

Comet Comments

SCHOOL ISSUE - April 2024



From the Principal



Comet Families,

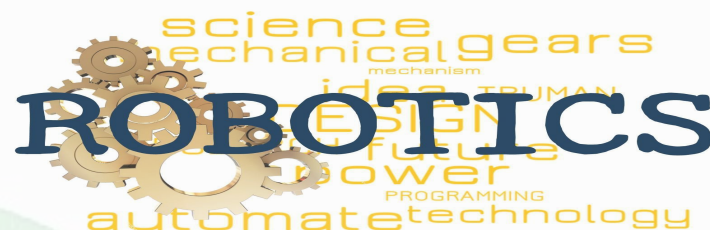
Congratulations! You and your child have successfully completed the standardized testing season at Coloma High School. We at the high school want to thank you for making sure your child was not only at school, but prepared for the three days of testing. This is no one's favorite time of the school year, but one that is necessary. Your child can expect the results from SAT, PSAT, MSTEP, or ACT WorkKeys in six to eight weeks. Freshmen and Sophomores have one more district assessment to complete, the NWEA, on May 7th and 9th. Freshmen and Sophomores will take a reading and math assessment. This will be the third time that freshmen and sophomores will take the NWEA. We will be able to complete each assessment and will be able to chart your child's growth throughout the school year.

We now look forward to the few weeks we have left in the 2023-2024 school year. It does not matter if your child is a freshman or a senior, the Spring always leads to wanting to get outside and maybe let a priority or two slide. When a Senior experiences it, we call it "Senioritis". We don't have a fancy name for when a freshman goes through it, but they still have the same symptoms. This is the time that students need to refocus. Their academic and athletic goals are in reach. We are in the last leg of a great school year. We all need to help our students finish strong.

If a student does not complete a course of study to receive credit, we will be contacting parents through letters to make sure that students are able to enroll in summer school classes. There will be a deadline that students will have to enroll by at the end of the school year.

I am looking forward to being able to watch our students celebrate their achievements for this school year. Whether it be underclassmen being recognized for their accomplishments by receiving academic letters and certificates from different departments or our Seniors walking across the stage to obtain their diplomas, this time of year is one to be proud and to celebrate your child's performance. Parents, you should also take a bow for your part of the many accomplishments your child has achieved this school year. All of those rides over the years, the late night homework sessions, the snacks, and the hugs have all made contributions to your child's success.

Even though our Seniors graduate on May 24, 2024, this does not symbolize the end of the journey. Our Seniors will continue to need your counsel and support. Graduation is a time for all of us to pause and tell our graduates, "Well done."



FRC team 2959, CW Tech Robotarians had a great season this year, with our high place finishes in all qualification rounds at all events, Industrial Design awards at district events, captain of alliance at district events and being picked for an alliance at MI State Championship. To top it off, we traveled to Houston TX for the FIRST Championship and competed on the Johnson field. We did well again in qualifications, placing 16th out of the 74 teams on our field. Unfortunately, we weren't selected by an alliance to compete in the elimination rounds, but we cheered on our field winner as they competed against the other 7 fields for the Championship title.

Here are some pictures from the team at FIRST Championship:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1hctOqXNsn-4ZhkyexQeviOPDWLbXWMRR?usp=drive_link

The Coloma students, who traveled, got the opportunity to talk about their FIRST Championship experience today live on WSBT TV:

<https://wsbt.com/news/local/coloma-high-school-robotics-team-sees-success-in-first-worlds-championship#>

We wish the best to the new team alumni, whether they be graduating or returning home from a year abroad, as they venture forth.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

May 6 - 10: Teacher Appreciation Week

May 8: Delayed Start - Senior Awards 7pm

May 14 & 16: Art Showcase 7-8:30

May 16: HS Spring Band Concert 6pm

May 17: Senior Check Outs

May 22: Delayed Start

May 24: Graduation 6pm

May 27: Memorial Day - No School

May 29: Choir Spring Showcase 7pm

May 31: End of Semester 2 - MP 4

June 3 & 4: ½ day Exams - school ends at 11:37 am

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WHEN AND HOW DO I GET MY (PSAT 9, PSAT 10, SAT, AND/OR ACT WORKKEYS) SCORES?

SAT/PSAT Scores

Student score release will happen in two phases based upon when Michigan schools complete their tests.

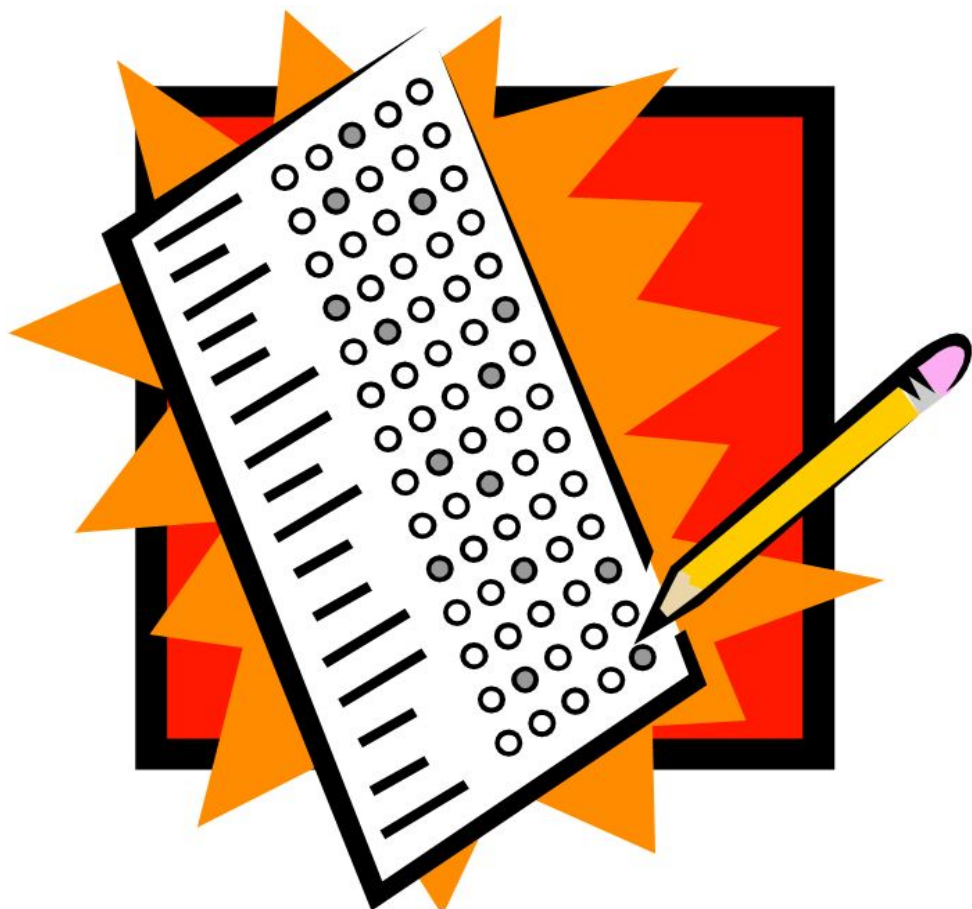
- Students who submit tests between April 8 and April 12 can view their scores starting on May 2
- Students who submit tests between April 15 and April 26 can view their scores starting on May 16.
- You can get your **PSAT 9; PSAT 10; or SAT** scores here: <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/>

When registering, please use your personal email NOT your school email.

ACT WorkKeys Scores

- Scores will be distributed to students at the beginning of next school year.
- You can get your **ACT WorkKeys** scores here: <https://my.act.org/account/signin?location=https://my.act.org>

When registering, please use your personal email NOT your school email.



**SESSION 1: June 10—19
8:30 am – 2 pm (Mon-Fri)**

**SESSION 2: June 24—July 3
8:30 am—2 pm (Mon-Fri)**

Summer School/Credit Recovery Guidelines

If a student fails a class, which is required for graduation, they may recover the class in either summer school and/or credit recovery. The following pertains to the conditions of enrolling into either summer school and/or credit recovery:

- Students may enroll into a class in which they did not pass during the regular school year. A student who has attempted a specific class during summer school and did not complete the class will not be able to take the same class again during summer school/credit recovery. Those class(es) will be placed into the student's schedule during the normal school year.
 - There is no cost for credit recovery and classes are held after school.
 - There is a \$50 deposit for students to enroll into summer school.
 - Attendance is mandatory for summer school, as students will be dropped if they miss more than one day.
- Students may take more than one class. However, only enroll ONE class at a time and must complete 100% of the course they are enrolled in by the end of the semester or summer school session the class was assigned.
 - **Example #1:** A Student enrolled in World History A during summer school must complete the class by the end of summer school.
 - **Example #2:** A Student enrolled in World History A during semester 2 must complete the class by the end of semester 2.
- Students will receive credit for the class if it is completed on time, which will show on the transcript as "CR". The original class/letter grade will remain on the official high school transcript.
- Students will receive no credit for the class if it is not completed on time, which will show on transcript as "NC". The original class/letter grade will remain on the official high school transcript AND the class will be placed into the student's schedule during the normal school year. All classes that receive "NC" may not be repeated in credit recovery and/or summer school unless approved by the administration of Coloma High School.

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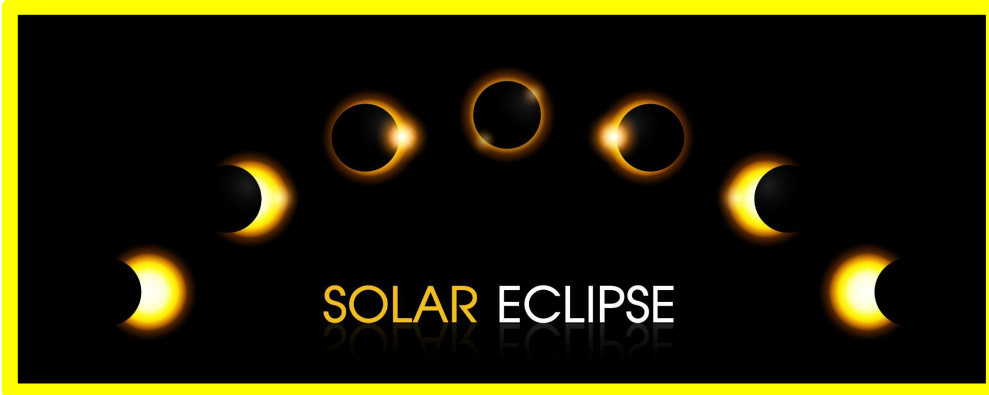


It has been busy for our band students! On Thursday, February 29th, the Coloma High School concert band attended MSBOA District Band and Orchestra Festival. At this event, the band performs for three judges and is graded based on the rubric established by MSBOA (Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association). They then perform sight reading, which is where they are given five minutes to work through a piece that they have never seen before, without playing, and then perform it. This segment is also judged. The band receives a rating from all judges which determines the overall result. Our band earned a Division I (Superior) rating this year! That is the highest achievement possible!

On March 16th, students who qualified for State Solo and Ensemble were able to perform! This event is similar to District solo and ensemble—students perform a solo or ensemble for a judge who is an expert in their specific instrument. At the state level though, the grading is much more rigid. All of our students that attended State Solo and Ensemble received a Division I (Superior) rating. It does not get better than that! Those students were: Taj Brow (Freshmen baritone solo), Bristol Stewart (Freshmen flute solo), and Evan Kirby, Brooklyn Nord, and Cullin Hannan (Trumpet trio).

Also on March 16th, you probably caught a glimpse of the Marching Band as they lit the streets with their lights and music at the St. Patty's Lighted Parade that evening!

The band is now shifting its focus to prepare for the spring concert which will be held on Thursday, May 16th 2024 at 6pm.



On April 8th Mrs. Traylor's class went out to look at the Eclipse. Students were told about the importance of wearing the required glasses. Some Students were able to capture a picture of the eclipse. Once everyone came back in, students were asked to write a short essay about what they experienced. They also were asked to gather information about the past eclipses and future eclipses. Majority found that the next total eclipse that Michigan will be able to see is in September 2099. They then were asked to calculate their age at that time. Majority of the students will be in their 90s.

STARFISH AWARD



"It's important to always keep learning, and that doesn't mean just in school. What you learn is something that goes with you, opening doors for you but also improving the quality of your life and the lives of those with whom you interact. Every day gives each of us new opportunities to learn about a variety of things if we choose to do so. Intellectual curiosity will take you a long way in life and make you a happier, kinder and wiser person."

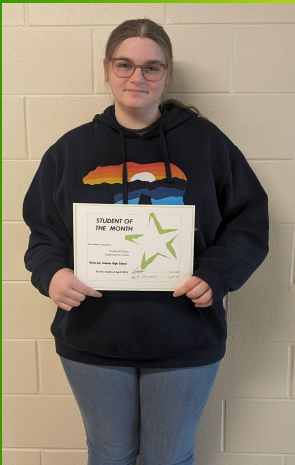
Brett Walsworth is our Starfish for the Month! He has been working at Coloma Community Schools for the past 26 years teaching the following classes: English 9, 10, 11, 12 ; Civics, U.S. History, World History and Creative Writing. Brett's favorite part of teaching is having great interactions with students. The more he has taught, the more he has realized that teaching is more about relationships with students than the subject you are trying to teach them. Also really enjoy that moment in a conversation where you see the light bulb come on for a student, the "aha moment". On a larger scale, Brett loves to see students grow over several years of high school. Many of my current seniors he had as sophomores, and their growth has been amazing to see.

When Brett is not teaching his interests are weightlifting, reading, gardening, collecting various things (antiques, sports, cards, books, etc.)

Terry Sheehan has chosen Brett for the Starfish Award says: He is an honorable colleague and a consummate professional. He is hard working, thorough and committed to everything he does. He is a perfect complement to the HS ELA team, and he is a great role model to his students. Brett is balanced and even keeled--and he cares a great deal about this profession and what he does.



**Karsyn Jacobs
9th grade**



**Campbell Kirby
10th grade**



**Molley Haase
11th grade**



**Kyra Rodgers
12th grade**

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