

Comet Comments

BACK TO SCHOOL ISSUE - AUGUST 2022

Principal's



Welcome to the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year! I would like to take a minute to introduce myself. My name is Craig Fisher and I am the High School Principal at Coloma Community Schools.

Coloma has always had a special place in my heart. My parents bought their first house on Little Paw Paw Lake Road. I went to school at Washington Elementary from grades K-2. Looking back at those years, I still remember fondly the names of some friends from that time and the teachers. Coming full circle and being a part of this community again, I do not take it lightly.

I have two sons of my own, Aidan (16yrs.) and Rylan (14yrs.). My girlfriend Karla Martinez has two sons, David (6 yrs.) and Daniel (5yrs.). We enjoy camping, kayaking, fishing, and Marvel movies when we are not taking the kids to practices or going to their events.

Throughout your child's career at Coloma High School, we want them to experience and take advantage of opportunities that we have to offer at Coloma Community Schools. We offer various opportunities that may interest your child. We offer a selection of varsity sports, robotics clubs, CTE classes, Art, Band, Choir, and AP classes. We also have leadership opportunities in the National Honor Society and Student Council.

I am personally looking forward to the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year. Since coming on board on July 1, 2022, I have witnessed and have been informed about great things going on with our students and staff.

- Our students that were in credit recovery this summer worked really hard and earned 41.5 credits this summer.
- Sara Glisson, high school science teacher, was selected to a BIORETS program at Western Michigan University this summer. She spent seven weeks doing academic research in a BSL Level 2 microbiology lab. Sara learned so much and looks forward to using skills learned and STEM practices with her student this upcoming year.

- The board of education this summer approved moving forward with the Inspire Science Curriculum Program. This curriculum will help Coloma Community Schools vertically align standards k-12.
- Band students attended Band Camp from August 1, 2022 to August 5, 2022. Students worked really hard to get ready for the upcoming school year.
- Varsity sports began official practice August 8, 2022. The Comets are getting ready for competition in the SAC.

Great things are happening at Coloma High School. I can't wait to see what our students accomplish this school year.



FROM THE
DESK OF:

Craig Fisher

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 23 - Freshman Orientation, 6:00pm

August 29 - First day of School (½ day) and Picture Day!

September 2 - No School

September 5 - Labor Day, No School

September 1 - Last day for schedule changes and to turn in Chromebook Insurance payment

September 12 - Jostens Sophomore Rings

September 14 - Late Start, School starts at 10:am

September 26 - Progress Reports

September 28 - Late Start, School starts at 10:00am

September 28 - Homecoming

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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

!!!WELCOME BACK!!!

!!!SCHEDULES AVAILABLE TO VIEW IN POWERSCHOOL ON AUGUST 23rd!!!

CAN I CHANGE MY SCHEDULE?

Examples of YES reasons

- Need to take or repeat a class to meet graduation requirements
- Recieved credit for class in summer school
- Pre-requisite not met for current class
- Valid health issues with Doctor documentation

Examples of NO reasons

- I don't like that class or teacher
- I want a different lunch hour
- I don't like "xyz" student in my class
- My friend is "xyz class" and I want to be with them

LAST DAY TO EMAIL MR. SHAFFER FOR SCHEDULE CHANGE REQUESTS IS SEPTEMBER 1st BY 3:00pm

THINK
Before you speak:

T = Is it True?

I = Is it Inspiring?

K = Is it Kind?

H = Is it Helpful?

N = Is it Necessary?

Some exciting news this school year at Coloma High School!!

We will now be able to offer some assistance to our students with their needs of personal products at no cost to the student. The personal products will be located within student restrooms for them to take as they see fit, which will provide students with a safe and confidential manner to do so. Examples of these products may include hairbrushes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, bar soap, shampoo, tampons, laundry detergent, etc...

We would love to continue this program for our students and would most definitely be open to any donations as well. Please feel free to contact the high school at 269-468-2400 if you would like to donate any hygienic products to this amazing program!

We would also like to thank the Upton Foundation for the donation that allowed for us to get this program up and running at Coloma High School! THANK YOU!!!

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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

On the first day of school (Monday, August 30, 2021), all high school students will report to the High School Auditorium for a quick information meeting. From there, students will be organized by class and released to follow a four period bell schedule. On the first day, students will receive their schedule, receive a rules/procedures briefing, receive their lockers, sign up for parking passes, and have their school pictures taken. 9 - 12 graders will be issued their Chromebook on the first full day of School, Monday, August 30th, 2021

DEADLINE FOR THE OPTION TO PURCHASE CHROMEBOOK INSURANCE IS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST.

**Parents of 9 -12 grade students should look for a mailing next week. The mailing will contain a forms that will need to be signed and brought back to school on the first day. Deadline to turn in all forms is Thursday, September 1st.*

STUDENT PARKING

Students who drive to school are required to park in the east lot, have a completed Application to Drive on School Property form (5514F1), and a valid parking permit displayed on the front windshield of the vehicle. In addition this year, the number on the parking permit will identify the spot that coincides with the number in the parking lot in which the student is to park. The cost for the permit is \$10 (yearly fee). Students will have the opportunity to register their vehicle after the **first week** of school. Students who fail to register their vehicle run the risk of being towed (at the owner's expense). Students will be called to the office to buy their parking passes during the second week of school. Students will be given 3 warning notices before their vehicle will be towed. We appreciate your compliance as this is one piece to helping us provide a secure environment for your student.

Students arriving late for school must park in the east lot and follow the sidewalk from the parking lot to the main entrance. **The main entrance is the only authorized access point for the high school during school hours.**

NOTICE OF DISCRIMINATION

Coloma High School does not discriminate on the basis of sex, religion, or race in its education programs and activities required by Title IX. Questions regarding Title IX may be referred to the Title IX/Compliance Officer or the Office of Civil Rights. Our Title IX/Compliance Officers are **Assistant Principal, Michael Churchill** (269-468-2400 - mchurchill@ccs.coloma.org) and **Wendy Tremblay** (269-468-2405 - wtremblay@ccs.coloma.org).

**BREAKFAST
WILL BE SERVED
7:30 - 7:55
THE FIRST DAY
OF SCHOOL**

Parent Resources



**Pre-Order Online at:
geskusphoto.com/fallorders
Use this webcode at check out: **4035DIWUYBZCHN****

SCHOOL HOURS

Students are not permitted inside the school building more than 30 minutes before the start of their first class (7:30 am) without prior approval or supervision of a teacher. Students are not permitted to remain in the school building beyond 30 minutes after the completion of their last class (3:30 pm). The main vestibule area will be the designated waiting area for students waiting for a ride after 3:30 pm. Referral to an administrator for disciplinary action may result if students do not comply with school hour exceptions.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Coloma Community Schools provides information through the web site. It provides a great deal of information including calendars, announcements, teacher web pages, athletic information, fine arts information, and much more. We invite you to take a look at the high school's site at www.ccs.coloma.org/colhs. This newsletter (and future editions) will be posted online. Future information will be provided to parents via e-mail or by going to the web site. Please ensure your email address is current and listed in PowerSchool so we may contact you at your convenience as well as reduce costs by saving paper. During the year, we will also use the PowerSchool email service to send out report cards and progress reports.

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PARENTS

The Information You Need!

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Attendance is tracked at the high school by semester. Students are allowed to accumulate 8 absences (*excused or unexcused*) per class before credit is withheld pending time being made up on an hour per hour basis. There are some instances of “**exempt**” absences which do not count towards the 8 absences such as a stay in the hospital, college visit, or a death in the immediate family. Students will be briefed on the attendance policy on the first day of school. Parents are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the full policy located in the student handbook.

DUAL ENROLLMENT

Any student in 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade may enroll in a post-secondary (dual) enrollment program providing he/she meets the requirements established by law and by the district. Any interested student should contact the guidance counselor to obtain more information.

TARDY POLICY

Parents will no longer be able to excuse students who are tardy to school 1st hour. Special considerations will be given by the principal when there is bad weather. Tardies are tracked by the hour and are as follows; 1st tardy – warning, 2nd tardy – 15 minute teacher detention, 3rd tardy 30 minute detention, 4th tardy – 45 minute detention, 5th tardy – 1 hour detention, 6th tardy – 2 hours of detention, 7th tardy and beyond – assigned unexcused absence for that class. Students are to be in their assigned seat ready to learn when the bell rings to avoid being marked tardy.

HOW TO SIGN UP ON POWERSCHOOL

You will need create your PowerSchool account to be able to check your child’s grades and attendance. Go to www.ccs.coloma.org, click on “Parents” and “Resources”. There are Online Grade Book Instructions to help you .

REPORTING YOUR CHILD’S ABSENCE

If your student will be absent from school, we ask that you call the school before 9:00 am to report the absence. The office is staffed beginning at 7:15 am to take your call, but you may call earlier and leave a voicemail. If we don’t hear from you, we must assume you do not know your student is not here, and either something happened to them on the way to school, or they are skipping. We will try to inform you via automated alerts when your student is absent unexcused. For their safety, please keep your phone and email information current so we can reach you. Remember that you can check attendance online any time through the PowerSchool Parent Portal.

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STUDENT DRESS CODE

Please refer to the dress code section located in the student handbook which can be found on the high school’s web page. All students will be issued a handbook contained in the student planner. When issued, students will sign a form acknowledging receipt and responsibility for adhering to the rules contained within.

Here are a few of the rules to be aware of before issuing the handbook.

1. Shorts or skirts worn must extend to the mid-thigh in length.
2. No tank tops are allowed as all shirts worn must have sleeves.
3. No hats, beanies, or other headgear may be worn in the building at any time.

Violations of the dress code will be addressed on a case by case basis and will not be tolerated. Questions regarding the dress code may be addressed to Mr. Churchill.

STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Parents who transport their students to school are encouraged to use the west parking lot in order to avoid the student parking lot. The main entrance and circle drive is “**OFF LIMITS**” for student drop off and pick up immediately before or after school and is only to be used to drop off students who are late or pick up students who leave early for appointment. **The circle drive needs to be accessible to emergency vehicles immediately before and after school since the east and west lots are quite busy.**

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Hey! WELCOME We're very GLAD you're here!



I recently graduated from Grand Valley State. Over the summer I got married and am now **Mrs. Traylor**. We have four dogs and four cats. The reason why I went into teaching is to help change students perspectives about people with disabilities and to teach people who have a disability how to live into today's society. I am looking forward to working with the students and staff at Coloma High School.

Lenny Meschino is a 1998 graduate of Coloma and a new special education teacher at CHS. While at Coloma Lenny enjoyed cross country, soccer, and wrestling. Where he went on to Olivet College to join the wrestling team while gaining a bachelor's degree in 2003. Served honorably in the US Navy and deployed overseas to Kuwait in 2007 to support Operation Iraqi and enduring freedom. Lenny received a master's degree from Western Michigan University in 2020 and is currently working on a master's degree in Special Education from Western Governors University. Married to his wife Lisa for 17 years, Father of four children Lily 15, Delilah 13, Rocco 9, and Griffin is 6. In his free time, he enjoys fishing and sitting in the bleachers and watching his kids participate in activities.



Steve Mammel grew up in a small town south of Ann Arbor, but has lived in all areas of the state. He has credits from 11 schools, but received his BS in Civil Engineering in 1994 from Michigan Technological University, MS from Wayne State University in 1999, and his teaching certificate from Saginaw Valley State University in 2005. He has taught all math subjects (and science subjects too) from 6th through 12th grade in a few schools around Michigan. Steve has coached for robotics, quiz bowl, track, swimming, cross country, drama, environmental club, class advisor, and running scoreboards. In my free time I enjoy sailing, SCUBA diving, reading, writing, and playing games with family and friends.



Hello everyone. My name is **Kelly Cripe** and will be one of the new Special Education teachers at Coloma High School. I have been married for 28 years to my wife Julie, who is a 5th grade teacher at the Intermediate building. I have three sons and two grandchildren. I am a combat veteran of the United States Marine Corps and the Army National Guard. I decided to change careers a few years ago and completed my teaching degree in 2019. I love the Chicago Cubs and Notre Dame football - Go Irish!! I look forward to meeting everybody and I am glad to be a Comet.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

CLASS

schedule

2022-23 DISTRICT CALENDAR

August 2022	
W 24	PD Staff - Certified Staff
M 29	1st Day for Students ; K - 12 Half Day; PM Work Day Staff
September 2022	
F 2	No School
M 5	No School – Labor Day
W 14	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD
W 28	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD
October 2022	
W 5	Fall Count Day
F 7	K - 12 Students Half Day; Half Day Staff
M 10	No Students;Staff PD Day
W 12	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD
F 21	End of First Marking Period (38 days)
W 26	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD
Th 27	K - 5 Students Half Day; 6 - 12 Students Full Day
F 28	K - 12 Students Half Day; Half Day Staff
OCTOBER CONFERENCES:	
T 25	4 - 5 & 9 - 12 Evening Conferences
W 26	K - 3 & 6 - 8 Evening Conferences
Th 27	K - 5 Afternoon Conferences; K - 12 Evening Conferences
November 2022	
W 9	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD
W 23	No School
Th 24	No School – Thanksgiving Day
F 25	No School – Thanksgiving Break
W 30	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD
December 2022	
W 14	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD
Th 22	K - 12 Students Half Day; PM Work Day Staff
F 23	K - 12 Students Half Day; PM Work Day Staff
*End of Second Marking Period (42 days) / End of First Semester	
WINTER BREAK – Dec. 26, 2022 – Jan. 6, 2023	
January 2023	
M 9	CLASSES RESUME
W 11	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD
M 16	No School – MLK Day
W 25	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD
February 2023	
W 8	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD / Spring Count Day
F 17	No School – MID WINTER BREAK (possible snow day make up)
M 20	No School – MID WINTER BREAK (possible snow day make up)
W 22	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD
March 2023	
W 8	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD
F 17	K - 12 Students Half Day; Half Day Staff
End of Third Marking Period (48 days)	
SPRING BREAK – March 20 – 24, 2023	
M 27	CLASSES RESUME
April 2023	
W 5	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD
F 7	K - 12 Students Half Day; Half Day Staff; Good Friday
W 19	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD
*Mandated state testing may cause altered schedules in April	
May 2023	
W 10	2 Hour Late Start; Staff PD
F 26	Graduation 7:00 p.m.
M 29	No School – Memorial Day
June 2023	
Th 8	K - 12 Students Half Day; Full Day Staff
F 9	K - 12 Students Half Day; Full Day Staff
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	
*End of Fourth Marking Period (54 days) / End of Second Semester	

2022-23 HIGH SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULES

<u>GOLD SCHEDULE</u>		<u>2-HOUR DELAY PLC DAY SCHEDULE</u>	
1 ST Hour	8:00 - 8:53	2 ND Hour	10:00 - 10:38
2 ND Hour	8:58 - 9:58	1 ST Hour	10:43 - 11:21
RTI	10:02 - 10:37	3 RD Hour	11:26 - 12:04
3rd Hour	10:42 - 11:35	A Lunch	12:04 - 12:34
A Lunch	11:35 - 12:05	4 TH Hour	12:34 - 1:29
4 TH Hour	12:10 - 1:03	4 TH Hour	12:09 - 12:34
4 TH Hour	11:35 - 12:00	B Lunch	12:34 - 1:04
B Lunch	12:00 - 12:30	4th hour	1:04 - 1:34
5 TH Hour	1:05 - 1:57	5 TH Hour	1:39 - 2:17
6 TH Hour	2:02 - 3:00	6 TH Hour	2:22 - 3:00
<u>½ DAY SCHEDULE</u>		<u>EXAM DAY SCHEDULE</u>	
1 ST Hour	8:00 – 8:31	EXAM 1/4	8:00 – 9:07
2 ND Hour	8:36 – 9:13	EXAM 2/5	9:12 – 10:25
3 RD Hour	9:18 – 9:49	EXAM 3/6	10:30 – 11:37
4 TH Hour	9:54 – 10:25		
5 TH Hour	10:30 – 11:01		
6 TH Hour	11:06 – 11:37		



Parents— Jostens will meet with your Sophomore student on September 12th during RTI to talk about the class rings. For seniors, Jostens will meet before Christmas break for Cap & Gown, etc. Get a head start and order online at: Jostens.com

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