

## **ATTENDANCE: PARENTS, SCHOOL, AND AUTOMATION**

An 'automatic phone parent notification' is now generated when any absence is entered by a teacher during the class day. When the student returns to school and an email (to [CMSattendance@fultonschools.org](mailto:CMSattendance@fultonschools.org)) or a note is submitted to the front office and the cause of the absence is 'excusable', a correction is made to the student record. Examples of excusable absences are illness, funeral attendance, and religious observance. The average time from the absence to the correction for an excusable absence is 1-2 days. When you receive this call and if you have already communicated an explanation of the absence, no further action is needed. Should you wish to confirm that your student's attendance is accurately logged, you may check Home Access Center a few days after an absence. Simply run your mouse over the day to see more detail. Remember that the beginning of the day starts promptly at 8:55. CMS appreciates your participation in this process to assure maximum instructional time for all students.