PE may not have a final so students need to check with teachers. Students should follow directions from their classroom teacher to determine arrival / pick up time based on the following guidelines:
  - **IF** your student does NOT have a final for the FIRST period of the day (1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, or 7<sup>th</sup>) ...
    - **THEN** he / she may arrive late to school (before the next scheduled final). Students must wait in the foyer outside the office or sit quietly in the hallways so as to not interrupt another final.
  - **IF** your student does NOT have a final for the LAST period of the day (3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup>) ...
    - **THEN** he / she may leave early if they have transportation arrangements.
  
- **WHEN** students are finished with finals for the day ...
  - They MAY NOT linger in hallways and / or classrooms and disrupt other finals.
  - They MAY NOT pick up Elementary siblings prior to Elementary dismissal time @ 3:20 pm.

#### HIGH SCHOOL ONLY

- **IF** your high school student has spent a minimum of 30 minutes in class AND they have completed their final AND they don't have another final for the day, **THEN** they may leave early if they are a student driver or have arranged pick up with a parent.
- **IF** your high school student is finished for the day, **THEN** they may not pick up Middle School siblings unless the MS student is done with finals for the day and only at the end of the class period. The HS student may not interrupt class to pick up a sibling.