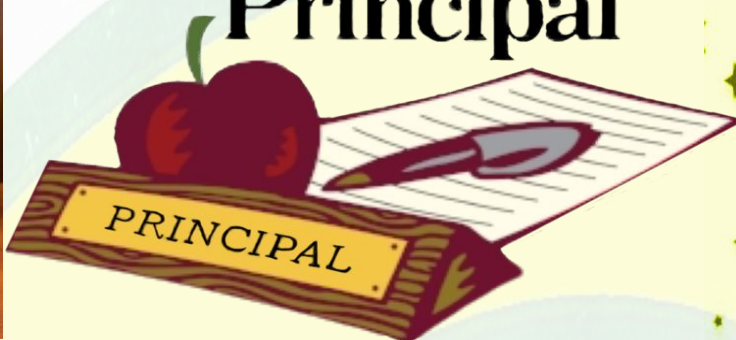


Comet Comments

SCHOOL ISSUE - End of the Year 2023-24



From
the
Principal



Comet Families:

I would like to take a minute to thank all that contributed to making the graduation ceremony a success for our graduating class. I would like to thank the maintenance staff for all of their hard work in setting up the stage and chairs, and Alan Selvidge for being in charge of the sound system. The band and choir lead by Kaitlyn Keck and Lane Alsup did a wonderful job. Denise Hauch helped with the decorations. A huge thank you to the board of education and David Ehlers for congratulating our seniors. Michael Churchill did a great job announcing our graduates. I would also like to thank Marilyn Paulsen who worked tirelessly since January to make sure everything was in place for this year's graduation.

The school year does not end for ninth through eleventh graders until June 4th. Final exams are scheduled for June 3rd and June 4th. The 3rd and 4th are also half days. The schedule for exams is as follows:

June 3, 2024

1st period Exam: 8:00 - 9:07 am
2nd Period Exam 9:12 - 10:25 am
3rd Period Exam: 10:30 - 11:37 am

June 4, 2024

4th period Exam: 8:00 - 9:07 am
5th Period Exam 9:12 - 10:25 am
6th Period Exam: 10:30 - 11:37 am

Summer School will have two sessions. Session I will be June 10, 2024 through June 19, 2024 Session II will be June 24, 2024 through July 3, 2024. They will run Monday - Friday from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. Letters were sent home to parents of students who may need summer school to earn credits to stay on track to graduate with their class. It was essential that we let parents know about this possibility ahead of time so plans could be made for their child to attend. You can contact the high school office (269-468-2400) if you have any questions.

I would like to thank all of you for making this year so successful. We are in the process of planning for the 2024-2025 school year. I look forward to seeing what the future brings to Coloma High School. There is no limit to what we can achieve together.



Green and Gold 2024!

McKenzie Sing

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**June 3: 1, 2, 3 hour exams - ½ day
school ends at 11:37 am**

**June 4: 4, 5, 6 exams - ½ day school
ends at 11:37 am**

END OF SEMESTER

Summer School-

1st Session: June 10 - 19 from 8:30 - 2

**2nd Session: June 24 - July 3 from
8:30 - 2 (Deadline to sign up June 14)**

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As we head into the summer months, there are a few things all students can focus on to be sure they are refreshed and ready to return to school in the fall:

- **Rest!** It has been a unique and challenging year for everyone, and it is important to take this time to intentionally care for ourselves. Rest can look like a few extra hours of sleep, unplugging from screens and electronic devices, or simply carving out time for things you enjoy.
- **Stay engaged!** In addition to resting, students should actively seek opportunities to keep their minds engaged. This might be participating in summer camps, taking on a job or internship, studying for the SAT, or simply reading thirty minutes each day.
- **Look to the future!** Summer is an excellent opportunity to visit colleges, meet with employers, and consider plans for after high school.
- **Get support!** If you or a family member are in need of mental health support, assistance, or health care, visit <https://www.mi211.org/>. We wish everyone a safe and healthy break and look forward to seeing everyone for the upcoming school year!

Going to be a senior next school year and have no clue what to do?
The following will help get you on the right track!

NEVER USE YOUR SCHOOL EMAIL. USE A PERSONAL EMAIL FOR THE FOLLOWING.

FAFSA and Scholarships

FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid and it is necessary to complete if your senior(s) wishes to receive any kind of funds, such as scholarships, grants, and/or loans for the college/university they wish to attend. Here is a link with more detailed information on the steps needed to complete the FAFSA: <https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out>

You may also want to check out the “Going Merry” website to complete the FAFSA (another way to do the FAFSA; comparable to TurboTax format) and you can also use this website to look for scholarships for free: [sign up for Going Merry](#).

Furthermore, you may want to sign up for the notifications of many various scholarships that are regularly updated at: <https://studentscholarships.org/newsletters>

Official Transcripts

Seniors will need to request official high school transcripts as they apply to colleges/universities and may also need to request them for certain jobs. To order your official high school transcripts for free, create an account (if you do not already have one) at: [Parchment.com](https:// Parchment.com)

Simplify the application process to colleges/universities

Seniors may be applying to more than one post-secondary institution and using CommonApp is an efficient way to do this in one location. This website allows for students to apply to multiple colleges/universities and to track the status of their applications. Create your free account at: [Commonapp.org](https:// Commonapp.org)

SAT scores

Seniors may want to obtain their SAT scores. These scores may be obtained by accessing their accounts at: [Collegeboard.org](https:// Collegeboard.org).

Art Show Success: Celebrating Creativity Across 6-12th Grade

This year's annual art show was a resounding success, showcasing the incredible hard work and dedication of our talented students. For the first time, the event included artwork from both high school and junior high (grades 6-8), enriching the diversity of artistic expression on display.

Among the highlights were the design of the Coloma cop car, which was unveiled this past summer, the Glad-Peach Festival 2024 t-shirt design, and the new Glad-Peach logo—a significant update as the festival hasn't had a new logo in over 20 years.

The art show was open to the public on two nights, from 5-7:30 pm, and enjoyed excellent attendance from students, guardians, families, and staff. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with many visitors leaving encouraging comments in the comment box and expressing their admiration directly to our artists.

Congratulations to all of our young artists for their outstanding achievements!



Summer Meal Service Locations

FREE Breakfast & Lunch Meals Available For All Children Under 18

MEAL SERVICE LOCATIONS

Meet up and Eat
Summer Sites
Coloma Library
Coloma Randall Park
Coloma Intermediate

DATES & TIMES

Randall Park 11:00-11:25
Coloma Library 11:30-12:00
Lunch will be Served
Monday thru Thursday
starting
June 17 until July 18th

DATES & TIMES

Coloma Intermediate
School
Breakfast and Lunch
Served
Monday thru Friday
June 26-August 7
Breakfast 8:00-9:00
Lunch 11:00-12:00

Coloma Community Schools is offering 2 choices this year for summer feed. You may join us at one of our locations above for a daily meal or we are offering a 7-day meal pick up (see other side)
Per USDA regulations you may participate in one of the programs but not both.

This institution is an equal opportunity employer.
For more information on Chartwells daily or weekly summer food service email: smazigian@ccs.coloma.org or call 269-468-2598

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MEAL SERVICE LOCATIONS

DRIVE THROUGH SERVICE:
CYSBA
(WASHINGTON BASEBALL/SOFTBALL FIELD)
6463 E Becht Rd, Coloma
Look for us in the paved parking lot by the dugout.

DATES & TIMES

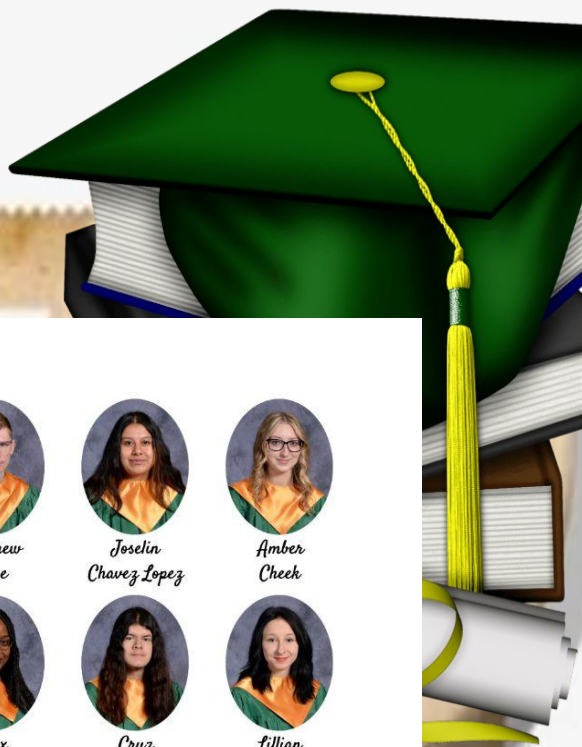
Tuesdays Only
Starting June 11th
Ending August 6th
10:00 am-11:00 am

DETAILS

Pick Up Breakfast & Lunch for 7 days!
1 Breakfast & 1 Lunch for each child for 7 days bulk packed.
Only Parents or Guardians are allowed to pick up meals for their children 18 years of age or under, unless in a special education program to the age of 26.

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Andre'a
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Maxwell
Binder



Jadin
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Matthew
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Joselin
Chavez Lopez



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Liliana
Contreras



De'anthonie
Cornelius



Carter
Crist



Ashlynn
Delatorre



Andrew
Derosa



Aaron
Dotson



Jamie
Dotson



Jaylen
Draughter



Leah
Dyson



Onyx
Fite



Cruz
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Lillian
Gast



Boden
Genovese



Madison
Gremore



Alyse
Grenon



Whitney
Hankins

Coloma High School Class of 2024



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Hicks



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Mike
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Evan
Kirby



Abigail
Kovar



Mckinleigh
Kraemer



Ingrid
Kubick



Johnathan
Lenox



Eri
Lopez



Trevor
Massey



Julissa
Mireles



Rosa
Mock



Miryssa
Nelson



Roberto
Nestor Reyes



Nathan
Perkins Nytho



Ariana
Price



Kayden
Prish



Alora
Puma



Selene
Ramirez



Kyra
Rodgers



David
Rutherford



Audrey
Schmid



Mykaylah
Schwanke



Tyshaun
Seuell



Hanna
Sicurello



McKenzie
Sing



Nikolai
Sirk



Kourtney
Smith



Lucas
Swan



Mackenzie
Tackett



Tiera
Taylor



Fletcher
Todd



Hannah
Wagner



Robert
Wagner



Cecilla
Williams



Julius
Williams



Mya
Williams



Jason
Zeilke

Not Pictured:
Colin Coburn
Aiden Cripe



2024 class of

You did it!

Congratulations!

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SENIOR NIGHT

Top Ten

Back Row: Fletcher Todd, Cecillia Williams, Ingrid Kublick, Carter Crist,
Alyse Grenon, Boden Genovese
Front Row: Clara Kimmerly, Mckenzie Sing, Liliana Contreras, Aaron
Dotson

Female Athlete of the Year
Brielle Hicks
Male Athlete of the Year
Boden Genovese



Neil Peters Award
McKinleigh Kraemer



SAC Academic
Boden Genovese, Clara Kimmerly,
Fletcher Todd



Academic Achievement Award
Miryssa Nelson



Senior Class Officers
Mckenzie Sing, Alyse Grenon, Fletcher Todd,
Aaron Dotson, Ingrid Kublick

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GRADUATION DAY!





MATT FORD: My 17+ years at CCS have been very memorable. Over the course of my time at Coloma, some of things I remember include:

- Traveling to Mexico with students.
- Coaching volleyball teams to tournament championships that includes one conference championship.
- Being a part-time assistant principal at the elementaries for one year.
- Taking several field trips to Chicago.
- Creating Fear Factor Fridays.
- Participating in a flash mob, being in a dunk tank, dressing up as a member of the band KISS, and taking a pie to the face at Homecoming assemblies.
- Playing the songs from March Music Madness.
- Turning several pranks on staff and students over the years.

These big events are the memory makers, but it is the day to day things that I will miss the most. I will miss the students and my co-workers immensely. The interactions with students, especially when we get off topic, and our Monday morning chats won't be replaced. It is difficult to walk away from something that I have done for over 25 years. Sometimes it feels like a funeral because I have been married to this career for a very long time. However, it is time to walk away. And what does my future hold? I can't answer that because I haven't decided if I want to chase a new career where I can earn high amounts of money or if I'd rather take an opportunity to make my heart smile. I have the summer to decide.

SARA GLISSON: As I stand here today, preparing to close this chapter of my life, I am filled with a profound sense of gratitude and accomplishment. For 32 years, I've had the privilege of teaching biology to countless students, guiding them through the wonders of the natural world and instilling in them a love for science. My affiliation with Coloma Community Schools started in 1975 when I enrolled as a first grader. I'm a proud alumna of the CHS Class of 1987 and came back to teach in 1992 where I've remained ever since.

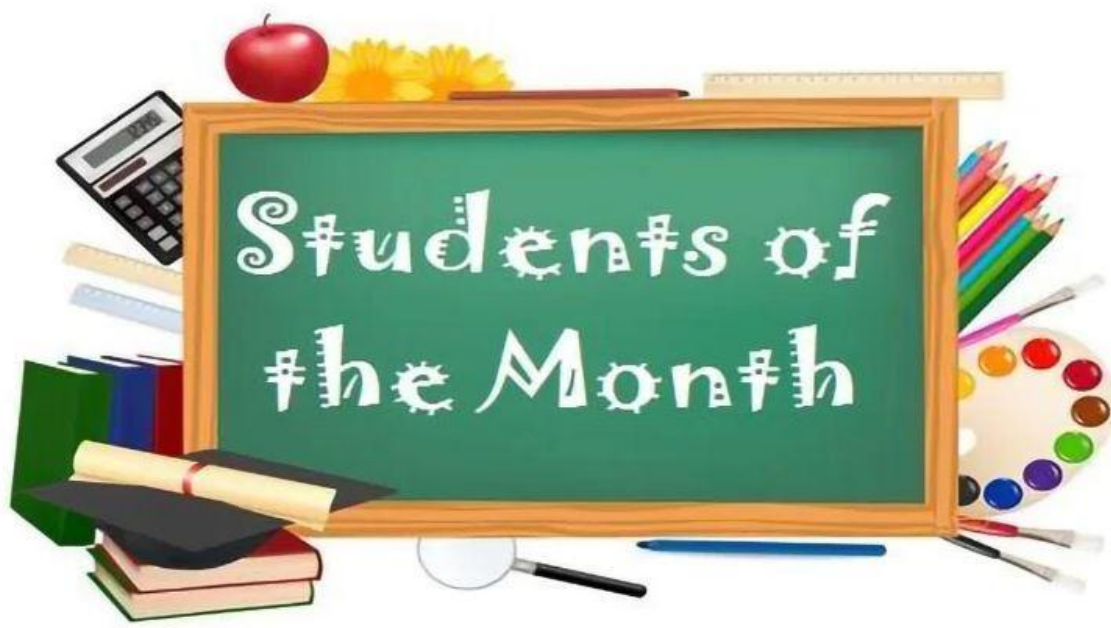
When I began my journey as a teacher, I was eager to share my passion for biology, hoping to inspire young minds just as my teachers had inspired me. Over the years, I've seen many changes in education, from the introduction of new technologies to shifts in curriculum, but what has remained constant is the curiosity and enthusiasm of my students.

I've had the joy of watching my students grow, not just academically, but as individuals. Some have gone on to become doctors, researchers, and environmentalists, while others have pursued entirely different paths. Regardless of where life has taken them, I hope the lessons they learned in my classroom—about the complexity of life, the importance of inquiry, and the value of perseverance—have stayed with them.

Teaching has been more than a job; it has been a calling. The relationships I've built with my students and colleagues have enriched my life in countless ways. I am grateful for the support of my fellow educators, the administration, and the community, who have all played a part in making my career so fulfilling.

As I retire, I look forward to new adventures and challenges, but I will always cherish the memories of my time here. Thank you to everyone who has been a part of this incredible journey. I leave with a heart full of gratitude and pride, knowing that together, we have made a difference.

Sonya Vroon has spent a quarter of a century teaching Science and Physical Education at Coloma Community Schools, imparting knowledge to junior high and high school students. In addition to her teaching career, Mrs. Vroon has also made significant contributions as a coach across various sports. Her versatility and dedication are evident in the wide range of teams she has led. Coloma Community Schools is truly fortunate to have such a remarkable educator and coach, and her influence will be felt for many years to come.

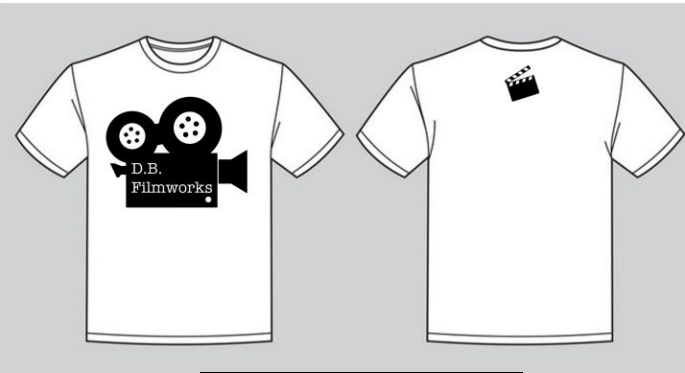
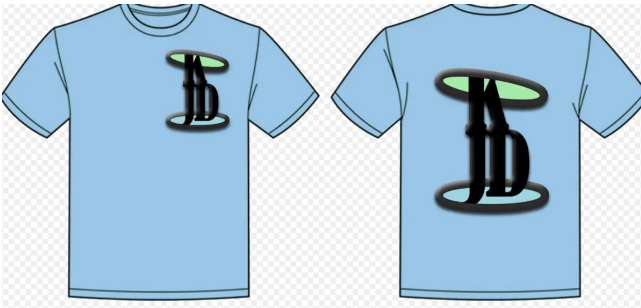


Business /IT Dept

Coloma High School Digital Multimedia students learn about branding, logo design and merch.

Mr. Mead’s CTE Digital Multimedia Computer class completed their branding and marketing unit. Students used what they learned to create their own brands and T shirt mockups.

Those ideas were then put to use in creating retirement T shirts for our CHS retiring staff as a gift. Students worked with Mrs. Kimmerly on creating a design on the computer software. Next the design was sent to the vinyl cutter and pressed to a T shirt. Here are some examples of student creations and the final products.



**9TH GRADE -
Zoey Rickman**



**10TH GRADE -
Ava Leaman**



**11TH GRADE -
Calista Rios**

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